



AUGUST 2017 HAPPENINGS

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***** SERVICE HOURS FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER*****

AUGUST: WEST is early at 8:30 am... EAST is late at 10:00 am

SEPTEMBER: EAST is early at 9:00 am... WEST is late at 11:00 am

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Daniel Simons, professor of psychology at Harvard, made a video of two teams of basketball players, one team in white shirts and the other in black, each player in constant motion as two basketballs were passed back and forth. Observers were asked to count the number of passes completed by the members of the white team. After about 45 seconds of passes, a woman in a gorilla suit walked into the middle of the group, stood in front of the camera, beat her chest vigorously, and then walked away. Fifty per cent of the observers did not even see the gorilla. Similarly, people who are used to a routine while driving, such as back and forth to work on the same route, often do not even see a person, on a bicycle or in another car, approaching them. Not only does the human mind think selectively, the eyes see selectively!

We often see only what we choose to see. That doesn't mean we are bad, it just means that's the way human beings are. We can't change that. So what we choose to see makes a big difference for us, and for how we live.

Driving down the road this time of year, you can look at a field of corn and see the potential for food to feed hundreds of people. Or, you can see a potential fun activity, if the field gets cut into a corn maze. Or, you can see someone's livelihood, entirely dependent on whether the weather and the markets allow that field to be turned into profit for the one who planted, fertilized, and cultivated those crops.

When Jesus went about the world teaching and healing, he saw all kinds of people. He saw wealthy ones, who invited him to fine dinners. He saw poor ones, who barely had enough to feed themselves, let alone another, or perhaps not even enough for themselves. He saw huge crowds and didn't see them as a bother, or a problem, but like a flock of sheep without a shepherd. And all these people, rich or poor, Jew or Gentile, touched his heart. So he died for them, so that they'd live.

So what do you see when you look at people? When you see the panhandler off the end of the exit ramp, to you see a disgraceful person, or just someone who's had tough luck? When you see the woman with the scarf over her head, do you see a foreigner, or a sign that God is renewing our country by nourishing it with new blood, and new energy? When you see a man covered with tattoos and piercings, do you see a freak, or a brother?

God looks at you and sees both a sinner and a saint. God looks at you with love, and desires you to love him with all your heart, and all people around you as much as you love yourselves.

May God's love and peace be with you.

Pastor Paul Thompson



Membership Updates, WELCA News, JAM News

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

BAPTISMS:

BAKKEN, Knox Lee (boy/East)
Born 3/13/17. Baptized: June 11, 2017 at East St. Olaf.
Parents: Doug Bakken Jr and Brandi Bakken
Godparents: Rebecca Roesler and Shannon Bakken

ETERNAL REST

BOYSEN, Harvey, Jr. (East member)
Born: March 16, 1942
Passed Away: April 11, 2017
Funeral: April 15, 2017 at East St. Olaf with burial at East St. Olaf cemetery. Rev. Paul Thompson officiated.

HYLAND, Gerald (West member)
Born: March 21, 1945
Passed Away: June 2, 2017
Funeral: June 7, 2017 at West St. Olaf with burial at West St. Olaf cemetery. Rev. Paul Thompson officiated.

WILSON, Esther (West member)
Born: February 4, 1922
Passed Away: May 31, 2017
Funeral: June 26, 2017 at West St. Olaf with burial at Evanger Lutheran cemetery. Rev. Paul Thompson officiated.

EAST WELCA NEWS

East WELCA will be meeting on Saturday, August 12 @ 10:00 am at the church. ALL East St. Olaf ladies are invited! Hope to see you there!

What a fast moving summer this has been... almost to the start of August and every day is closer to the Lutefisk supper. Won't be long now, and the planning has already started.

The East St. Olaf Church Mouse Quilters have been very busy and having a great time when we get together. The fellowship is priceless.

We are also busy planning some events for the fall season, so please watch church bulletins for more details.

