

❖ The Mustard Seed June 2021 ❖



In-Person Worship Time — 10:15 AM

You can also attend via Zoom or listen via phone 10:15 AM.

Join Zoom Meeting

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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**Sharon Kuhlmann**Kayla Stafford**Ashley Garbes**Pastor Jeff Blank**John Fettkether**Buck Joens**Cat Reed.

...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 Larry Barker in your prayers as they grieve the loss of their loved one.

Lord Hear All Our Prayers!!

Church Council

- President of the Congregation: Denise Pierce 939-5623
- Deacons:
 - Jeff Seamans 230-0668
 - Dan Salisbury 290-7031
- Trustees:
 - Joe Stafford 822-2441
 - Willy Wolff 415-7186
 - Jerry Mixdorf 415-0126
- Treasurer: Brandy Zuck 721-9692
- Secretary: Deanne Kuenstling 240-1128
- Financial Secretary: Brenda Clark 290-2159
- Finance Committee:**
 - Gary Mixdorf 822-4503
 - Randy Wright
 - Drew Speer 830-6820
- Women of the ELCA Leaders**
 - President: Pam Wright 827-3487
 - Vice President: Bobbi Seamans 230-0016
 - Secretary: Denise Pierce 939-5623
 - Treasurer: Kim Ala 822-2486
 - Mission of Growth: Cindy Mixdorf 822-4503
 - Mission of Community: Cassie Sage 822-9470
 - Wedding Coordinator: ****Open Position**
 - Funeral Coordinator: Kathy Gallmeyer 404-4131, Teresa Stafford 230-7445
- The Staff**
 - Pastor: _____
 - Church Office: 291-6225
 - Secretary: Brenda Clark 290-2159, countrylivin4u@hotmail.com
 - Janitor: Cassie Sage 822-9470
 - Sunday School Superintendent: Bethany Anderson 269-8054
 - LYO Youth Leader:** Teresa Stafford 230-7445
 - President**
 - Vice:**
 - Secretary:**
 - Treasurer:** Joey Snyder



The St. John's Bennington Lutheran Church Council met on Sunday, May 16, 2021 after worship. Present was Denise Pierce, Jeff Seamans, Jerry Mixdorf, Willy Wolff, Dan Salisbury, Deanne Kuenstling. Absent was Brenda Clark, Joe Stafford and Brandy Zuck. Meeting was called to order by President Denise Pierce. Opening prayer was lead by Jeff Seamans.

Secretary Minutes: by Deanne Kuenstling. Approved.

Financial Reports: by Denise Pierce. Denise gave the Treasurer and Financial Secretary's Reports. Total general fund last month was \$8,811.60. General memorial fund totals: \$120 May Mixdorf; \$225 Arnold Averhoff; \$25 Phyllis Mixdorf. Approved.

President's Report along with Old Business: by Denise Pierce

**Dan reported on Vanco service for online giving. Jeff will do more research on this. There was discussion to have a trial in June with a few people. **Battle for Betsy on June 6th: the golf outing is full. There are 50 silent auction items along with raffle items. The Alzheimer's walk begins at 4:30. They have already raised over \$20,000. **Blacktop: Dan will ask Joe about the progress of this project. **Camcorder with a tripod was purchased by Jessica Huntley. They still need a cam link. Approved the purchase of cam link. **LYO involvement with weekly zoom meetings: Colin Snyder will be this weekend. There are only 1-2 people on zoom. There are some utilizing the Facebook page. The goal is to have LYO help with zoom in the fall, whoever is doing fellowship will be asked to do both. **June 6th Trinity Church will meet to determine if they are going to be open or not. Pastor Brackett and Denise spoke. If they are not going to be viable, we are not interested in a contract with them. **Congregational Outreach: Teresa Stafford, Marie Hruska, Bob and Joyce Hansen are staying in touch with 5 members monthly. **145th Anniversary Celebration for the church. There will be a congregational meal. Kevin Kuenstling has access to a big cooker. There was discussion on grilling pork loins. **Sunday School will be back with Rally Day, the first Sunday after Labor Day, we will return to regular communion and offering at that time. No other plans decided at this time.

