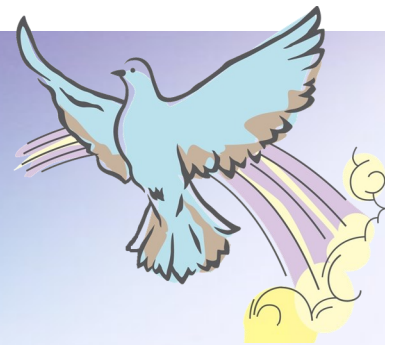


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Christian Symbols



Anchor Cross

The anchor is a symbol of the Christian's hope in Christ. "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure" (Hebrews 6:19, NIV). The early Christians used this cross during the days of persecution. They saw hope in the anchor's cross, while non-Christians saw nothing but an anchor.

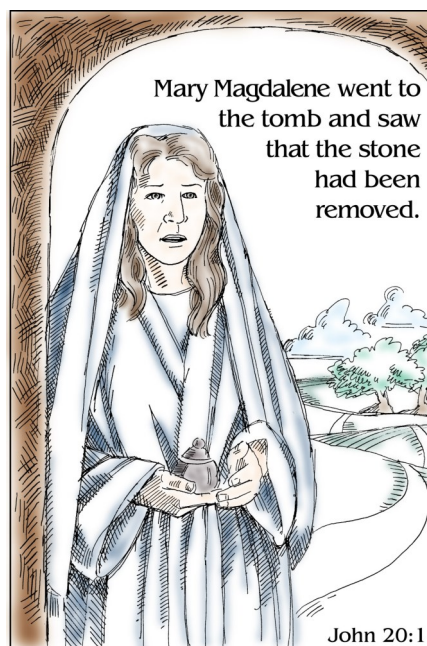


Triquetra

This early symbol for the Holy Trinity is formed from three equal arcs. The arcs represent equality, the continuous line expresses eternity, and the interweaving represents indivisibility. At the center is a triangle, another symbol of the Trinity. Because of its beauty and simplicity, the triquetra is often used as a design element in church architecture.

St. Mary Magdalene: Another Unlikely Saint

On July 22, the church remembers and celebrates St. Mary Magdalene. Before the new hymnal came out, the appointed Gospel lesson was Luke 7:36-50. There, we hear about an unnamed prostitute anointing the head and feet of Jesus while He ate with a pharisee. We learn more about Mary from the next chapter of Luke's gospel: she had seven, yes, seven demons cast from her. Put that all together and



you a picture of a woman who knew God's grace and knew it came from Jesus, God's own Son in the flesh. It makes complete sense that she stuck so close to Jesus, following him and providing for him and the disciples out of their means.

You might say Mary is an unlikely saint, but becoming a saint is not something that we do for ourselves. No, God must do the work of making saints. Just as He did for Mary, He has done for you.

Just think about who God chooses to be his own. Abraham, he was the son of an idolater and a liar, as the story in Egypt shows. Jacob was a deceiver.

Judah took a prostitute, who happened to be the wife of his dead son. David, the best of the Old Testament Kings, had a man killed because he would not lay with his wife to cover up the fact that David had taken her for himself and that a child was on the way. The ones chosen by God are not saintly by the world's standards at all. And that's just in the Old Testament! The new testament is just as littered with unlikely saints, Paul being the most profound.

But that is what our Lord does. He does not *find* saints, instead he *makes* them. He makes saints out of sinners. He takes hold of them,

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Church Office Schedule

Church office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. Phone number is 573-836-8141. Pudge McCloud, secretary

gives them his love, through his Son Jesus, and says, “Forgiven, free, mine!” He makes them clean; He cleanses them just as He cleansed you by water and the word to be his holy bride. And that’s no matter who you are. Jesus wants you for Himself. He came that you might be His and His alone.

You may have heard of the book *The Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown, maybe not. It’s a riveting tale of fiction that depicts that Mary Magdalene was the wife of Jesus in an earthly sense. And that Jesus was a mere human. Scripture and the Church Fathers never say such a thing.

