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THRU THE WINDOWS

St. John's Lutheran Church
Bennington, Nebraska

May 2008



Pentecost
May 11

LECTORS/CANTORS

May 4

8:30am Lector/ Cantor: Fred Barnhard
11:00am Lector: Kaitlin Carl

May 11

8:30am Lector: Mark Sukraw
11:00am Lector: Heather Goertz

May 18

8:30am Lector: David Mills
Cantor: Kerry Frey
11:00am Lector: Heather Goertz

May 25

8:30am Lector: Jane Frost
10:00am Heather Goertz

Ushers

May 4

8:30am Jim Bonge, Dennis Schroeder
11:00am TBD

May 11

8:30am Jim Bonge, Dennis Schroeder
11:00am TBD

May 18

8:30am Jim, Kelly, Megan, Ryan Witt
11:00am TBD

May 25

8:30am Al Weberg, Bill Dunn
10:00am TBD

GREETERS

May 4

8:30am Ted & Suzanne Kirby
Leola Bonge
11:00am Grace Baty

May 11

8:30am Ted & Suzanne Kirby
Leola Bonge
11:00am Grace Baty

May 18

8:30am Dee Micheel
11:00am Grace Baty

May 25

8:30am Ginger Sass
10:00am Grace Baty

Counters

Grace Baty
John McClelland
Mark Misfeldt

Greetings Members and Friends of St. John's,

On Sunday, April 13, it was announced to the congregation that our Youth and Family Director, Jeremy Hansen had accepted the Youth/Outreach/Missions Director position offered to him from First Lutheran Church in Fremont, NE. As you can imagine, we were all saddened by his announcement, yet at the same time happy for him and this new opportunity for him to grow as a Youth Director.

On Sunday April 27th we celebrated his ministry with us over the past 2 ½ year with a Potluck and Program to thank him, his wife Jenny, and their son, Dathan for their time with us here at St. John's. Jeremy begins his new position at First Lutheran on May 1, so please keep him and his family in your prayers.

I am now in the process of forming a team to begin the search process for a new Youth Director. If you would like to be on that team, please give me a call.

Looking ahead we have lots going on this month here at St. John's.

Saturday, May 10, has been set aside as "Gretchen Mangold Day." On that day we will celebrate Gretchen's 100 Birthday which is on May 12. Look for more details in this issue of "Through the Windows," and please come and let Gretchen know how much she is appreciated.

Sunday, May 11, is Pentecost Sunday and Mother's Day. Pentecost is the day the Christian church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit. Red is the color of the day, so please wear something red to worship if you can.

Sunday, May 18, is Graduation Day for Bennington High School. We are inviting graduates to come to the 8:30am Sunday Morning Worship Service to be recognized by the congregation and after the service we will have refreshments in the Fellowship Hall to honor the graduates and their families.

Sunday, May 25, is the Sunday we will begin our summer worship schedule that will run through August 31st. Our Summer Schedule will be as follows:

8:30a.m. – Traditional Worship
(No Sunday School over the summer)
9:30am Coffee Fellowship
10:00a.m. – Contemporary Worship.

See you in Church!

Pastor Jim Price

DID YOU KNOW...

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 9-13.

Our theme is Power Lab discovering Jesus' miraculous power! Welcome to Power Lab where kids experience Bible events in powerful, life-changing ways while discovering Jesus' miraculous power! You'll participate in sizzling craft experiments, enjoy super snacks, and play hyper-speed games plus more. So grab your friends and plug into the power! Register today!