We have so much to be thankful for and I thank you for all your help and support. Have a happy fall season. ~ Peggy Andreason ~

Tue., Aug. 1 at 10:00 am:

East Circle 4 meeting - then quilting/sack lunch

Tue., Aug. 8 at 10:00 am:

East quilting/sack lunch

Sat., Aug. 12 at 10:00 am:

All East women invited to East WELCA meeting at church

Tue., Aug. 15 at 10:00 am:

East quilting/sack lunch

Sat., Aug. 19:

Supply cookies-Season's Hospice

Tue., Aug. 22 at 10:00 am:

East quilting/sack lunch

WEST JAM UPDATE

See ad in this newsletter about Rally Day - it'll be here soon!

WEST WELCA NEWS

The summer is going by way too fast but hope you are taking advantage of the beautiful outdoors. The county fairs are in full swing and soon it will be state fair time and we know what that means. School is not far behind. Please look over the list of school supplies needed for Lutheran World Relief School Kits in this newsletter. This is the time of the year school supplies are on sale. We appreciate you supporting this mission.

West WELCA ladies took a break from our regular meetings and enjoyed special outings in June and July. We enjoyed a time of fellowship and great food at the Pizza Ranch in Stewartville in June. In July, we ate lunch at the Old School Café in Mantorville and

then went to the Dodge County Museum to view a quilt made in 1943 by West St. Olaf. The museum was hoping to get some history of the quilt from some of the ladies who had their name stitched on it but they did not recognize the quilt. We will have to look at the church and WELCA minutes and see if we can get some information. There were family names from Evanger and East on the quilt blocks too. **West does NOT have a WELCA meeting in August.**

Thank you to our chairpersons in June, Gloria Brown and Nancy Peterson and our July chairpersons Wilma Kylo and Cindy Senjem.

We appreciate all the help we received from so many for Jerry Hyland's and Esther Wilson's funerals and all who brought bars and helped serve for VBS. Thank you to our altar guild for June and July: Wilma and Cindy S., Sandy I. and Mary Brandt. **August chairperson is Nancy Danielson and altar guild is Sheryl and Jane Estby.**

Remember our fall bazaar is earlier this year, September 30, so be thinking about crafts you might make and donate. The WELCA board will be meeting August 27 during coffee hour to plan the bazaar. We need many workers and if you would consider being on the food committee, please let Sharon or Nancy know.

Enjoy the rest of your summer! Sisters in Christ, Sharon Gulbransen and Nancy Peterson



West: August Servers

Acolytes: Ushers until fall schedule is set up

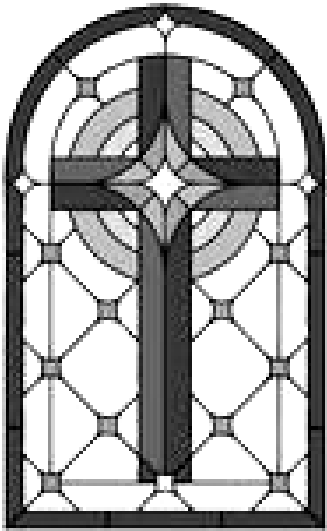
Ushers: Don Alrick, Greg Brandt, Neil Rabehl, and Craig Steinfadt

Stewardship: Aloma Eastlee

Deacon: Deb Schuck



East Stained Glass Window Repairs~ Cost Estimates



The stained glass windows at East St. Olaf are in need of repair: with aging of the lead came and loosening of the glass, at least one broken section, and window coverings that have become discolored with age. We enjoy 19 stained glass windows at East, 7 of which have 3 sections. Recementing, paint, and additional steel structural support braces for the larger windows is being recommended, as is sealing of the ventilation windows due to the potential instability to the stained glass windows. The current bid to repair all of the windows at one time is \$46,831. To do half of the windows would be south and west windows \$26,782 and then \$21,703 for the north and east windows or a total of \$48,485 (an increase of \$1,654). To do only the south windows (would be 3 trips for the company) is \$11,191 alone and the cost of doing the remainder of the windows would increase by approximately \$4,000. We are considering the option of repairing the windows in two sections and ask that you provide your recommendations to the Council members. Donations and memorials are greatly welcomed and needed to continue enjoying our lovely stained glass windows.