The Bride of Christ is His Church—the whole Church. Mary, like you and I, are members of this body. You and I, along with Mary, are the bride of Christ by faith. Christ has made Himself one flesh with us. Christ has given us all that He is and all that He has. Christ went so far as to die for us, that having cleansed by his own blood, He might present to himself a clean and perfect bride. This bride did nothing to deserve Christ’s love and devotion. This bride did not take hold of Christ, but Christ sought her out and made her His bride. He clung to her even through death, and He still clings to her now that she might be with Him always.

Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb that first Easter all upset, empty, and drained from the previous day’s events. Before Jesus, she was the prostitute and woman with seven demons. Her life was a living hell. Then Jesus took hold of her. She was granted new life in Him, but as she walked to the tomb had hell really won? Had death and hell taken Jesus away from her? The images of the cross and the sound of the stone being rolled in front of the tomb screamed, “Yes!”

But the tomb is empty when she walks up. However, her thoughts only make her feel worse. Had someone stolen the body? Where did they take him?

“Why are you weeping?” The angels know the truth of the resurrection, but Mary is unable to consider the resurrection. “Why are you weeping?” asked the man, whom she assumed to be the gardener. She is standing outside of a tomb. Why do you think she would be crying? Dead men don’t rise.! She still is looking for the dead body and asks for the location.

Then the most perfect word comes from the mouth of this man: “Mary.” **The Shepherd calls His sheep by name.** Mary knows. She

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goes to Him and does not plan to ever let Him go again. However, Jesus has one more thing to teach Mary. “I am giving you my body and blood to cling to in a better and even fuller way, a way for all people to cling to me. You shall cling to me by Word and Sacrament. And most importantly, I will cling to you, that you have life everlasting.”

That is what we have. We have a Lord and Savior who clings on to us. It is He who makes us His saints. Unlikely and full of sin as we are, yet He loves us just as He loved Mary. That same mercy and grace that was shown to her is shown to you day in and day out. Recall how Christ called you out of darkness and into his marvelous light via the waters of holy baptism. Look to the altar and recall the sacrifice Christ made, giving up his body and shedding his blood for you and your forgiveness. All works done by Christ for you to make you his own.

So let us take our place at the table of unlikely saints with St. Mary and receive again that grace and mercy of Bridegroom Jesus Christ and rejoice in the love shown to us all. Christ has made his Bride forever.

Rev. Jacob Hercamp
Christ Lutheran Church
Noblesville, Indiana

The Meaning of Membership



Oklahoma Pastor Ricky Jones tackles the meaning of church membership, or being part of Christ’s body. “Leaving the church is not simply leaving a club,” he writes at the Gospel Coalition website. “When you walk away, you dismember yourself from the body. Jesus and the rest of the body sorely miss you, and bleed after your departure. You cut yourself off from your only source of life and nourishment. Like an amputated hand, you will slowly bleed out, wither, and die.”

Jones contends that “being a part of the universal church without submitting to a local church is not possible, biblical or healthy.” It’s impossible because you need to be part of a smaller community before you can be considered part of a greater community. It’s unbiblical because the New Testament epistles are addressed to specific local churches. And it’s unhealthy because wanting to independently make your own choices is “at the heart of sin,” the pastor writes.

“You need to know we’re all in this life together, and we won’t walk away from you just because you let us down or we disagree,” says Jones. “Together we build each other up into the image of Christ; no one can make it alone.” from ChurchArtPro

Hospitalized?

If you or a loved one is hospitalized, have experienced a death in the family, are home bound, or scheduled to go to the hospital, please contact Pastor Brandt (580-421-8108). Please keep in mind that privacy laws also limit the information hospitals can share with us. Pastor Brandt is available for any emergency, or any issue you and your loved ones might be having.



Our Elders: Jeff Hedberg (573-819-4446), Jeff Emery (816-745-0229) and Larry Trick (573-286-4423) will assist the pastor to follow up on any issue, not just hospitalization for you, a loved one or a death in the family.