Forms are available in the narthex or on-line at www.stjohnsbennington.org



Kingdom Quest is celebrating the end of the school year with Family Fun Day on **Sunday, May 4, 9:30-10:45. Everyone is invited.**

Operation Gretchen continues:

We are still coordinating volunteers to visit Gretchen sometime between 10AM and 4 PM every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. If you would like to participate in this opportunity to show your Christian love, let me know. Thanks in advance. Julie @ 238-2659

News from Kid's Kingdom Preschool

May is the last month of school. This has been a great year and I have enjoyed all the children very much. This is a busy month for us. The children are taking a class picture on May 7, conferences are May 9, the Bennington Fire Truck & State Patrol cars (along with firefighters & officers) will be coming May 16, and May 21 will be the "End of Year" presentations. We still have a few openings in the classes. If you are interested, please call me at 290-5014. Thanks for the continued support, Diane Frizzell

Thank you to everyone who donated blood on April 14th; 26 units of blood were collected for the American Red Cross. We would like to give a special "thank you" to Suzanne Kirby and Mary Bequette for volunteering that day.

2008 Join Hands Day. Be part of a national volunteer day! **FREE**
Everyone is Invited!



Carnival and Games, Pony Rides, Free Food,
"Souled Out" Concert,
Concordia Jr./Sr. High School (156th Fort Street)
Saturday, May 10, 2008 11:30am to 3:30pm
Sponsored by Thrivent Financial for
Lutheran NW Douglas Sarpy Chapter

LIBRARY CELEBRATES 60 YEARS OF SERVICE

In 1948, a group of young women in the Bennington Junior Woman's Club decided that Bennington should have a library. They solicited books by going door to door, received a \$50.00 contribution from the senior Bennington Woman's Club, and established the Bennington Public Library. The Library doors opened on May 14, 1948.

Located in the small upstairs room in the Modern Woodmen of America Hall (now the American Legion Hall), those volunteers braved stifling heat in the summers and freezing temperatures in the winters. From those humble beginnings, to the small frame building west of the Sportsman's Bar, to the current location next to the Fire Station, the library has become a hub of activity. Those ladies who volunteered two afternoons a week in the upstairs room would envy the air-conditioned, heated, and computerized modern day library we enjoy today.

Please join us as we celebrate 60 years of service to the community on Monday, May 12, 2008, at the Library's community room from 4:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Enjoy some refreshments, browse through some scrapbooks, see some old friends, and meet some new volunteers.

GFWC Bennington Woman's Club
Leola Bonge, President



Our summer worship hours will begin on Sunday, May 25.

8:30am Traditional
9:30am Coffee Fellowship
10:00am Contemporary

Therefore...walk as Jesus did

1 John 2:6

is the theme for the Summer 2008 Carol Joy Holling Camp.

Registration books are located in the narthex. The camp is located in Ashland, NE. Are your kids looking for fun and adventure this summer?

Check out the camp options for kids in 1-8 grades. St. John's will pay 50% of church members fees. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 238-2483 or Carol Joy Holling at 1-888-656-6254.

Leaving A Legacy

The Leaving A Legacy class will start on **Friday, May 9th at 7pm** at St. John's Church. We will meet each Friday to continue to write down our memories and preserve them for our families to enjoy. There is no cost for this class. If you have any questions, please call Carol Iltzsch at 330-1353 (home) or 672-4718 (cell).



The family and friends of Gretchen Mangold cordially invite everyone to participate in her 100th birthday celebration Saturday, May 10 from 2-4PM in the St John's Fellowship Hall. At approximately **9:30pm**, there will be birthday fireworks at the lake (Newport Landing). The display will be on the dike (east side of the lake) Gretchen requests no gifts and suggests that donations could be made to the Friends of the Bennington Library in her honor.

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Gretchen Mangold was born on May 12, 1908, and

WHEREAS, the arc of her life spans 100 years and a big part of her life was experienced in Bennington where she boldly led women on journeys that they had never before experienced, and

WHEREAS, she worked tirelessly with the Bennington Junior Women's Club to found the Bennington Public Library; and

WHEREAS, she and her husband Leonard served the community as they managed the grocery store and as postal employees, delivering messages and staples, when the price of stamps was less than 3 cents; and

WHEREAS, she served on the Visiting Nurse's Association for many years providing aid and comfort to the sick, helping new mothers and inspiring persons confined to their homes; and