West School-Kit Mission

West JAM and WELCA are collecting school supplies again for Lutheran World Relief. We hope you will keep our mission in mind when school supplies go on sale. There is a box in the chapel and in the church, in which to place your donations. Thank you!

The following items are included in each School Kit:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 2½" eraser
- One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14" X 17" with shoulder straps (**WELCA will make these**)

Any donation of school supplies will be appreciated. All items should be new.



Evanger's Parsonage is Available to Rent

Evanger parsonage is available to rent. 5 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, attached double garage. For more info, contact Cathy Severson. 507-951-6338. Please leave a message.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p><u>No WEST WELCA meeting in August</u></p> </div>		<p>10:00 am East Circle 4 meeting, then quilt/sack Lunch</p>	<p>10 am-Noon Pastor at office</p> <p>East church is RESERVED from Noon - 4:00 pm for the funeral of <u>Robert Nelson at 2:00 pm</u></p>	Pastor Paul's day off-work	10 am-Noon Pastor at office	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<p>8:30 am West Worship with Communion (Organist at BOTH is Levi Livingood)</p> <p>10:00 am East Worship with Communion</p>	10 am-Noon Pastor at office	<p>10:00 am East quilt/sack lunch</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>7:00 pm East Council meeting</p>	10 am-Noon Pastor at office	Pastor Paul's day off-work	10 am-Noon Pastor at office	<p>ALL East women invited to 10:00 am WELCA meeting at church! We hope to see you there.</p>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<p><u>Pastor vacation</u></p> <p>8:30 am West Worship with communion with pulpit supply pastor</p> <p>10:00 am East Worship with pulpit supply pastor</p> <p>2:00-4:00 pm Ice Cream Social at <u>Tverberg log cabin...</u> program at 2 pm. ALL are welcome!!! Free will donation.</p>	<p><u>Pastor vacation</u></p> <p>NOON: Deadline to submit items for the next newsletter</p>	10:00 am East quilt/sack lunch	10 am-Noon Pastor at office	Pastor Paul's day off-work	10 am-Noon Pastor at office	
27	28	29	30	31		
<p>8:30 am West Worship with Communion... (West WELCA officers plan Fall Bazaar during coffee hour)</p> <p>10:00 am East Worship</p>	10 am-Noon Pastor at office	<p>10:00 am East quilt/sack lunch</p> <p><u>NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEER DAY at office:</u></p> <p>9:10 - printing 9:30 - folding 10:00 - taping & collating</p>	10 am-Noon Pastor at office	Pastor Paul's day off-work	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p>SEPTEMBER!</p> <p>Sept. 10: Rally Day</p> <p>Sept. 11: Joint Council meeting night</p> </div>	



7TH ANNUAL OLDE TYME

Ice Cream Social

THE ST. OLAF HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH, 2017 - 2 TO 4 PM

AT THE HISTORIC TYERBERG HOUSE LOCATED AT 6200 COUNTY RD. 3 SW, BYRON, MN



2 PM PROGRAM

MUSIC BY DON & PEG HOLTAN

PIE AND ICE CREAM

BRING YOUR OLD CARS AND TRACTORS TO DISPLAY

Please have Displays in place by 1:30 PM

Come Rain or Shine – In case of rain the event will be held in
the East St. Olaf Fellowship Hall

Free Will Offering

507- 365- 8101



East & West St. Olaf Thank You for VBS Mission Support

Thank you to all who contributed to the East-West VBS mission, Dodge County Relay for Life. A total of \$1,176 was turned in to the Relay to help fund cancer research in hope of finding a cure.

