

Sunday Services of Worship

- Spencer at 9am
- Riplinger at 11am

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Deadlines

- Weekly email
Tuesdays 9am
- Sunday bulletin announcements
Thursdays 9am
- Monthly newsletter
20th of each month

Thank you for your participation in and support of the life and mission of this parish.

Invite others to services of worship and pray that those who do not know Jesus may come to know him. The risen Christ commands his followers to share the good news.



Connect February 2022

Installation of Council at Spencer on February 6

Show your support for leadership by attending the service of worship on February 6 as the Congregation Council will be installed.

Boy Scout Sunday at Spencer on February 6

The Spencer troop sponsored by this congregation will present a brief message on the relationship between their oath and religion.

Commemoration of St. Valentine and Celebration of Love and Marriage on February 13

One of God's gifts is that of love and marriage. You are invited to give thanks for the gift of companionship, in general, and of love and marriage, in particular, at the services of worship on the Sunday before Valentines Day. A special invitation is extended to those married this past year as well as those planning to be married this coming year. Pray that God will strengthen the gifts of companionship, love, and marriage in this faith community.

Transfiguration of Our Lord on February 27

Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.

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Results of Special Congregation Meetings

A resolution indicating the intent to terminate its relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and to affiliate with the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ passed 13-2 at a legally called and conducted special meeting of the Riplinger congregation on January 16 and 67 to 5 at a legally called and conducted special meeting of the Spencer congregation on January 23. A second required meeting to vote on this resolution is scheduled for May 8 at both congregations. In the meantime, work will commence on completing the necessary paperwork to call a pastor from the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ.



Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan

LSS empowers people to live their best lives by offering;

A path to recovery from addiction or mental illness,

A home that's safe and affordable,

A family to thrive in,

Independence and a life that is truly their own.

Our Vision

Healthy communities filled with people using their God-given gifts to serve.

Our Mission

Act compassionately. Serve humbly. Lead courageously.

Our Values



Compassion

Healing grows from empathy. We respect that each individual's situation is unique and personal. We consider others as much as we consider ourselves. Progress thrives in dignity and love.



Courage

We face our fears in challenging what has been in order to create what could be. We commit to cultivating bravery in every life we touch. Fortitude fuels our ability to succeed.



Co-creation

Transformation does not happen alone. We respect and rely upon each person's unique gifts. We find inspiration in working together. Momentum builds from collective effort.



Change

Growth is not static. It requires honest examination and continuous improvement. We learn lessons from the past to embolden the future. We inspire others with our foresight.

Our Impact Is Real

Every year, tens of thousands of people in Wisconsin and Upper Michigan come to us with incredible odds stacked against them. People like Ashley.

Ashley was drinking every day to escape from past traumas. As a result her children were removed from her custody and placed in temporary foster care. Ashley stayed at one of our residential treatment programs for 14 months. She was reunited with her children and today lives as a sober and actively engaged mom.

Ashley exemplifies our vision of healthy communities filled with people using their God-given gifts to serve.

<https://www.lsswis.org/our-story/>

FAITH FORMATION



JAM Preschoolers & Kindergartners are in the midst of their GIFT unit about My Lutheran Church, we'll celebrate in worship with them and their families on Feb. 13. First-third graders are learning the key stories in the Old Testament. Fourth & fifth graders are learning about God's promises in both Old & New Testament stories.

Cross Training We began a new series based on the Old Testament books of the Bible.

ButterBraid Fundraiser middle schoolers will begin selling ButterBraids on February 6. All proceeds go to the Bible Camp Scholarship fund to help send youth to Bible Camp this summer.

LIVE-The end of January we began a series about SALT. A series that will challenge our youth to talk about their faith with others, explore some of the challenging questions they may have themselves, and grow in their own faith.



VIA DE CRISTO

Via de Cristo Retreat Via de Cristo (VDC) is a Spanish phrase meaning "Way of Christ." VDC is a highly structured three day weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people and bring them to a new awareness of living in God's grace. It's three days in length, beginning on Thursday, March 10 and ending on Sunday, March 13. The participants live, study, worship and commune together daily. Fourteen talks are given, nine by lay people and five by clergy. Following each talk, small round table discussions focus on the main points of the talk and a poster is done. The talks, in an overlapping fashion, present the Christian life, based on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ. There is music and singing, food and fellowship, a time for laughter and for prayer. This spring, VDC is held at Forest Springs, Westboro. Applications are in the brochure rack. Questions talk with Jenny Nieman or Gail Jicinsky.