WHEREAS, she was an awesome teacher for 17 years, inspiring her students to see the practical and usable information in their lessons, continuing to teach every day with her quick wit, knowledge, quiet demeanor, and championship of change with a capital "C"; and

WHEREAS, she has graciously entertained many visitors to her home, including Bennington Book Club members, political dignitaries, friends, family and hobos from the railroad; and

WHEREAS, she raised her family instilling upon them the values of hard work and education; and

WHEREAS, Gretchen remains an active 60+ year member of St John's Lutheran Church, Bennington Book Club, Friends of the Library, "Keenagers", Bennington Over 60's, Retired Teachers, an Admiral in the Nebraska Navy, a recipient of the President's National Lifetime Volunteer Award; and

WHEREAS, Gretchen Mangold will celebrate her one-hundredth birthday on May 12, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Gretchen is worthy of having a day named in her honor as a small token of appreciation for her contributions to this community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chris C. (Skip) Wolff III, Mayor of the city of Bennington do hereby proclaim **May 12, 2008 GRETCHEN MANGOLD DAY**

In the city of Bennington and call upon my fellow citizens to pay tribute to this individual who has dedicated her life to the betterment of this community.

Signed this 14 day of April 2008 Skip Wolff, Mayor

May is dedicated to our health month

Arthritis Month, National, & Annual Arthritis Walk
Asthma & Allergy Awareness Month
Better Hearing & Speech Month
Better Sleep Month
Bike Month, National
Clean Air Month
Healthy Vision Month
Hepatitis Awareness Month
High Blood Pressure Month, National
Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection & Prevention Month
Mental Health Month, National
Older Americans Month
Osteoporosis Awareness & Prevention Month, National
Physical Fitness & Sports Medicine Month, National
Skin Cancer Awareness Month
Stroke Awareness Month, National
Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month, National
Trauma Awareness Month, National

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE DEBT FREE?

St John's Wellness Committee is offering an opportunity for family units to take a 13 week work shop at a very reduced price. Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University has enabled hundreds of thousands of families to become debt free. Are you interested in getting your bills under control and saving for your future? Would you like to have cash in your pocket at the end of the month? Email juliedunn5@cox.net or call 203-2659

The BYG's

Help with Bennington Youth Group

BYG's, Bennington Youth Group is for all youth in 9th-12th grade. We meet every Wednesday Night, 7:30-9:00pm at the St. John's Youth Center. We need you to help with this wonderful ministry. First, we are looking for sponsors for the Wednesday nights. Sponsors help with kitchen and hang out with the youth. We also are in need of soda and snacks for these Wednesday nights. If you could donate 12 to 24 packs of soda, this would be a huge help. Also, any kind of snacks are needed; candy bars, chips, beef jerky. Please help to keep this ministry striving.

Confirmation News

The 6th grade will continue to meet this month as they finish up the last part of Divine Drama. The 7&8th graders have completed the course work for this year and need to finish up any memory work that has not been completed. Be sure to keep up the good work.

I would like to thank all of the Confirmation Small Group Guides for their time and love that they have given to the small groups this year. Thanks to you, our confirmation is a much stronger ministry. Also, much thanks to Eileen Baker and the big role that she took on as our Confirmation manager. She handled the memory work and other requirements for the students. Thanks to the parents that taught and encouraged their sons and daughters as they attended this year.

All 7&8th graders needing to complete memory work will need to do so this month. Eileen Baker has graciously committed to coming on each Wednesday night through the month of May. This gives you four weeks to complete your memory work. Eileen will be present in the Fellowship Hall from 6:00-7:00pm. Make sure you take advantage of this opportunity. If another time is needed, like Sunday morning, you will need to email or call Eileen at, bakerboyz@cox.net, or 238-2373. Again, keep up the good work.

YOUTH NOTES

Grace and Peace to you, my brothers and sisters in Christ. I want to start by saying thank you. Thank you for the time that we have been able to share in ministry together. Thank you for open hearts and minds as we worked on projects and programs. Thank you for making Jenny, Dathan, and me part of the family here. The memories that we have are awesome. Each one of you has a special place in our hearts.