We hope to see you at the Dodge County Fairgrounds in Kasson on Friday, August 4. There are food stands, activities for children and a silent auction with all proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. The Relay begins at 6:00 pm with the survivor's walk and the program begins about 8:00 pm.

 **All East Women Invited to August WELCA Meeting**

WELCA (East) will be meeting on Saturday, August 12 @ 10:00 am at the church; all East St. Olaf ladies are invited!

 **Thank You East St. Olaf Church**

The family of Harvey Boysen would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, and love during Dad's passing. Thank you, Pastor Paul, for helping our family through this difficult time. Cherish your loved ones and keep them close. ~ Penni Ryan, daughter ~

 **Thank You West St. Olaf Family**

We would like to thank all those who sent cards, food and their love & support during this difficult time for my family. Also, I would like to thank those who worked on the lunch after the service. Everything was excellent and we are very lucky to have so many people who care in our West St. Olaf family. I would also like to thank Pastor Thompson for his visits to Cottage-wood to see Jerry and also for giving a wonderful message at the funeral. I know Jerry was listening and was very pleased. God Bless! ~ Ginny Hyland & family ~

 **Thank You East and West St. Olaf Churches**

Dear Pastor and friends at East & West St. Olaf, I want to express my heart-felt gratitude for all of your prayers, concerns, and acts of kindness shown to me during these difficult times following my accident. Each card, visit, and phone call were very uplifting and much appreciated!! I have missed everyone and hope to be back in church soon! ~ Rhonda Leighty ~

August Birthdays East

- 1 Roland Rivera
- 1 Lacey Mansfield
- 4 Mike Evjen
- 6 Heather Roller
- 6 David Tvedt
- 9 Sharon Boelter
- 9 Trent Olson
- 10 Carol Mestad
- 13 Chris Yennie
- 14 Crystal Juergensen
- 15 Sally Rud
- 16 Edwin Distad, Jr.
- 18 Carter Quinn
- 21 Doyle Jorgenson
- 21 Brandon Evjen
- 23 Tasha Exe
- 24 Casey Cook
- 26 Brecken Senjem

Happy Birthday!



- 27 Angela Brakke
- 28 Randy Robinson
- 28 Josh Carstenson
- 29 Dustin Senjem
- 30 Heath Rud
- 31 Gary Lee

August Birthdays West

- 4 Kyle Skov
- 5 Gabriella Olson
- 6 Emily Smith
- 6 Benjamin Laxen
- 7 Loretta Himle
- 8 Gavin Connelly
- 9 Sheryl Heller
- 9 Kellen Hanke
- 10 Hans Estby
- 11 Jamie Palmersheim
- 12 Nate Fjerstad
- 12 Kathryn Masching
- 13 Karen Hanson
- 13 Megan Johnson
- 13 Crystal Twaddle
- 17 Gene Bamlet
- 17 Sally West
- 17 Donna Larsen
- 19 Robert Beaver
- 20 Emily Keckhafer
- 21 Wendy Iverson
- 21 Jeremy Twaddle
- 22 Charlie Brown
- 26 Todd Hovda
- 26 Eric Tiegen
- 26 Matthew Gulbransen
- 27 Joshua Berge
- 28 Mark Keckhafer
- 29 Nancy Peterson
- 29 Marlys Miller



Save the Date for Rally Day: September 10

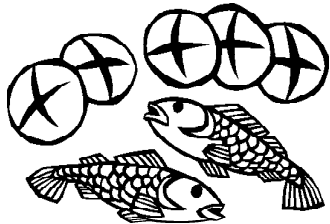


The **WEST St. Olaf council** would like to invite you to our annual Rally Day dinner to be held Sunday September 10th.

The menu will be: pulled pork sandwiches, salads, bars and beverages. The free will offering will be given to "Bundles of Love". Please join us for food, fellowship and wishing our JAM students and staff another successful year.