2022 Mission Trip to Sheboygan, WI

June 25-July 2, 2022.

Who can go on the trip? Any youth currently in 8th grade-adults. Applications are found on our website and the bulletin board. Application and a \$50 deposit are required to reserve your spot.



Mission Trip Upcoming Fundraisers The Basket raffle will begin March 2 - the mission trip participants would be extremely grateful to you if you would consider putting together a themed basket for the raffle. Please have baskets or items to for a themed basket to church by Feb. 23 to allow us time to put things together.

Adults: Group Mission Trips is looking to fill Red Shirt Staff roles for the Sheboygan location. As a red shirt you would get to attend camp for free and get a great experience, similar to the experience the participants will get as well! The following adult positions are still available: Worship leader, Cafeteria host, Program team member, Facility team member, Materials team member.

To find out specific details about the jobs above I have provided a link. When you visit the link, it defaults to the cafeteria host position. Please use the navigation menu on the left-hand side of the screen to see the job descriptions for the above listed positions. Here is that link: <https://resources.groupmissiontrips.com/staffing/volunteer/cafeteria-host/>

Here is a link that provides more information about what it is like being a part of our volunteer staff team at camp: <https://groupmissiontrips.com/about-us/join-our-team/volunteer>

If you have anyone in mind or any questions, please reach out to Jenny at 715-613-3636.

Club 52 provides donors with an easy, flexible way to support youth ministry at St. John's. As its name implies, Club 52 members are asked to contribute \$1 per week for one year or whatever amount the donor chooses. Club 52 members will be invited to a special VIP brunch hosted by the students to recognize each member's contribution. Club 52 donation forms are on the bulletin board if you would like to contribute.

FAITH FORMATION CONTINUED



Bible Camp Sunday Parents bring your summer calendars with you to worship on Feb. - it's BIBLE CAMP SUNDAY! The Sunday where St. John's, Spencer gives extra discounts in addition to the early bird discount that camp offers, for registering kids for some time at summer Bible Camp.

RightNow Media

Life is super busy and it's easy to put aside our spiritual growth. What if there was an app that you can use on the go and still grow? There IS! Check out RightNow Media you can text Rightnow SJLCS to 41411, and you will automatically be prompted to create your FREE login to gain access to RightNow Media. Or you find it on our website:

www.stjohnsspencer.com/right-now-media



ANNUAL MEETING RESULTS

Hello St. John's Members,

St. John's Lutheran Church's Spencer congregation voted on January 23, 2022 to form a resolution with the intent to terminate its relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and affiliate with the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC).

The special meeting was legally called and conducted. Every vote was from a voting member of this congregation. With a vote of 67 to 5, this congregation is in favor of leaving the ELCA and affiliating with the LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ). The final vote to form this resolution will be held on May 8, 2022 following worship.

We will be working on the call packet for the LCMC so it is ready to be sent out if the May 11 vote is also in favor of terminating our relationship with the ELCA.

I am excited to introduce our 2022 council representing our congregation. Thank-you all!

Congregation Chair: Pam Hardrath

Vice Chair: Rudy Nieman

Reporting Secretary: Cindy Weiler

Treasurer: Teri Schorer

Minister of Faith Formation: Jenny Nieman

Worship Director: Bruce Luepke

Building and Grounds Director: Travis Hardrath

Food, Fellowship and Fun Director: Heather Vogel

Congregational Care Director: Joan Bruss

Beyond Our Doors Director: vacant but volunteer welcome

Other positions:

Financial Secretary: Kris Ovans

Sexton: Allen Jicinsky

Cemetery Committee: Marsha Martens

Audit Committee: Luci Hardrath and Penni Cloud

God Bless,

Pam Hardrath

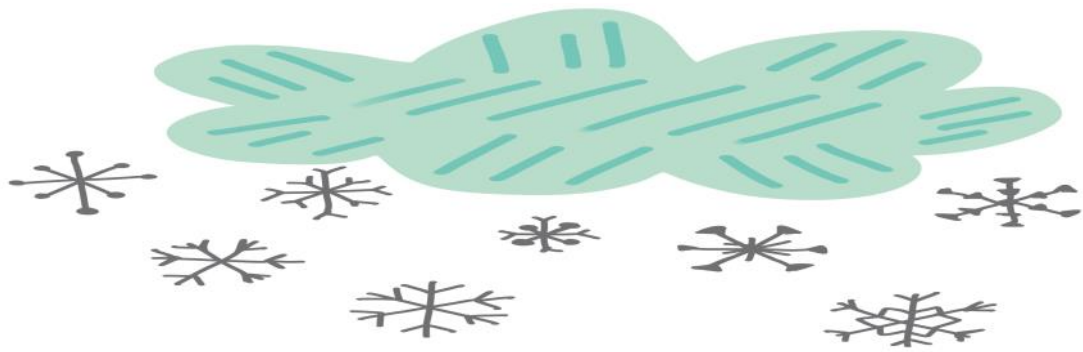
Congregation Chair

715-507-0549

tpkrh4@gmail.com



Joshua 1:9 Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go



Tubing, Skiing, Snow boarding, Skating

Feb. 13, 1-5 pm

at Forest Springs, Westboro

friends are welcome to come too,

meet us there, questions contact Jenny

715-613-3636



FEBRUARY

BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Emily Vaughan | 17 Barbara Lucht |
| 2 Heather Miller | Jakob Soback |
| 3 Haley Miller | 18 Beckam Schultz |
| 4 Penni Cloud | 19 Cody Delis |
| 5 Theresa Kenyon | Preston Mertins |
| 6 Danielle Schmidt | 20 Rachel Blanchard |
| 8 Owen Buse | Brooklynn Stroetz |
| 9 Jason Meacham | 21 Jesse Klement |
| 10 Randall Stroetz | 22 Nadine Willet |
| Savanna Weyer | Betty Soltow |
| 11 Cadyn Hardrath | 23 Jude Pagenkopf |
| Janika Helsten | 24 Susan Howe |
| Gwen Thomas | Theresa Knecht |
| 12 Patty Matter | Suzanne Reynolds |
| 13 Gwen Schmidt | 25 Janell Kopp |
| Tom Pagenkopf | Lydia Nieman |
| 14 Brooke Suchow | Easton Stroetz |
| 15 Wayne Hendrickson | Nick Wash |
| Mary Schuette | 26 Peggy Ottum |
| 16 Constance Opsal | 27 Keith Porter |
| | 28 Jewel Schuette |



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| 12 Harry & Juleen Vogel | 40 years |
| 14 Joseph & Rhonda Weix | 41 years |
| Les & Barbara Dommer | 36 years |

If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please contact the office so we can update our records.



Dean Hanson 1-7-22



Those who are homebound, hospitalized, or in care facilities:

Cyndi Ackerman, Dick Berger, Barb Dommer, Kevin Kaiser, Corrine Kettleborough, Roger

Kilty, Grace Maines, Jean Mellenthin, Jason Miller, Pat Miller, Dorothy Neuman, Dorene Newman, Dar Ponshock, Phyllis Premau, LaVilla Schilling, Elsie Schmutzler.

Those with ongoing health concerns: Jan Ammons, Lois Block, Kristy Fellenz, Todd Frahm, Audrey Heldt, Audrey Helsten, Michael Howe, Susan Howe, Paul Kilty, Jodi Krause, Scott Kollmansberger, Sandy Lemens, Dylan Maki, Linda Marchinek, Bill Martens, Adam Miller, Kris Ovans, Dylan Rottscheit, Tammi

Schiferl, Doris Seefeld, Joanne Seefeld, Jon Soderberg, Kimberly Tate, Darin Thompson, Michael Weigel, Lenore Williams.




Those with cancer: Judi Andrew, Linda Bauer, Keith Borchardt, Brenda Gardner, Sue Johnson, Mark Kilty, Parker Klimmer, Dennis Krause, Jeff Miller, Michelle Oelke, Kathy Pieper, Tom Steiner, Barb Wachsmuth, Francis Wash, Mark Zimmerman, Emily Weiler.

Those serving in the military: Tyler Klement

If you have any updates on these prayer requests or any additional prayer concerns, please contact the office. Pastor Bolstad is available for visits upon request. Contact the office or pastor.



FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9 AM Worship at Spencer 10 AM JAM 11 AM Worship at Riplinger 6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack	31	1	2 9 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Cross Training 6:30 PM LIVE 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study	3	4	5
6 9 AM Worship at Spencer 10 AM JAM 11 AM Worship at Riplinger	7	8 6:30 PM Spencer Council	9 9 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Cross Training 6:30 PM LIVE 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study	10	11	12
13 9 AM Worship at Spencer 10 AM JAM 11 AM Worship at Riplinger 6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack	14 	15 5:30 PM Worship Committee 6:30 PM Cub Scouts Pack	16 9 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Cross Training 6:30 PM LIVE 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study	17 6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack	18	19
20 9 AM Worship at Spencer 10 AM JAM 11 AM Worship at Riplinger	21 	22 5 PM COME (Community Outreach Meal for Everyone)	23 9 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Cross Training 6:30 PM LIVE 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study	24	25	26
27 9 AM Worship at Spencer 10 AM JAM 11 AM Worship at Riplinger 6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 	28	1	2 9 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Cross Training 6:30 PM LIVE 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study	3	4	5

February Spencer Serving Schedule

	6th	13th	20th	27th
Technology	Leah Nieman	Kyler Hardrath	Tracey Ackman	Rachel Nieman
Sounds	Leah Nieman	Ryan Hardrath	Tracey Ackman	Rachel Nieman
Reader	Glenda Fellenz	Allen Jicinsky	Teri Schorer	Gail Jicinsky
Hospitality	Lori Cook	Pam Hardrath	Teri Schorer	Gail Jicinsky

Riplinger News

Attendance				January Readers	
Dec. 5	13	Jan. 2	12	Feb. 6	Brenda Newman
Dec. 12	11	Jan. 9	11	Feb. 13	Trish Porter
Dec. 19	13	Jan. 16	17	Feb. 20	Dave Newman
Dec. 24	12	Jan. 23	12	Feb. 27	Joan Miller
Dec. 26	7				

Spencer Worship Attendance

Dec. 24	142
Dec. 25	25
Dec. 26	30
Jan. 2	49
Jan. 9	54
Jan. 16	47
Jan. 23	88

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Important Note About Garbage and Recycling!!

Please make sure you are double checking which bin you are putting the garbage bags vs. recycling in. There has been a lot of garbage going into the recycling bin. Thank You.



SCRIP

Start Scripping Today!

Consider purchasing gift cards from our scrip program for all of your holiday needs! More news for Scrip! Families can pay for their orders using a credit card! In addition to linking a bank account (Presto Pay), families now have the option to pay for gift cards using a Visa or Mastercard. Best of all rebates are not impacted in any way.

Note: a 2.6% fee is added to your total order at check out. Gift cards are available for purchase in the church office, Monday through Thursday 9am to 1pm. If you know of a family or individual who could benefit from the aid of Scrip, please let Pam Hardrath know. Life faces us with many challenges, and we may need a helping hand financially. That is where Scrip can help! For more information on how this program works, please feel free to ask Pam Hardrath.



Treasurer's Report: December 2021

St. John's Lutheran Church - Spencer WI Treasurer's Report as of December 2021 for General Operating Fund