These past two months have been hard, as I and my family discerned where God is calling us in our lives. After a long discernment, God has lead me to First Lutheran in Fremont. I will serve as Youth/Outreach/Missions Director. A new opportunity to minister in new ways. This was tough, as I feel we have made some leaps and bounds in our youth ministry, but I know that the ministry is bigger than me and you. You see with God at work, we can accomplish all things. So my prayers are with you and your families as you continue to minister here and share God's love.

Rock On!
Jeremy

St. John's Women in Action



*News and Information for all Women of St. John's
May, 2008*

Coming Events

Fair Trade Sales

May 11th

in Narthex between services
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, Hot Chocolate, nuts
and Chocolate Bars

2008 Saved to Serve Events

Create Banners and a Bible Garden at the Welcome Center

Wayne Campus Ministries, Wayne, NE
June 13-15, 2008

Mother's Day – May 11
Memorial Day Observed – May 26

Join us in Bible Study All Women are welcome!

Faith Circle Bible Study – May 13,
at 1:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Lesson Leader – Dorothy Bauermeister

Refreshments – Doris Hoier

Rejoice Bible Study – May 20, at 7:00 p.m.

Conference Room

Lesson/Refreshments – Cathy Price

Ex. Board Meeting
May 6, at 6:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall Kitchen

If you bring food to the fellowship hall for a reception, dinner, family gathering, etc., please remember to remove any leftover food items from the refrigerator and take them home with you. Food left in the refrigerator gets moldy and nasty after a few days. If you must leave food for any reason, please label it so that we know who is to use it. Thank you!



*Don't forget to **support the Western Douglas County Pantry** with food items. You can place them in the shopping carts located in the entry to the lower level and to the fellowship hall. Also, **Campbell's Soup labels** may be left in the box below the mailboxes.*

St John's Women of the ELCA
Mission Action Project for 2008

**100 School Kits for
Lutheran World Relief.**

A school kit may provide the only supplies for children returning to school after the disruption of war.
We need your help!

The kits contain nine special items. There will be an emphasis each month asking for one of these special items. Please donate new items without any religious or patriotic symbols on them. If you are not able to go out and purchase the item you can make a cash donation to the Women of St John's and we will go out and buy the items for you.

Thank you for your support!

This month's item: rulers

See the box in the narthex for more info.

QUILTERS IN ACTION

The Master Pattern: And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19

Success lies not in what we start but in what we finish.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we shall reap a harvest, if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9

On April 7 and 8, the following 10 ladies met: Betty Deardoff, Addie Backhuus, Gloria Jacobsen, Delores Thorell, Suzanne Kirby, Doris Gottsch, Emily Laaker, Norma Collins, Doris Ostronic, and Doris Hoier. We were able to tie and complete 3 baby quilts and 4 full size quilts. We also worked on our "yo-yo" quilt top. The decision was made to continue to work on the top and take our time and get it ready for the 2009 quilt auction. There is considerable work to do on it yet.

Whether our concern is relief from poverty, comfort in times of grief, or aid in illness, God's resources are available to meet our needs. When we take our serious or small problems to God, his supply is unlimited. What's more, he finds delight in taking care of us. And he often gives us the privilege of working for, or in some way contributing to, our provision.

Lord, I bring my needs to you, trusting in your riches for what I lack.

Mosaic in Omaha

Mosaic currently serves more than 240 people and employs almost 900, making it one of the largest providers in the Omaha metropolitan area and one of the largest Mosaic programs in the country.

Mosaic offers a wide array of services and prides itself on its commitment to vocational growth and independence for people with disabilities. Our goal is to provide quality services in order to reach the dreams, satisfy the interests, and meet the needs of the people we serve.

Volunteers are Valuable to Mosaic
There are many volunteer opportunities for individuals and groups on a one-time or on-going basis.