Next Month



Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 5 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. when the LWML will host an Italian supper fundraiser to help offset the cost of updating our emergency system.



Follow us on Facebook

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Camdenton—Greenview—
Missouri

"Nature does not hurry, yet everything is accomplished."

—Lao Tzu



The August 4 Pocket Change for Mites collected \$35.13.

Thank you for your continued support.

Our next collection will be September 1.



Every One His Witness: The LASSIE Approach To Witnessing

Ask In Order To Listen

As a rule, people enjoy talking about themselves and their interest. Questions can play an important role in guiding what they share as they talk about their spiritual lives, beliefs, fears, concerns, etc. The goal of asking good witnessing questions is to encourage discussion to best discern how to best serve as a witness of Jesus. Here are some suggestions on how to frame questions:

Do Be Genuine

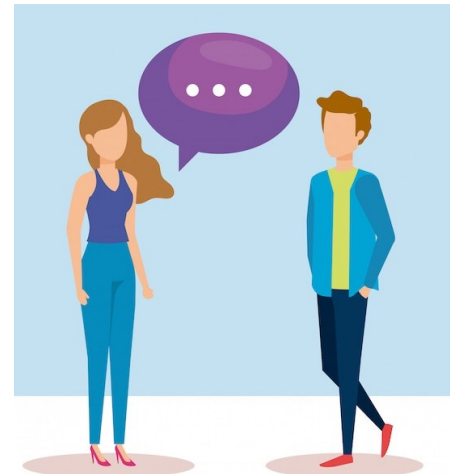
Ask questions that reflect sincere interest and concern, looking for things you have in common.

Do Use Open-Ended Questions

Questions that can't be answered with a simple yes or no, which will encourage people to give extended answers. Asking "Why did you feel hurt by that?" to encourage a detailed response is better than asking "Did that make you feel hurt?" which will get only a "yes" or "no" answer.

Do Ask Non-Threatening Questions

Remember you're having a discussion, not conducting an



inquiry. When you ask a question that might be challenging, ask in a way that might doesn't make the person feel that they're under attack. Think how they will best receive the question.

Do Use Questions to Clarify

When people use terms or concepts that are unfamiliar, rather than assume anything, ask for an explanation to clarify. That may open up the possibility of further discussion.

Next month: question "don'ts."

(Listen, Ask, Seek, Share, Invite, Encourage) by Mark Wood director of LCMS Witness & Outreach Ministry

A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."

Devotion for September



The Andrew Evangelism Devotion



One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. John 1:40-42a

Over the years I have seen evangelism programs come and go. Some have been good and effective; others have been less so. All were motivated by a desire to fulfill the Great Commission's commands to go, teach, preach and baptize.

Of course, there is one evangelism program that has always

proven itself to be quite effective: "The Andrew Evangelism Program." Now the name of the program may be new to you. The program itself is quite old. It is based on the style used by the New Testament's Andrew to reach out to his brother Simon. The Andrew Evangelism Program asks its adherents to do this:

1. **Think of someone who is important to you who doesn't know or worship Jesus.**
2. **Moved by an overwhelming desire not to see that person in hell, go to them and say, "I've found the Savior. I'd like you to know Him, too. Would you come with me to church?"**

That's it. That's the whole program. It doesn't call for a lot of training; it doesn't ask you to learn a gazillion Bible passages; it doesn't ask you to knock on the door of total strangers. It does ask you to reach out to somebody because you are the one who can do the job better than anybody else.

Now there are two reasons I bring this up. The first reason is a gentle reminder that more souls have been won by this simple approach than any other. The second reason is because September 18 is **National Back to Church**

Sunday. Now we both know that every Sunday ought to be back-to-church Sunday. Why somebody picked this particular date is beyond me. And even though **National Back to Church Sunday** is hardly an official church holiday, picking a date like this to invite somebody back to worship is a pretty good idea.