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Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget
Income				
410.010	Tithes & Offerings	5,802.13	102,204.70	148,000.00
410.011	Non-tithe Offerings General Fund	6,301.00	12,166.00	
410.050	Riplinger Reimbursements	553.73	5,147.71	8,000.00
441.060	Building use	250.00	550.00	1,000.00
	Total Income	\$12,906.86	\$120,068.41	\$157,000.00
Expenses				
<i>500.000 Wider Mission</i>				
500.010	Tithe (10% first fruits to NW Synod/ELCA)	483.00	10,941.00	14,800.00
	<i>Total Wider Mission</i>	<i>\$483.00</i>	<i>\$10,941.00</i>	<i>14,800.00</i>
<i>510.000 Worship</i>				
510.030	Copyrights	0.00	710.00	700.00
510.050	Community Worship Services	0.00	750.00	850.00
510.070	Instrument maintenance/service	0.00	100.00	1,000.00
510.100	Worship Supplies	(190.00)	187.93	2,500.00
	<i>Total Worship</i>	<i>(\$190.00)</i>	<i>\$1,747.93</i>	<i>5,050.00</i>
510.020	Pulpit Supply	0.00	0.00	500.00
510.060	Worship - Music/Special Events	0.00	400.00	1,500.00
<i>520.000 Faith Development</i>				
520.010	Birth to 3	0.00	311.03	300.00
520.020	Children's Ministry (SS, VBS, GIFT, etc)	79.00	230.56	3,000.00
520.030	Middle School (Cross Training, Youth, etc)	0.00	537.52	1,000.00
520.040	High School (discipleship, chaperones, grads)	333.28	566.94	2,300.00
520.050	Adult Faith Formation	0.00	53.20	600.00
520.070	Library Resources	0.00	0.00	200.00
	<i>Total Faith Development</i>	<i>\$412.28</i>	<i>\$1,699.25</i>	<i>7,400.00</i>
520.080	Right Now Media	0.00	2,639.78	1,300.00
<i>530.000 Social Concerns</i>				
530.010	Kitchen License/COME	0.00	560.00	500.00
530.020	Mission Projects expenses	0.00	0.00	300.00
	<i>Total Social Concerns</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$560.00</i>	<i>800.00</i>
<i>540.000 Fellowship & Care</i>				
540.010	Hospitality & Kitchen Supplies	0.00	565.93	500.00
540.020	Care Resources	0.00	28.48	150.00
540.030	Events	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<i>Total Fellowship & Care</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$594.41</i>	<i>650.00</i>
<i>560.000 Office</i>				
560.010	Office Supplies (shared)	81.91	617.73	600.00
560.020	Telephone & Internet (shared)	122.97	1,664.40	1,500.00
560.030	Postage (shared)	211.19	1,107.14	1,000.00
560.050	Copier Maintenance (shared)	196.00	1,281.47	1,100.00
560.060	Office Subscriptions, Software, Upgrades (shared)	125.49	2,190.68	2,100.00
	<i>Total Office</i>	<i>\$737.56</i>	<i>\$6,861.42</i>	<i>6,300.00</i>
560.080	Technology - all areas	0.00	0.00	1,200.00
<i>570.000 Administration</i>				
570.010	Offering Envelopes	0.00	249.15	250.00
570.020	Vanco Electronic Giving Fees	96.99	1,289.26	1,500.00
570.040	Insurance & Workman's Compensation	334.12	4,644.00	4,500.00
570.050	Mileage Reimbursement (shared)	0.00	595.84	1,200.00
570.070	Conference Dues	0.00	38.00	100.00
570.080	Leadership Study Materials/Subscriptions	0.00	71.60	100.00
570.085	Synod Assembly Fees	0.00	0.00	100.00
	<i>Total Administration</i>	<i>\$431.11</i>	<i>\$6,887.85</i>	<i>7,750.00</i>

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580.000 Buildings & Grounds				
580.010	Mortgage	0.00	0.00	0.00
580.020	Electricity	272.14	3,978.04	4,500.00
580.030	Natural Gas	308.54	1,804.31	2,000.00
580.040	Holding Tanks	0.00	555.00	1,000.00
580.050	Waste Disposal	93.60	1,303.56	1,100.00
580.065	Cleaning	0.00	0.00	4,000.00
580.070	Repairs & General Maintenance Expenses	46.34	1,452.05	1,500.00
580.080	Snow Removal	0.00	909.00	2,000.00
580.090	Lawn Mowing- Church	0.00	451.96	500.00
580.100	Cemetery Assoc Lawn Care	0.00	0.00	500.00
	<i>Total Buildings & Grounds</i>	\$720.62	\$10,453.92	17,100.00
590.000 Staff				
590.110	Pastor Compensation	2,069.38	24,832.56	24,840.00
590.120	Housing Allowance (Pastor)	700.00	8,400.00	8,400.00
590.130	Books & Subscriptions (Pastor-shared)	0.00	0.00	300.00
590.140	Continuing Education (Pastor-shared)	0.00	0.00	900.00
590.150	Medical Insurance & Pension (Pastor)	1,001.40	12,016.80	14,303.00
590.160	Social Security Allowance (Pastor)	211.86	2,542.32	2,542.00
590.170	Synod & Official Meetings (Pastor-shared)	0.00	0.00	600.00
590.210	FICA	206.48	2,002.17	2,885.00
590.230	Organist Payroll	174.00	2,044.50	2,600.00
590.240	Treasurer Payroll	150.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
590.250	Secretary Payroll (shared)	1,610.00	10,860.50	15,600.00
590.260	Staff Continuing Education	0.00	0.00	200.00
	<i>Total Staff</i>	\$6,123.12	\$64,498.85	74,970.00
590.280	Minister of Faith Formation Payroll	765.00	11,466.50	17,680.00
	Total Expenses	<u>\$9,482.69</u>	<u>\$118,750.91</u>	<u>\$157,000.00</u>
	Difference	<u>\$3,424.17</u>	<u>\$1,317.50</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>