■ Volunteers at Special Events

- Serve on the day at a special event, such as the Heartland Hoedown, Sat., May 3.
- Serve on a committee to plan and facilitate fund-raising events such as the annual Golf Tournament, the annual Heartland Hoedown, or special events for individuals we serve and their families.

■ Administrative/Clerical Volunteers

- Assist with office related duties at the agency office

■ Maintenance Projects

- Spring/Annual Yard Cleanup
- Landscape Maintenance
- Interior Painting
- Odd Jobs/Repairs
- Spring/Fall Deep-Cleaning



Heartland Hoedown...

A fundraiser for **MOSAIC**

Saturday, May 3, 2008

The Town Hall at Carol Joy Holling Center
Ashland, Neb.

Tickets are \$75 per person

Silent and Live Auctions, Dining, Dancing, and more

The Best Barn Dance You'll Ever Go To!

Omaha Program Wish List

- Vacuum cleaners
- Elastic waist pants/sweat pants (S, M, L, XL, and 2X)
- Crumb Catchers (scarf or apron; <http://crumbcatcher.tripod.com/>)
- Cotton bath towels (30" x 54") any color)
- Cotton washcloths (13" x 13") any color)
- Terry cloth kitchen towels (any color)
- Cotton dish cloths (any color)
- Silverware (full set; spoons and forks)
- Non-stick pots and pans (full sets; large skillets; large pots)
- Non-breakable dinnerware (full sets; dinner plates; soup/cereal bowls; small plates)
- Gift cards (HwyVee; Baker's; Target; Wal-Mart; Scheel's; Cabel's; Footlocker; JC Penney; Sears; Carter's (women's clothing); Best Buy; Kohl's; any grocery store)

Mayor Skip Wolff III Proclaims April 27-May 3 Bennington Volunteer Week

Volunteers honored

Now more than ever, volunteers are renewing their commitment to helping others and making new connections that bring us closer together as families, as neighbors, as communities, and as a Nation. The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation created the President's Volunteer Service Award program as a way to thank and honor Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service. Recognizing volunteers encourages a sustained commitment to civic participation and inspires others to make volunteering a central part of their lives. The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes individuals, families, and groups that have achieved a certain standard – measured by the number of hours served over a 12-month period or cumulative hours earned over the course of a lifetime. St John's Wellness Committee recognized the following dessert reception on **April 30**, with an official President's Volunteer Service Award pin. A personalized certificate of achievement, a note of congratulations from the President of the United States, a letter from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, And our heartfelt thanks.

The Jerry Baker family, Wheels 4 Christ, St John's Quilters, Andy Frahm, Robert Frahm, Carol Iltzsch, Dori Settles, Doris Ostronic, Emily Laaker, Jean Harding, Jodi Pooley, Bill Dunn, and Julie Dunn all received yearly awards. Lifetime awards were presented to Betty Deardoff, Carolyn Rawlings, Doris Hoier, Dorothy Reimers, Erma Trisler, Gloria Jacobsen, Janiece Coe, and Lois Petersen.

The surprise lifetime awards went to **Deb & Mick Fuchser for their volunteer work in the community, at work and for their church.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL VOLUNTEERS!!!!!!!

A Volunteer's Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord as a volunteer
For the chance to serve another year.
And to give of myself in some small way,
To those not blessed as I each day.
My thanks for health and mind and soul,
To aid me ever toward my goal.
For eyes to see the good in all,
A hand to extend before a fall.
For legs to go where the need is great,

Learning to love—forgetting to hate.
For ears to hear and heart to care,
When someone's cross is hard to bear.
A smile to show my affection true,
With energy aplenty—the task to do.
And all I ask, dear Lord, if I may,
Is to serve you better day by day."

Flowers/Bulletins

April 13

Altar flowers were given by Pastor Jim and Cathy Price in celebration of their 28th wedding anniversary on April 11.