If you don't like the date, pick another. But please, pick one. Pick one because every survey I've ever seen has said, "Many people would go back to church, if someone close to them asked them." Whether these statistics are true or not, I can't say. I can tell you the day Andrew talked to his brother, Simon saw Jesus and the Holy Spirit brought him to his Lord. The Andrew Evangelism Program worked that day and it works still. Please, give it a try.

Prayer: Dear Lord, because someone, somewhere told me about Jesus, I have been given faith in the Savior. Now may I, as opportunity presents itself, be such a "someone" for others around me. This I ask in the Name of the crucified and risen Savior. In His Name. Amen.

Pastor Ken Klaus (Pastor Klaus 1948-2023 former speaker of The Lutheran Hour® Lutheran Hour Ministries

August 12 Minutes

2024 Officers: Co-Presidents Cindy Niebur and Dawn Hedberg, Treasurer Susan Kral, Secretary Jayne Marie Trick

The meeting was called to order on August 12, by Co-President Cindy Niebur and opened with a prayer. The roll call word was courage. Members recited the LWML Pledge.

The Bible study was presented by Deb Mayes featuring Mary and Martha.

Minutes: Copies of the July minutes and treasurer's reports were provided. Corrections were made concerning the purchase of the large print Portals of Prayer.

Presidents Reports: No reports

Correspondence: None to report

The Mites Reading: "A Special Card" was read by Cathie Mueller.

Collections: A collection was made for Mites, General Fund, and the Rally.

Committees:

- **Pop Tabs,** Susan Kral: no report
- **Best Choice Labels,** Paula Emery: no report

- **Kitchen,** Diane Borgmann: No additional supplies needed at this time.
- **Human Care,** Cathie Mueller, several lap tops are done. We need them finished before November.
- **Stamps,** Dawn Hedberg: no report

Old Business:

- Interest in a paint night was a possible evening event in September. The evening would be open for those women who cannot attend day events.
- We discussed having lunch together after the meetings.
- We will meet at the church at 9:45 for our trip to Handel Haus in Cole Camp, August 26. We will carpool and leave at 10 am.
- Our society by-laws will be scanned into the church computer system. There were several updates made to our by-laws: an official name change, (Lutheran Women in Mission; LWML), membership requirements, officer service times and member vote over-ride. In-depth discussions will held at the September meeting



Larry Trick built this display table for LWML items. Ladies of Peace, please check this table and the bulletin board for information about LWML activities and meetings.

- The October 29 Fall Rally will be at Faith in Warsaw. A sign-up sheet will be available in September. We are responsible for breakfast.
- Co-President Dawn reported the outing for the “She Shed” is not available. It is a private group.
- Discussion was held on the Italian Dinner October 5, as a fundraiser. It was agreed to charge \$12.00 which includes lasagna, bread sticks, salad & dressing, dessert and drink. Susan will check into Thrivent dollars for this pro-

ject. Committees will be formed. We plan to post the event on the church marquee, Facebook. We discussed putting up fliers. The discussion on having pre-paid tickets for the event was voted down. We agreed that children should eat free.

- We discussed the “Soup Suppers” during the three Wednesdays in Advent.
- There was a short discussion on funeral dinner arrangements. Our contact people are Pastor Brandt, and church Elders.

New Business – Missions!

- We agreed further discussion needs to be made on what we can do for our church families who are sick, injured, recovering from surgery and possibly need help with meals. Can we work through Pastor Brandt and our Elders? Should we involve all members of the church to help?
- Deb and Matt Mayes will be packing boxes for the soldiers in service. Deb will let us know what items are needed. Boxes must be out by Labor Day.
- We will be collecting winter hats, gloves/mittens and scarves for the local school. We need to collect these items before Thanksgiving. We discussed having a box for donations in the Narthex so that the entire congregation can donate.

Additional Fun: Our Co-Presidents Cindy and Dawn initiated a “Quarter Game” with smiles and laughter added.

We ended our meeting with “The Lord’s Prayer.”

After the Business Meeting: The lap robes project for resumed. We need to finish up on some of the lap robes next month. Discussion was made to possibly get together to finish lap robes on another day other than after LWML meetings.