Plans for EAST St. Olaf are still being made, so please watch church bulletins for more information.

August Sunday Worship Introductions



Sunday, August 6, 2017 ~ 9th Sunday after Pentecost

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

Readings: Isaiah 55:1-5, Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21, Romans 9:1-5, and Matthew 14:13-21



Sunday, August 13, 2017 ~ 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

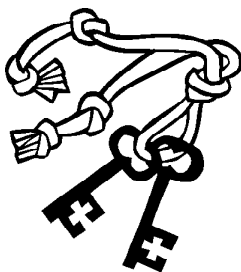
Readings: 1 Kings 19:9-18, Psalm 85:8-13, Romans 10:5-15, and Matthew 14:22-33



Sunday, August 20, 2017 ~ 11th Sunday after Pentecost

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

Readings: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8, Psalm 67, Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32, and Matthew 15: [10-20] 21-28



Sunday, August 27, 2017 ~ 12th Sunday after Pentecost

In Isaiah the people are bid to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world, but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

Readings: Isaiah 51:1-6, Psalm 138, Romans 12:1-8, and Matthew 16:13-20



East St. Olaf Lutheran Church Abridged Council Minutes ~ June 13, 2017

Meeting Called to Order: Bruce Peterson at 7:00pm

Opening Prayer: Pastor Paul Thompson opened with prayer.

Attendees: Doug Bakken, Bryan De Cook, Yvette Dulohery, Pete Exe, Sonya Mansfield, Bruce Peterson, Pastor Paul Thompson, Danny Zieman

Pastor's Report: Pastor Paul-May report; reviewed & accepted. Need to consider ways for church to celebrate 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. Will need coverage for vacation on December 10th and possibly at the end of August.

Secretary's Minutes: Reviewed and accepted as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Gary Kearns presented May report; reviewed and accepted, including office equipment/rods for storing confirmation gowns. Noted \$36 variance, which Bryan De Cook reported was in his account.

Financial Report: Bryan De Cook presented April report. Current \$6,238; Benevolence \$2,125; Piano \$80; Building and Maintenance \$200; Memorials none. May report-Current 4,688; Benevolence \$5; Education Aid \$160; Memorials-Cemetery \$1,000 and Undesignated \$100. Reports reviewed and accepted.

Education Report: VBS will take place at West. Recommendations to support the students by attending final presentation.

Deacon's Report: Sonya Mansfield noted gowns are being collected from confirmation. Time and Talents survey is being refined. Pastor Paul will write a letter of introduction and welcome to prior congregants.

Campus Ministry: Campus Ministry Sunday is October 15th with 2 in our area, Mankato State and Winona State; might be able to incorporate Campus Ministry in programs for the church.

Trustees Report: Doug Bakken reported on the repairs for the stained glass windows. Associated Craft of Winona proposal (approximately \$7,000 for the south) for the windows on the south; two on the south are broken and cost would be \$2,808 and \$2,988 respectively; there are update 19 windows (\$35-40k) lead needs to be reinforced. New coverings would provide improved visualization and help keep it cool. Memorial funds are currently \$4,700. South windows are in the worst condition. Could initially do the south wall and develop a proposal for the other walls. Need to present information to the congregation in the bulletin and starting to collect donations or to sponsor repairs to a window. Motion by Bryan De Cook and seconded by Sonya Mansfield with unanimous decision to repair at least the south windows. Pete Exe reported the VIN number was required for the well capping process, requiring Gina's assistance. Part of the fascia blew off of the steeple during recent storm; need to have repaired and will require approximately 60' boom, which will likely be the highest cost of the repair. Pete will obtain a couple of estimates.