The rose on the altar was in celebration of the April 10 birth of Madyson Taylor Alexis Mildward, weighing 7lbs 6oz and 20 ½ inches long. She recently joined our family. Her parents are Kip and Amy Frahm-Mildward. Proud grandparents are Jeanne Mildward, Bob & Janie Frahm and proud uncle, Andrew Frahm.

April 20

Altar flowers were given by Dave & Dee Clark in celebration of their 35th wedding anniversary on April 21.

Flowers near the pulpit were given in loving memory of Evangeline Meyer by her daughter, Mary Meyer; son and daughter-in-law, Frederick and Dana Meyer and families.

The Lord called Evangeline home on April 14. Funeral services were held at St. John's on Friday, April 18 with interment at Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorials can be given to Lutheran World Relief or to the Evangeline Meyer Music in Mission Scholarship Fund administered by St. John's Lutheran Church. Memorials, as well as offerings from the Spring Music in Mission concert, will be applied to this fund, and a scholarship will be awarded each year, alternating between a Seminarian and a Church Music Student.

April 27

Altar flowers were given in honor of the baptism of Meg Riley Sass by her Grandmother, Ginger Sass.

Flowers near the pulpit were given by the family of Jerry & Doris Gottsch in honor of their 51st wedding anniversary.

Rosebuds on the altar were given by Grandma, Connie Smith and Uncle, Jacob in celebration of the birth of Izabella Fay and Ciara Lynn on Monday, April 21. The girls are the twin daughters of Jarod and Farrah (Bartels) Buckley of Arlington, NE. They are welcomed home by brothers Cole, age 13; Ty, age 6 and Ian, age 4.

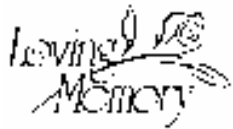
A memorial has been given by Lois Peterson in loving memory of Orville Peterson and Larry Mills and on their May birthdays.



Emma Christine Lage was received into God's Holy Kingdom through the washing of Holy Baptism on April 13. Emma was born on November 20, 2007 and is the daughter of Jacob and Tracy Lage. Her sponsors are Carrie Deason and Joshua & Jennifer Egglee.

Benjamin Norman Flesner, Jacob Edward Flesner and Wyatt James Flesner was received into God's Holy Kingdom through the washing of Holy Baptism on April 13. They were born on August 16, 2007. Benjamin, Jacob and Wyatt are the sons of Kevin & Lisa Flesner and brothers to Connor, age 2.

Meg Riley Sass was received into God's Holy Kingdom through the washing of Holy Baptism on April 27. Meg was born on June 27, 2007 and is the daughter of Brock & Vicki Sass. Her sponsors are Brent and Kristin Sass.



Our sympathy to the family of Helen Mohr, Brother and Sister-in-law William and Dorothy Mohr, Sister-in-law, Gladys Mohr, and many nieces, nephews, and many relatives and friends. Helen passed away

on February 11, 2008 at the age of 91. The Funeral Service was held at Kremer Funeral Home on February 25. Interment, at the Mt. Hope Cemetery. Please keep the family in your prayers

Our sympathy to the family of Margaret Suverkrubbe Wrich. Margaret passed away on March 19, 2008 in Jacksonville, FL. She had her 85th birthday, March 1. For her last 23 years, Margaret was a parish Assistant at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Palos Verdes, CA. She retired in January, 2007, left California and went to live with her son, Jon Wrich in Florida. In August 2007, she suffered a massive stroke, which left her debilitated. Surviving kin are: son Jon and Emily Wrich, grandson, Myles of Jacksonville, FL, grandson, James Wrich and Jenifer Wrich, Oregon, daughter Susan and Douglas Hughes of Hawthorne, CA and sister Myrt and Cliff Jacobs of Goodyear, AZ.

Excerpt from a letter from Margaret's sister, Myrtle Jacobs.

My mother, Emma, Margaret, and I, Myrtle, (Myrt) were members of St. John's for many years. Both Margaret and I were born in Bennington, baptized, and confirmed in St. John's. Margaret was organist for the German service each Sunday morning, accompanied the Senior and Junior choirs, etc. She was quite fluent in German and was an asset to the presiding pastor with his German spoken service.

