

Our Hope Lutheran Church & School

The Anchor



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Thoughts from Pastor

Let's Burn It!

Psalm 95

- 1 Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
- 3 For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.
- 6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
- 7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

There is an order of service known as Matins that sets to music Psalm 95:1-7.

<https://lcms.app.box.com/v/LSB-Matins-audio/file/630010267> You can hear that with the link above. It's a song of praise that assures people that God is King over all even when defeat seems at hand.

I am told that in days of old, in bold faith we launched a school, but that a partnership with LCEF - Lutheran Church Extension Fund was needed to help secure the \$600,000 financing of the school in 2002. A 30-year loan was acquired, and we steadily made payments toward the balance. There were plentiful years and tough years. There were times when we refinanced and other periods when we had trouble making payments. Most importantly, God's work and will was done. The people of Our Hope Lutheran Church and School ALWAYS stepped up. Some made direct mortgage payments from personal accounts, others took bills off the bulletin board, most importantly the people of Our Hope worked in unity and love toward the mission of spreading the Gospel to the community of Huntertown. By the grace of God, the mortgage had been fully paid as of June 30th. This is a time to celebrate, a time to make a joyful noise, a time to burn the mortgage.



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By the grace of God we are the Hope of Huntertown...One family at a time.

Well done good and faithful servants.
Pastor Terkula

Jesus Christ is the Anchor of Our Hope!

Welcome Vicar Peters

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Our Hope Lutheran Church and School,

Greetings in Christ!

Hello! My name is Mark Peters. My wife, Martha and I are blessed with four young (but always growing) boys: Paul, Frederick, Russell, and Benjamin.



Before coming to the Seminary in Fort Wayne, my family and I called Racine, WI home. I was an electrician for 20 years. Some of my hobbies included helping out at church. I enjoy reading, mostly non-fiction. I am a big sports fan. As a "proper cheese-head" I follow the Packers, Brewers, Badgers, and Bucks most closely. I also look for opportunities to spend time with my family.

Martha and I met at our home church, Grace Lutheran - Racine, where she was a teacher at the congregation's day school. Martha graduated from Concordia Wisconsin with a degree in elementary and middle school education. Our first year in Fort Wayne, she was able to substitute teach at a variety of the area's Lutheran schools, but these last two years she has been blessed to teach second grade at Ascension Lutheran School.

Paul, our oldest son, is excited to start his high school education next year at Concordia, where he is looking forward to playing his trumpet in the Marching Band. Frederick (7th grade) plays saxophone and enjoys playing soccer and basketball. Russell (6th grade) plays trombone and almost never puts down a book. If he does, it's only to pick up Legos. Benjamin (2nd grade) is excited to start piano lessons and be in Mommy's class next year!

I am looking forward to the opportunities of service that await me this year as I continue to pursue serving God's people through His Word and Sacraments in His church!

Blessings,
Vicar Mark Peters

Elder's Report

Grace, Mercy and Peace be to all, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

On the 20th of June we celebrated Father's Day and I was reminded of my Dad and the many wonderful conversations and visits that we shared together. I saved the Father's Day Portals of Prayer devotion from a Father's Day many years ago. This message Dad shared with us and I would love sharing it with you because it was, and still is, very special to me. I pray that "A Question About Fatherly Love" will perhaps bring back some fond memories for each of you. Fathers, Husbands, Mothers, Wives, Grandparents and Children know that our Heavenly Father is always with us and provides us with all that we need.

"What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent: or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?" Luke 11:11-12

"Would a father give his son a snake instead of the requested fish, a scorpion instead of the requested egg? Of course not! A real father wants only the best for his sons and daughters."

"On this Father's Day, how good it was to know that Jesus uses these questions to bring out the truth that God is our loving Father who wants only our spiritual good: for our Savior adds:" "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!" Luke: 11:13

"Fathers, are we asking our heavenly Father, for Jesus' sake, to strengthen us with the Holy Spirit so that we set a fine example and serve our Savior as the Christian head of the family? Children, are we asking God to make us strong to live in loving appreciation of our fathers as God's Gift to us? Wives and mothers, are we asking the Lord for power to live as God-pleasing helpmates with your husbands, together praising Him for your children?"

"God, we thank You that in Jesus You are our father. Thank You for the gift of fatherhood and for our earthly father. Amen."

Respectfully Submitted,
Jack Springer, The Board of Elders



Mortgage Burning Celebration Sunday, July 18, 2021 12:00 p.m.

You don't want to miss it! Join us for a Potluck meal at 12 noon on July 18th. Followed by the Mortgage burning. Bring a favorite dish to share and your own drink. You will also get a chance to meet our new Vicar, Mark Peters. The future looks bright for God's work among us.
Please RSVP on the sheet posted on the bulletin board.

Evangelism & Outreach

A Best-Seller for Your Summer Reading List"

June 18, 2021

2 Timothy 2:15 - "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the Word of truth."

A few years ago, three-dimensional puzzles flooded the marketplace. Intended for mechanically minded adults, the puzzles came with instructions that sometimes were as baffling as the puzzles themselves. The problem developed when customers were hard pressed to glean the instruction writer's exact meaning. The puzzles were made in the Far East, and the instructions were printed in technically flawless English. Nevertheless, the logic of these instructions revealed a definite cultural communication gap between the author in Tokyo and his reader in Peoria.