New Business:

**Willy mentioned taking Pastor Blank's name off the outdoor sign. He will take care of this.

**Bethany Anderson will be the Sunday School Superintendent. **Utilization of Helping Hands for Pastor Blank's healthcare costs. \$500 to be donated. Approved **Worship time change July and August: 9 AM. Denise has secured pastors for this time period, except July 4th. We will continue to zoom. **Semi-Annual Meeting will be July 25th. **Jerry to ask Brenda to put "offering and offertory song" back into the bulletin. **Masks: New CDC guidelines: If you have had the vaccine, masks are not required. If you have not, masks are still required. Life center use for weddings and funerals is back to normal, using CDC protocol. Approved.

Announcements: Next council meeting will be June 20, 2021. Call Committee and Council to meet June 3, 2021 at 7PM. There is a profile online. Deanne to check into the website with Kayla Bedard. Motion to adjourn. All stood and said The Lord's Prayer.

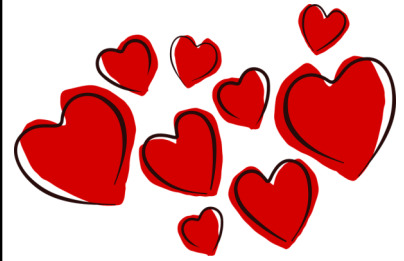


To St. John's confirmation kids who were involved in putting the new Song Of Praise music folders together for us. It was a much needed job you all have done for us. What an awesome job! It was truly appreciated. What a bunch of good kids we have here at St. John's!!

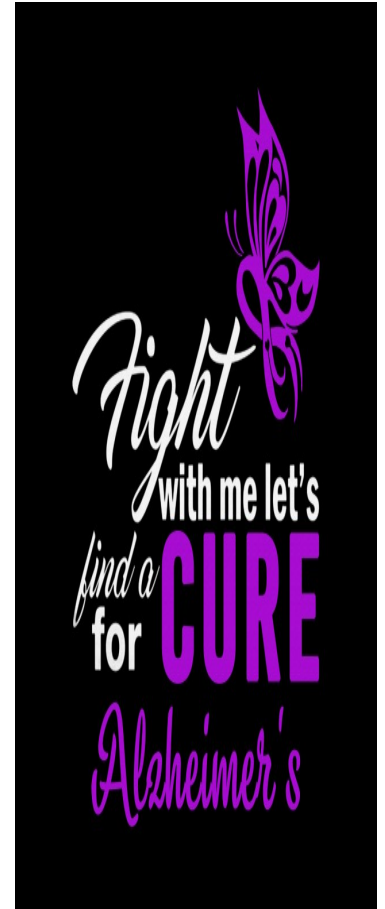


St. John's has been asked again to provide treats for the Alive and Running 5k run/walk on June 19 in Dunkerton. You can donate financially (cash or check) OR provide: pre-packaged boxes of granola bars, cereal bars, multi-grain bars, rice krispy treats: OR donate homemade treats such as muffins, bars, cookies (wrapped individually). The Baptist Church in Dunkerton will be open all day on Friday, June 18, to drop off donations. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. If you have questions, contact Dawn Best. Thank you for your help with this very worthwhile project.

ALIVE AND RUNNING
Remembrance Ceremony will be on Friday, June 18th at dusk near the Dunkerton School. If you've never witnessed this type of ceremony before, you owe it to yourself to be there. We will also have a guest speaker and reading of names of loved ones lost to suicide.
5K RUN/WALK is on Saturday, June 19th at 7:30 AM beginning at 301 Carroll Blvd in Dunkerton.



Battle for Betsy is a fundraising event on June 6th at the Jesup Golf Course. The golf course is located at 500 N. Street in Jesup. This event will help benefit the Alzheimer's Association. Check out the [#BattleforBetsy Facebook page](#) for more details.





**Worship Service Time
Is Changing For The Months
July And August
To 9 AM**

God took the strength of
a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... Dad



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