I, Myrtle, left Bennington in 1952 teaching high school in Nebraska, and other states. Margaret, father, and mother moved to California prior to 1957.

APRIL CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES HIGHLIGHTS

The Church Council met on April 8.

Present: Bill Dunn, Mark Backhuus, Jim Pinegar, Grace Baty, Scott Pierson, Jim Peterson, Wayne Andersen, Jeremy Hansen, John McClelland, Jenny Hansen, Mert Opfer, Dana Tomkins

Absent: Mark Misfeldt **Devotions:** Given by Jenny Hansen
Devotions for next month: Jim Peterson

Guest: Wade Junker, with Youth and Family Ministry Report.

Correspondence: Jeremy Hansen presented resignation. He is going to be the Youth/Outreach/Missions Director at First Lutheran. Along with Jeremy, Jenny Hansen presented her resignation. Hunter safety class sent note of thanks for use of facility, Nebraska Synod sent notice of leadership gathering for Pastor and 2 church leaders.

Unfinished Business: Bookkeeper position will be advertised in the 4/1 & 4/8 Gazette. St. John's will be a voting site on May 13. Video system is on order and should be completed by mid May.

New Business: Bookkeeper position has 5 candidates which will be interviewed by Pastor Price, Mert Opfer, and Wayne Andersen. The Council Retreat has been cancelled, Coverage is needed for counting in Jenny Hansen's absence. We discussed the Bennington Artistic Rail Project, Operation Ukraine, Constitution and by-laws, and Simply Giving.

Youth Ministry: Posted on bulletin board located in the office hallway

Pastor's report: Posted on bulletin board in the office hallway.

Complete Church Council Meeting Minutes are posted on the bulletin board in the office hallway.

The next church council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 13.

APRIL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>11:00am</u>
Apr 6	107	71
Apr 13	81	109
Apr 20	125	83
Apr 27	107	114



Harry Junker
 Jake Tumbleson
 2 Steve Hemmer
 Debbie Misfeldt
 Todd Omer
 Lindsay Schellhardt
 3 Matthew Braden
 Eleanor Gorgen
 John McClelland
 4 Janet Kuhl
 5 Mary Poulsen
 Lori Beach
 Colton Bourg
 Wyatt Cox
 Abigal Gochenour
 6 Lance Arp
 Nicole Flynn
 Doris Gottsch
 Dorothy Logemann
 7 Jeff Coe
 Norma Collins
 Julie Hayden
 Michelle Jensen
 Debra Sass
 Gary Schmidt
 8 Dan Braesch
 Jessica Simmons
 Kelly Sandstedt
 9 David Mills
 10 Jacob Claeys
 Grant Carl
 11 Kaylee Bourg
 Ed Menard
 12 Vicki Japp
 Gretchen Mangold
 Earl Timm
 13 Richard Anderson
 Daniel Christianson
 Jeff Hemmer
 Jeff Staats
 15 Sheri Kinser
 Chris Flesner
 16 Roland Sass
 Kenneth Sukraw



**MAY
 BIRTHDAYS**

18 Terry Hickman
 Adam Lenhart
 Julie Rothermund
 Lizzie Noble
 19 Brandon Book
 Linda Holtapp
 Paula Mills
 Vernon Reed
 Jeannette Schneider
 Dillon Steffes
 Kevin Flesner
 Al Logeman
 20 Curt Frost
 21 Kevin Braden
 David Larsen
 Angie Menard
 Gene Bunz
 Amy York
 Elizabeth Benson
 22 Paula Bonney
 Michaela Braesch
 Kristen Smith
 24 Don Peetz
 Randy Schneider
 Bryce Scott
 25 Sarah Johnson
 Mallory Mohr
 Lori Eggink
 Ronee Christensen
 26 Tracey Dreessen
 Zachary Melvin
 Caleb Coe
 27 Larry Arp
 David Bressman
 28 Bryan Dunn
 Matt Hinton
 29 Audra Meador
 Ashley Mohr
 Mick Nelson
 30 Kevin Andersen
 Dennis Schroeder
 31 Monte Nelson
 Winifred Phillips
 Bill Weidner
 Jeffrey Schneider