Respectfully submitted by
Jayne Marie Trick, Secretary



Support Schedules

	Elder	Altar Guild
September	Larry Trick	Paula Emery
October	Jeff Hedberg	Janet Bartels
November	Jeff Emery	Diane Borgmann first two Sundays Dawn Hedberg last two Sundays
December	Larry Trick	Diane Borgmann first two Sundays Dawn Hedberg last two Sundays

Minister	Rev. Gary Brandt
Organists	Rev. Gary Brandt, Diana Schwab

Ushers

1st Sunday	Robert & Penny Hansen, Paul Bartels
2nd Sunday	Earl Hartenstein, Jeff & Paula Emery
3rd Sunday	Diane Borgmann, Rodney Schulz
4th Sunday	Jeff & Dawn Hedberg, Russell Schulz
5th Sunday	Robert Hansen, Earl Hartenstein, Jeff Hedberg

Counters

1st Sunday	Jeff & Dawn Hedberg
2nd Sunday	Jeff & Paula Emery
3rd Sunday	Brett & Cindy Niebur/Pudge McCloud
4th Sunday	Matt & Deb Mayes
5th Sunday	Pudge McCloud

Sewing for Windsor Estates

Here are a couple of pictures of the LWML ladies working on our mission project for 2024, lap robes for Windsor Estates. Pictures taken by Cindy Niebur.



Jayne Marie and Cathie laying out the lap robe top.



Diane and Deb pinning a lap robe top together.

Answering Objections to the Faith: The Basics of Christian Apologetics

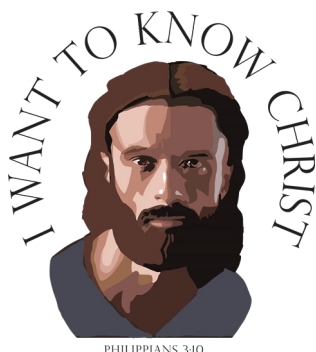
Questions and Suggestions

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Some people say, "We don't even know if there ever was a Jesus of Nazareth." How might you respond?

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Suggested Answer: You should explain that it would be difficult to find any credible historian who agrees with that statement because the historical evidence for Jesus is overwhelming. You might add that if we don't know that Jesus lived, then we also don't know if Socrates, Aristotle, or even Alexander the Great lived, because the evidence we have for Jesus is at least as good, or better, than any of these other historical figures. Then invite them to consider some of the evidence that Jesus lived in real history and invite them to consider what Jesus has done for us on the cross.



Q

Sceptics often say, "I don't believe in miracles." How can you respond?

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Suggested Answer: You can say that Jesus did a great many miracles proving that He is the Son of God and point to the evidence that He died and rose from the dead. You could also note that "existence" is a miracle in itself.
(from: The Reason I Believe by Allen Quist)

Continuing Education

In September, Christian education programs are in full swing. How wonderful to see classrooms of children learning about Jesus! But what about the grown-ups? Some parents who make sure their kids get to Sunday school don't attend Bible study themselves.

Following and learning about Christ are lifelong pursuits. If we are to love God with our *mind* (as well as with our heart, soul and strength), then we must keep learning even into old age. Plus, when we are well informed about God's Word and our faith, we can share it with non-Christians and express the reason for our hope (see 1 Peter 3:15).

To love God with "all your mind" (Mark 12:30), find an adult Bible study or small group that dives into Scripture. Then humbly wear the label of life-long learner, knowing that God still has new things to teach even the most seasoned Christian.

JOIN OUR BIBLE STUDY

We encourage all of our members to attend the weekly Bible study that are held after worship each Sunday beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall.



Stewardship

Stewards, Called to Forgiveness

Human beings were created and redeemed to be stewards. Bearing the image of God (Gen. 1:26–28), the steward was created to reflect the Creator within creation. In a way, stewards are simply mirrors. Mirrors cannot do anything to the image that is placed in front of them.