Circle 4 Requests: Peggy Andresen presented a cleaning proposal. Discussion ensued. Council requested Peggy to question whether WELCA would take responsibility for hiring and managing the cleaning person. Process needs to be either WELCA or the Council to promote optimal communication. Peggy noted she does not believe WELCA's responsibilities should include hiring, managing, firing, etc., and this would be best served by Council. Peggy will check with WELCA to obtain a decision/recommendation and report to Council. Council continues to recommend that any groups or functions should clean up their areas. Circle 4 will obtain pictures for remodeling of the Sunday School rooms and present to Council for approval.

Passion Projects: Yvette presented a form for "Passion Projects" to promote communication of desired projects and to obtain Council approval. Rosie Schwanke, Steven Jensen, and Yvette would like to start a group for activities open to singles or anyone who would like to attend. Project was reviewed and approved. Fliers and information will be posted in church bulletins or newsletters in future.

Joint Service: Joint service will be July 15th at West. Jenny Schwanke is volunteering from East. Question if other members available to assist? Attendance/support encouraged. No Sunday service on July 16th.

Elevator Malfunction: Bruce Peterson was able to "jiggle the middle button" and call elevator to the upper level, which apparently reset the system and it is now functioning fine.

Motion to adjourn: Meeting adjourned fully at approximately 8:15pm. Closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting: July 11th at 7pm at East.

Respectfully submitted by Yvette Dulohery, East St. Olaf Council Secretary



East St. Olaf Lutheran Church Abridged Council Minutes ~ July 11, 2017

Meeting Called to Order: Bruce Peterson at 7:00 pm

Agenda: Interviews for cleaning and urgent or old business as time allows.

Attendees: Doug Bakken, Bryan De Cook, Yvette Duloherly, Pete Exe, Gary Kearns, Sonya Mansfield, Bruce Peterson, Pastor Paul Thompson, Danny Zieman

Interviews: Council was blessed with two competent and motivated applicants. Individuals were interviewed, including introductions and tours of church. Discussion held. Bryan De Cook motioned offer be extended to Becky Wilbourne. Pete Exe seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Secretary's Minutes: Unavailable.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Paul-June report; reviewed & accepted. Synod is having a series of events for smaller congregations on July 25, 26, or 27. He is attending session on July 25th 6-8 pm and questioned if any of the members could attend. Needs to RSVP by 7/20. Vacation on July 23rd and Pastor Audrey Lucasak will be our pastor for the day.

Treasurer's Report: Gary Kearns presented June report.

Financial Report: Bryan De Cook presented June report. Current \$6,030; SE MN Hunger \$100; stained glass window fund \$150; memorials none.

Education Report: VBS.

Joint Worship: West will host joint service on July 15th at 7 pm. Pastor Paul requested reader assistance for Creation Story; Sonya Mansfield volunteered. Everyone is welcome to bring chairs and have a picnic lunch before service if desired. Service will be followed by family movie.

Campus Ministry: Campus Ministry Sunday is October 15th with 2 in our area, Mankato State and Winona State.

Directory: Topic for discussion at next Joint Council.

Welcome Letter: Pastor Paul will draft a letter to send to prior members to introduce himself as new pastor and welcome them to church.

Deacon's Report: Reviewed Embracing Life at East St. Olaf. Will hand out with bulletins and have available at sign-in book. Time and Talents survey in process. Will set up a drop box for back of church.

Trustees Report: Doug Bakken reported on stained glass windows. 4 proposals from Associated Crafts out of Gilbert, AZ. Proposal to repair all 19 stained glass windows at one time is \$46,831; to do half of windows would be \$26,782 for south and west and \$21,703 for north and east (increase of \$1,654), and to do windows in 3 trips with only doing south windows initially would be \$11,191 and total costs would increase by approximately \$4,000. Recommendations to keep windows stationary and seal vents for stabilization; church now has air conditioning, which may need to be started earlier on hot days. Doug will work on a presentation for congregation. Have 90 days prior to required decision. Would need to bring to congregation for decision and approval. Council is considering benefits to doing half of windows at a time to reduce costs. Work is guaranteed for 10 years; new acrylic covering would allow visibility of stained glass from outside. Doug will call to obtain further information as to requirements/needs during the repairs. Gary reported there is approximately \$7,000 that could be designated for the windows. Council noted we would need to take out a loan or raise significant funds.