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

- ❖ Norma Collins, 81
- ❖ Don Peetz, 83
- ❖ Jeannette Schneider, 84
- ❖ Mary Poulsen, 85
- ❖ Winifred Phillips, 86
- ❖ Eleanor Gorgen, 88
- ❖ Dorothy Logemann, 91
- ❖ Gretchen Mangold, 100

**CELEBRATING
 THEIR
 ANNIVERSARY**

- 8 Scott & Kara Sorenson
- 10 Jeff & Julie Hayden
- 11 Joshua & Ronee Christensen
 Jay & Mary Johanek
- 13 Tim & Tracey Dreessen
 Daniel and Diane Ryan
 Brian & Brenda Teller
- 16 Lance & Lisa Arp
 Randy & Becky Jensen
- 18 Dave & Jennifer Bressman
- 20 Marc & Annette Madison
 Jeffrey & Debra Schneider
- 21 Les & Janiece Coe
 Mike & Carole Backhuus
- 22 Bill & Sheri Kinser
 Steve & Kelly Baehr
- 23 Daryl & Carole Cox
- 25 Rob & Di Loptin
- 26 Merlin & Annette Kay
- 27 Wayne & Wendy Andersen
- 28 Ed & Angie Menard
 Mike & Kris Melvin
- 29 David & Paula Mills
 Dana & Sonya Tompkins
- 30 Scott & Sara Lund

CELEBRATING SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES:

- ❖ Lance & Lisa Arp, 10
- ❖ Scott & Sara Lund, 10
- ❖ Bill & Sheri Kinser, 15
- ❖ Dana & Sonya Tompkins, 15
- ❖ Mike & Kris Melvin, 20
- ❖ Mike & Carole Backhuus, 25
- ❖ Ed & Angie Menard, 25
- ❖ Merlin & Annette Kay, 35
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Church Office Hours, Deadlines & Other Important Information

Please help our church office to be as efficient and helpful as possible by keeping the following in mind:

Monthly Publication

The deadline for information for the monthly newsletter, "Thru the Windows," is the 15th of each month. Any articles or information after that date will go into the next month's newsletter.

Office Hours

Keep in mind the posted hours of the church office: Monday through Friday are from 8:00am-4:00pm. The church staff meets at 9:00am on Tuesdays. Usually there are volunteers that will answer the phones during that time. If not, the phone will go to voicemail. Occasionally, the staff will have lunch offsite on Tuesdays so please call before coming to make sure we are here. If you need access to the church at other times, please call and we will work with you to make other arrangements.

Voice Mail & E-mail

All voicemail & email messages will be answered as soon as possible. Messages left after 4:00pm on Friday will be returned on the next business day.

MARCH WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>11:00am</u>
Apr 6	107	71
Apr 13	81	109
Apr 20	125	83
Apr 27	107	114

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We offer an age appropriate Christian program for 3, 4, and 5 year olds. Each child is recognized as an individual. Social and cognitive skills are taught by experienced professional teachers

Classes offered

Children turning 3 by October 1
 T.Th. - 8:30-11:00 - \$80.00 per month

Children turning 4 by October 1
 M.W.F. - 8:30-11:00 - \$100.00 per month
 M.W.F. - 12:30-3:00 - \$100.00 per month

Children turning 5 by November 1
 M.T.W.T.F. - 12:30-3:00 - \$165.00 per month

Fill out the information below and return asap

A \$30.00 registration fee guarantees your space
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Parent's name _____ Date _____
 Child's name _____ BD _____ M/F _____
 Phone # _____ Cell _____
 Address _____ Zip _____
 Class choice _____ 2nd choice _____
 Date registration paid _____ Ck# _____
 Received by _____