A mirror was the first item in creation that embodied the computer term GIGO. “Garbage in, Garbage out.” In a computer, if you enter good data, you get a good result. You enter bad data; you will get a garbage result.

In photography, you can run an image through a filter, which can remove imperfections. Myriad apps allow for the option to cut people out, add people in and change backgrounds all in an attempt to make the perfect image. Mirrors cannot do that. They do not provide anything new. Mirrors are created to reflect, not process, an image. They simply reflect the person standing in front of them.

Stewards are like this. Created to reflect, a steward will reflect the God in front of them. The steward will either reflect a godly stewardship that holds that God is the owner of all things

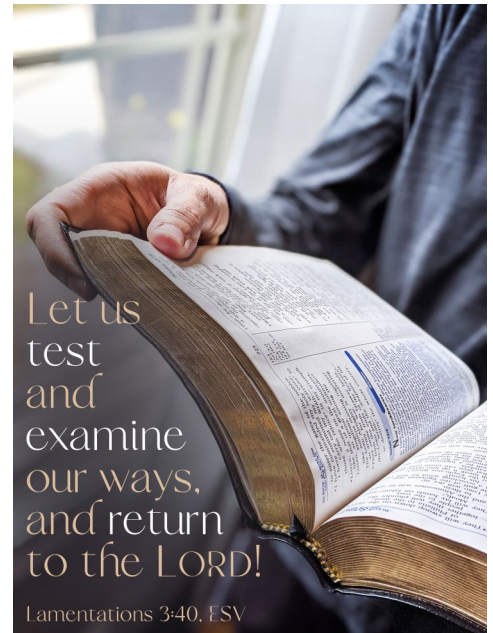
(Ps. 24:1) and is the One to whom they are accountable, or they will reflect the god of self and see the created order as something to be possessed, used, and in far too many cases, abused. It is not a question of **if** the steward reflects, it is really a question of **who** is being reflected.

For this reason, the *Lutheran Service Book* has included a necessary hymn worthy of meditation: “Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness” (*LSB* 788). Its first verse reads:

Forgive us, Lord, for shallow thankfulness,
For dull content with warmth and sheltered care,

For songs of praise for food and harvest press,
While of Your richer gifts we’re unaware.

This is a fitting call to repentance for every steward. Our thankfulness is so often shallow. We get comfortable with the overflowing blessings we have entrusted to us by the Lord. These trusts are so many that the steward often forgets the One who entrusts them. Worse, with so many physical trusts evident, the steward loses sight of the



greatest trust: the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The failed steward sees so much plenty that they lose sight of the treasure: Jesus!

So, we confess our shallow thankfulness. In absolution, the imperfections of the failed steward are wiped away and a new image is sent into the world. We release our hold on stuff. We rethink our relationship with the created order and recall that it is all to be used **for Jesus!** This keeps the richer gifts in view, for us and for those we know and love who need Jesus.

Reprinted from the LCMS Stewardship website

WORSHIP



SCHEDULES

Sunday Worship* 9:00 am
Bible Class/Sun. School 10:30 am

Wednesday Evening Services:

- Ash Wednesday 6:00 pm
- During Lent 6:00 pm
- During Advent 6:00 pm

Holy Week

- Maundy Thursday* 6:00 pm
- Good Friday Service 6:00 pm
- Easter Sunday* 9:00 am

Thanksgiving Eve

Wednesday Evening 6:00 pm

Christmas Eve

Evening Service 6:00 pm

**Holy Communion*

The Lord's Servants at Peace

- Elders—Monday before Council Meeting 9:30 am
Chairman: Jeff Hedberg, Jeff Emery, Larry Trick

- Council—2nd Tuesday of Each Month 6:30 pm
 - ♦ President: Bob Hansen
 - ♦ Vice President: Brock Kliewer
 - ♦ Secretary: Susan Kral
 - ♦ Financial Secretary: Brett Niebur
 - ♦ Treasurer: Peggy Callahan

- Stewardship: Dawn Hedberg

- Evangelism: Russell Schulz

- Education: Open

- Organists: Rev. Gary Brandt, Diana Schwab

- Trustees: Chuck Kral, Rodney Schulz, Pat Callahan

- LWML—2nd Monday from March—Nov. 9:30 am

Co-President: Dawn Hedberg and Cindy Niebur

Altar Guild: Dawn Hedberg

Bible Studies

As announced

- Elected Offices

Voters Meeting July 21, 2024

President Bob Hansen called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M. with 37 members present.

