

❖ The Mustard Seed April 2021 ❖



In person worship has started back up at St. John's

Worship Time — 10:15 AM

OR

You can attend via Zoom or listen to service
via phone at 10:15 AM.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89433404837?
pwd=dmVkbXVpcVgvd1l6U21VWDNHd3ltUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89433404837?pwd=dmVkbXVpcVgvd1l6U21VWDNHd3ltUT09)

Meeting ID: 894 3340 4837

Passcode: 426456

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**If attend in person we encourage everyone
to wear a face mask and social distance.**

Please remember in prayer **Bailey Ann Smith **Hayden Schares **Penny Teisinger **Gerre Claney **Lisa Finley **Bonnie Meister **Jennifer McFarland **Mary Ann Mixdorf **LuAnn Hansen **Kris Scarbrough **Kathy (Jerry) Mixdorf **Pam Waschkat **Judy Olson **Conrad Gallmeyer **Marie Hruska **Larry Best **Sharon Kuhlmann **Pastor Jeff Blank.
...remember our courageous military. Sam Schrage, Charlie Magee, Josh Mixdorf, Aaron Morley, Andrew Gunder, Matthew Paidar and Daniel Rigdon. We remember those who have given their lives for our nation.

...pray for our life together in this congregation and for the whole Church in time of transitions and testing.

...keep the family of Arnold Averhoff who passed away on March 23rd in your prayers as the family moves forward.

Lord Hear Our Prayers!!

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We are here for you. If you have any questions / comments / concerns please reach out to us we are here for you!!



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The St. John's Bennington Lutheran Church Council met on Sunday, March 14, 2021 after worship. Present: Denise Pierce, Brandy Zuck, Brenda Clark, Jerry Mixdorf, Jeff Seamans, Kayla Bedard, Willy Wolff and Joe Stafford. Absent Pastor Blank. Meeting was called to order by President Denise Pierce followed by opening prayer.

Secretary Minutes: by Kayla Bedard. Approved

Treasurer Report: by Brandy Zuck. Approved

Financial Secretary Report: by Brenda Clark. Approved

President's Report: by Denise Pierce. Volunteers for the following positions. Deacon-Dan Salisbury; Secretary-Deanne Kuenstling; Finance Committee-Drew Speer. Still need to fill the LYO position.

Finance: by Brandy Zuck. We now have a letter from the Dunkerton Farmers State Bank that we have to move the church's lock box. We need to determine what is in it, we have a fireproof safe that could be used. Denise will make a few phone calls to try and locate key; otherwise will have it drilled open.

Old Business: Approved Pastor's contract for a year (February 2021 to January 2022) at the annual meeting. Parking Lot: Joe Stafford will follow-up and report back.

New Business: **Joe Stafford noticed the high usage of LP. Will have someone check out furnaces.

**Helping Hands-opportunity for giving to the Fundraiser for Betsy McDougall June 6th event. **Fire extinguishers-been checked out, needed 2 new ones. **Easter Service with Communion at

10:15AM; Pastor Brackett will do service; Gayle Wolff will be organist. **Church laptop-need Office 365 so has technology capabilities (\$100 yr). Approved. **Camera/Tripod-Been using Jessica Huntley's equipment for services; should the church purchase their own (\$50-100)? Travis will look into

this as we determine how long-term this will be. **Sunday School-in person at church March 21st. Will be in group setting in large fellowship hall. **Acolytes-will restart this on March 21st with Alex

Huntley doing it. **On-line Giving: Jeff Seamans will look into this and bring recommendations.

**Pastor Blank-sending prayers to Pastor during his chemo/treatments. **Wedding-Josh Mixdorf upcoming wedding. Pastor will do the premarital and he will find a pastor for their service. **Baptism-

will be scheduled when a pastor is at church. **Bible Dedications-Denise will talk to Kelli Snyder about this. **Organist-Council agreed that having someone play is nice for the congregation.

**Memorial Funds from Phyllis Mixdorf. Jerry suggested to use funds for automatic door openers on bathroom doors.

Next council meeting will be April 18th after worship. All stood and said The Lord's Prayer.

A Special Congregational Meeting was held Sunday March 21, 2021 after worship. Meeting was called to order by Denise Pierce. This meeting was held to fill 2 vacant council positions and 1 position on the financial board that were not filled at our annual meeting held on February 14, 2021. The council seats open for next term were. Deacon, Drew Speer term up. Nominated Dan Salisbury. Approved. Secretary, Kayla Bedard term up. Nominated Deanne Kuenstling. Approved. Finance committee, Bob Hanson term up. Nominated Drew Speer. Approved.

New Business: Announced that Pastor Blank has decided to retire. His retirement date is April 15. At this time we will continue to partner with Trinity. We will start working on forming a call committee, if anyone is interested in being on this committee please let me know. A motion was made to start using the hymnals again and singing hymns. This was met with overwhelming approval. Josh Mixdorf asked if we could bring back the donuts cause he really misses them! Everyone agreed they miss the donuts too but it was decided to wait awhile before we start that back up. Adjourn



**Sunday Easter
Worship Service
with Communion
10:15 AM
Pastor Brackett**

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