December Spencer Council Minutes

St. John's Lutheran Church Leadership Minutes for December 14, 2021 (Approved)

Attending: Chair – Pam Hardrath; Secretary – Nadine Willett; Treasurer – Roxie Wetterau; Worship Director – Luanne Schwarze; Buildings & Grounds Director – Travis Hardrath; Food, Fellowship & Fun Director – Heather Vogel; Congregation Care Director – Teri Schorer; Minister of Faith Formation – Jenny Nieman;
Missing: Pastor Lowell Bolstad; Beyond Our Doors Director – position vacant; Vice Chair – position vacant
Call to order: At 6:34 PM by Chair Pam Hardrath
Opening prayer was led by Pam Hardrath.

New Business:

- **Planning for Congregational Annual Meeting:**
 - Reports from each of the council directors will go into the compiled report.
 - On January 23, 2022, there will be the St. John's annual congregational meeting as well as a special meeting regarding the proposed synod affiliation change. The congregational meeting will include 2022 council elections.
 - Constitutional voting requirements were reviewed. Pam received an email confirmation from Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson that it is acceptable for both meetings to include votes cast via Zoom.
- **Church office hours change:** The office hours will be changing to 9 AM to 1 PM, Monday through Thursday, effective January 1, 2022.

Old Business:

- **Council positions for 2022:** The potential candidates for the various council and leadership positions were reviewed.

Reports:

Pastor's Report: Pastor Lowell Bolstad

- Not available for the meeting.

Secretary Report: Nadine Willett

Minutes from council meeting on November 9, 2021 were approved.

Treasurer Report: Roxie Wetterau

- November Report: Income of \$7,891.00 was reported with disbursements of \$10,514.76 for a net difference of negative \$ 2,623.76 for the month. Note that this month's disbursements include the annual fee for Right Now Media. The General Fund balance is \$13,641.79.
- The budget for 2022 was reviewed and discussed. This budget plan included the input from the various directors and an overall realistic plan with recommended adjustments based on discussion. This budget will then go to the congregation for review.

Minister of Faith Formation Report: Jenny Nieman

- JAM (Jesus and Me): The teachers and Jenny discussed effective series for each age group. Follow-up communication is ongoing to families, both those who are and are not attending. The Christmas program "O Christmas Tree, Reveal to Us the Savior" will be shared on December 19th.
- Cross training (6th to 8th Grade students): Meaningful videos of thankfulness and gifts to the food pantry were included in the Community Thanksgiving Worship video. A series "Countdown to Christmas" culminates with a Christmas party on December 22. Planning with input with the kids is in progress for 2022.
- LIVE: A youth gathering opportunity called "Districts" in Green Bay was discussed; Jenny and two students will be participating in the Districts Youth Gathering January 7-9, 2022.
- Mission Trip: Three students and two adults are registered for the Sheboygan mission trip scheduled for June 26 to July 2, 2022. More attendees are welcome.

Worship Report: Luanne Schwarze

Worship attendance levels: Sunday services attendance was reviewed.

Based on helpful feedback from members, there were various worship-related adjustments made. This included Bibles in every row in the sanctuary as well as hymnals available for those who like to refer to the musical scores. The Bible content of the readings will be displayed on the screen and offering baskets will be passed. Additionally, there will be iWorship music for gathering and communion time.

Buildings and Grounds Report: Travis Hardrath

Furnace repairs: All but one of the furnaces is repaired. Parts are on order for the remaining repair.

Thermostats: Travis is checking frequently to verify appropriate levels.

Food, Fellowship, and Fun Report: Heather Vogel

No updates.

Congregational Care Report: Teri Schorer

No updates.

Beyond Our Doors Report: Director position is vacant for 2021.

Scip donated \$200 to 4 local families this month.

Giving tree: This wrapped up on December 13th with many generous contributions and appreciated gifts. This was coordinated by Lori Cook.

Vice Chair Report: Position is vacant for last quarter of 2021.

No updates.

Chairperson Report: Pam Hardrath

Updates are included throughout meeting topics.

Business meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM. Council gathering time closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Nadine Willett, Council Secretary