Pete Exe reported cost of replacing facia and checking facia on steeple could be done by Larry Skoerbo requires boom and will cost approximately \$1,400.

Passion Projects: Yvette noted the Friends group will be meeting next Wednesday at 9:30 at the Crossroads south Hy-Vee for brunch or coffee. All are welcome to join.

Motion to adjourn: Meeting adjourned fully at approximately 9:30 pm. Closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Next Joint Council Meeting: September 11th at 6:00 pm at West.

Next Council Meeting: August 8th at 7 pm at East.

Respectfully submitted by Yvette Duloherly, East St. Olaf Council Secretary



West St. Olaf Church June 12, 2017 Council Minutes

Meeting called to order by Carma Bjornson.

Devotions given by Pastor Paul.

Thank-you: Carma read a thank-you from Pastor Paul for the memorial gift in memory of his mother.

Attendance: Cindy Orning, Jan Nordland, Carma Bjornson, Sheryl Wohlers, Debbie Schuck, Sandy Iverson, Dave Peterson, Charlie Brown, Sue Hyland, Will Laxen, Del Senjem, Greg Brandt, and Pastor Paul Thompson.

Secretary's Report: Report from May Council meeting was reviewed. Motion to accept: Sheryl Wohlers, Second: Deb Schuck.

Financial Report: Report from Apr 16 - May 15 Motion to accept: Deb Schuck, Second: Sandy Iverson.

Treasurer's Report: Report from Apr 16 - May 15. Motion to accept: Sheryl Wohlers, Second: Sue Hyland.

Board of Education Report:

Dates for VBS: June 18-22. About 46 youth (including "big kid helpers") signed up from East and West. Volunteers to be "general helpers" appreciated.

Luther League Report: No report

Pastor's Report:

Acolyte training to be held two Sundays in September. First Communion is scheduled for October 1st.

Field Crest visits currently held on 2nd Tuesday of month may now to be held on variable days and times.

May Pastor's Report: 12 shut-in visits, 1 hospital, 2 member visits, 1 counseling; Pastoral Acts: 8 Sunday worship, 1 funeral, 1 baptism; 2 confirmation classes, 2 council meetings; 4 Text Studies: Zumbro River Conference, Kasson Pastor's meeting and Synod Assembly.

Deacon's Report:

Discussion held regarding Rally Day in September. Sheryl Wohlers will initiate some plans.

Trustee's Report:

Trustees investigating water problem in chapel basement.

Bob Klocke has been contacted to look at a cover for the chimney.

WiFi update - checking on conduit under the road.

Discussed repainting of the flagpole.

Old Business:

Pastor Paul and Jana's membership welcome date - July 9

Special outdoor summer service/family fun night will be held at West on Saturday, July 15. An East/West planning committee is being formed.

Discussed viewing some potential AV equipment during September 17th worship service.

New Business:

New locks have been installed in both church doors. Current keys work in the new locks.

No council meeting in July unless a special items comes up [There was no July meeting.]

Motion to adjourn: Sheryl Wohlers, Second: Deb Schuck

Next meeting is Monday, August 14, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Submitted by Jan Nordland, West St. Olaf Council Secretary

East & West St. Olaf Lutheran



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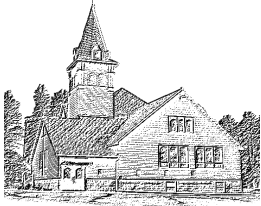
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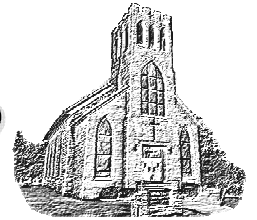
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