Pastor Brandt opened with prayer. The minutes of the April 21, 2024 Voters Meeting were approved as printed.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: The reports are printed in the newsletter.

Financial Secretary's Report: The reports are printed in the newsletter.

Auxiliary Organization Reports:

LWML: Dawn Hedberg thanked Larry Trick for the beautiful table that he made for the display of LWML items. She stated that the mite box will remain in the back of the sanctuary. Our LWML would happily welcome new members. The group has plans for outings, projects, and a fund raiser to assist with paying for needed upkeep for our church. Dawn's report was accepted and approved.

Thrivent: A volunteer is needed to fill the position of Thrivent representative.

Cemetery: Cemetery reports are printed in the monthly newsletters.

Pastor's Reports: The reports are printed in the monthly newsletters.

This is a recap of my last three Council Meeting reports since our last Voters' Meeting on April 21, 2024.

1. I have conducted three funeral services:
 - a) Dorothy Bartels, Paul's mother, on April 30,
 - b) Sheila Hartenstein here at Peace on June 27, and
 - c) Kim Bartels, Paul's brother, on July 8. I hope we have no more for a long time!
2. Last Sunday, on July 14, we were blessed to receive Robert & Judy Owens by transfer from Hope Chapel, Osage Beach.
3. On Saturday afternoon, June 1, I participated in the Ordination Service for Christ the King's

former Vicar, Trey Dille. His service was held at his home church, Immanuel Lutheran, in St. Charles. He preached here on January 28.

4. I attended all three of our monthly Circuit Pastors' Conferences in May, June, and July.
5. As you know, our sponsored Missionary to Costa Rica, Ethan Hutton, was unable to visit us two weeks ago. I have emailed him but haven't received a reply as to whether or not he can re-schedule.
6. I haven't had any Sundays off since February 4, but will be absent on September 29, October 6, and November 17. Pastor Kris Morris is supposed to cover for me, but that's not set in stone. At least that's still two months away.
7. Thank you, everyone, for being such a kind, caring, congregation, not only to myself, but to others. It's nice to call someone and learn that another member or several have also reached out to him/her.

Elders Report: The elders' reports are published in the monthly newsletters.

Trustees: The trustees' reports are published in the monthly newsletters.

Evangelism: The reports are published in the monthly newsletters

President's Report: The president's reports are published in our monthly newsletters.

Old Business: None

New Business: Jeff Emery gave a presentation on emergency procedures followed in churches. His presentation included emergency procedures in case of fire, a medical emergency and inclement weather. Procedures regarding an active shooter protocol were discussed and approved.

The meeting was adjourned. Pastor Brandt closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Kral, Secretary and
Associate Secretary Pudge McCloud.

Council Meeting August 13, 2024

President Bob Hansen called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Pastor Brandt opened with prayer.

The following board members were present: **Pastor** Pastor Brandt, **President** Bob Hansen, **Financial Sec.** Brett Niebur, **Elder** Jeff Hedberg, **Secretary** Susan Kral, **Evangelism** Russell Schulz, **Stewardship** Dawn Hedberg, **Cemetery** Diane Borgmann, and **Church Members** Rodney Schulz and Pat Callahan

Absent: **Vice President** Brock Kliever, **Treasurer** Peg Callahan, and **Trustee** Chuck Kral

The minutes from the July 9, 2024 meeting were approved as printed.

Financial Secretary: Brett Niebur submitted his report. He stated that giving is ahead of this time last year. His report was accepted and approved.

Treasurer: Peg's report included the following:

- All bills are paid, and paperwork is current.
- The 1993 John Deere tractor and attachments were sold for \$5,000.00. Thank you to Pat Callahan and Chuck Kral for dealing with the sale.
- Peg obtained two bids for cleaning all carpeted surfaces, church pew cushions, and the kneeling pads. The council accepted the bid submitted by Ashley Carpet Cleaning for \$1042.00.
- The bill for church trash removal has been lowered from \$75.48 per month to \$15.29 per month.

The report was accepted and approved.

Elders: Jeff had no report.

Trustees: Chuck submitted a written report.

- He organized the tractor parts and attachments to be sold with the tractor and met with the buyer on August 2, 2024.
- Mowing has been done by Pat Callahan and Jeff Emery.
- Chuck applied weed killer on both sides of the cemetery fence, along the front road, and west of the parking lot.
- He used a weed eater on both sides of the cemetery fence.
- He would appreciate volunteers to take over weed eating.

Chuck's report was accepted and approved.

Education: Vacant

Evangelism: Russell reported the following:

- The cost of sending 157 outreach cards in July was \$155.43.
- He submitted evangelism articles for our newsletter.
- He has posted articles on Facebook and placed an ad in the Lake Sun.
- He completed a survey sent by Life Line Screening officials.
- Peg has paid for the Lake Sun ads and the Lake West Chamber fee.

Russell's report was accepted and approved.

Stewardship: Dawn encourages everyone to read the monthly newsletters. Dawn's report was accepted and approved.

Member at Large: Vacant

Cemetery: Diane reported the following:

- Rodney Schultz purchased new sprinklers for the cemetery. Watering is done late in the day.
- Additional watering is activating armadillos. Rodney will purchase chemicals to get them to leave.
- Chuck reported that people from R.P. Lumber have seen rattlesnakes near the cemetery fence. Rodney has applied a product called Snake Away. Diane stated that she has sprayed her yard with white vinegar, and it is an effective snake deterrent.

The report was accepted and approved.

LWML also called Lutheran Women in Mission:

Co-President Dawn Hedberg reported the following:

- On Saturday October 5, the LWML ladies are hosting an Italian dinner fundraiser from 4:30 - 6:30 PM. Guests will be charged \$12.00 each. The funds raised will be used to offset the cost of updating our emergency system. She asked Russell to post the event on Facebook. She will ask Pudge to put the information on our electronic sign.
- Pastor Brandt and the elders have been asked to notify LWML members of needs that congregation members may have that LWML can provide.
- The LWML will be contacted when a funeral dinner is needed.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Brandt reported the following:

- Ethan Hutton, our missionary serving in Costa Rica hopes to visit our congregation in the future.
- On July 14 Robert and Judith Owens were re-

ceived into membership. They transferred from Hope Chapel in Osage Beach.

- He attended the monthly Circuit Pastors' Conference in Versailles at Grace Lutheran on August 13, 2024.
- Pastor Kris Morris will lead our services on September 29, October 6, and November 17 when Pastor Brandt takes personal time.
- He appreciates the fact that Peace Members are very welcoming to guests.

Pastor's personal news:

- He and Linda visited his granddaughter and her two children in Desoto, MO. on August 16. Ryland recently turned four; Levi celebrated his first birthday on August 17.
- Depending upon the state of his health, he is considering retirement in two years.

President's Reports:

Old Business:

- The smoke alarm that is needed in the altar area has not yet been installed.
- Nominees for October elections are needed.
- When Jeff Hedberg opened our facility for voting, the basement alarm went off. The alarm company will run a test to discover why that happened.

New Business: None

The old business report was accepted and approved.



Bob adjourned the meeting at 7:10.

Pastor Brandt led the closing with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Kral, Secretary





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Mites Collection	2 Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7
8 Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	9 Elders Mtg 9:30 a.m. LWML Mtg. 9 a.m. Roll Call Word Truth	10 Council Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	11 	12	13	14
15 Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	16 Newsletter Deadline 9 a.m.	17	18	19	20	21
22 Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m. First Day of Fall	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Worship 9 am Pastor Morris Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	30					



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