It seems the same sort of thing can happen when we read the Scriptures. Repeatedly, Christians are urged to read the Bible each day. God has made available to us so much power and beauty in His Word. Yet rarely do we hear anyone stop to give us clear, step-by-step directions on how to get the most out of personal Bible study.

Perhaps you already have found a good method. If not, I'd like to share a process that's been helpful to me. It's so exciting to hear Christ speak to my life from His Word. My prayer is that God's Holy Spirit will lead you also into a deeper fellowship with Him through that Word, and that by this you might know and love God the Father and Jesus Christ who He has sent (see John 17:3).

Step 1. In prayer, trust in Jesus' promise that the Holy Spirit "will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13b). Ask Him to settle your mind and prepare your heart as He shows you what He intends you to put to use in your life.

Step 2. Read through the Bible passages you are studying carefully. If you have any Bible study aids (lexicon, concordance, bi-lingual resources like a Hebrew-English or a Greek-English Bible), use them to intensify your study. Continue praying for God's guidance as you read.

Step 3. When God's Word shows you a promise or a word of encouragement or convinces you of something you need to address in your life—stop. Make a note of it in the margin and add this item to your prayer list.

Step 4. Pray about what you have read and thank the Lord Jesus. Ask for His help. Confess your sin. Receive His grace and forgiveness. Respond in whatever way that is called for by the text.

There is so much to be gained from diving into God's Word and swimming deeply in its refreshing waters. When I am consistent and do this regularly, I am always blessed—and often in wonderful and unexpected ways. I learn of a God who has created me, redeemed me through the blood of Jesus Christ, and who is calling me each day unto an eternity with Him.

In response to this blessing, I speak to God from my heart, and He speaks to me from His. He has given us all things, and He invites us to learn more about Him in His glorious Word.

THE PRAYER: Heavenly Father, teach us to be good students of Your Word. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

From *The Lutheran Layman*, November 1979 issue, "Made in Japan," by Jane Fryar

Christian Education



Immersing ourselves in the Word of the Lord, prepares us to go and make disciples of all the nations. Sharing our Faith with others blesses us and our nation. May you daily be a beacon and model to all who are searching and a blessing to all that you encounter in your days at work, online, school and with family. Happy Independence Day! You have been blessed with your freedoms and choices.

***Dr. Maier's class** meets every **Sunday morning at 10am** in the Fellowship Hall. Come and join him.

***On Wednesdays at 9:30 am, Pastor Terkula** leads an interactive study and discussion in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Terkula's class will be picking future topics.

***The Men's Bible breakfast** meets on the **1st and 3rd Tuesdays** at 6:30am.

***The SIP & SAVOR Ladies Bible study** is studying "Waiting: A Bible Study on Patience, Hope and Trust". They meet on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month. This month is July 6th and 20th.

***Confirmation Class for 6th-8th grade** will begin in August. If your child is in 6th to 8th grade please contact the church office to enroll your student for the new class.

***Seminarman Kevin McGladdery Sunday School Class** meets on Sundays at 9:45am. Childcare is provided. His subject matter varies each week dealing with Marriage & Family.

***Family Sunday School:** Will begin again in the Fall. A Survey Monkey was sent to all participants so decisions can be made for next year. Check your Spam box if you did not receive it. Your input is very important.

The middle and high school youth are looking for interested students who would like to meet for fellowship, fun and Bible study. Please let Pastor Terkula know if you are interested.

Gina Pippenger

Stewardship

"I can do everything through Christ who gives me strength." - Philippians 4:13

Dear Church Family,

I am here to tell you that VBS sure is different than when my grandma took me. The leaders gave us boxes of matches and let us light them until we had enough burnt ones to make a cross, we learned a Bible verse, drank Kool-Aid, and went home.

I had the pleasure of helping for just one day for Our Hope's VBS. My special little buddy was three year old Camden. He was able to tell me what all the animals on the Rocky Mountain Railway sounded like, write his name, and when Gina told the Bible story about how God made all the animals, Camden hollered, "and he made me."

I sure had a lot of fun working at a volunteer job. I have found that whenever I am apprehensive about volunteering, I meet the most charming and interesting people when I just go ahead and do it. You know it is the best way to get to know people. The Bible lesson for the day was that God has the muscle and will do the heavy lifting. Remember Christ gives you strength.

God's blessings to all!

Becky Clem

SAVE THE SIBERIAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY MISSION FESTIVAL

Please Join Ft Wayne Area LCMS Congregations

Sunday, July 11, 2021

The celebration includes:

First

A special presentation at Our Hope @ 9:45 a.m. by The Siberian Mission Society on the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church mission work in Russia and the role played by the Seminary in Novosibirsk, Siberia.

The presentation promises to be an engaging description of the rebuilding of the Lutheran Church in Russia following the destruction of the Church under the communists Soviet Union. It will highlight the establishment of a Russian Lutheran Seminary, the training of new pastors to replace those killed and exiled by the atheist Marxist government, and the robust evangelism and thorough catechetical work of the young Russian Lutherans in the post-Soviet era. The presentation will also describe the alarming parallels between how the communist revolution systematically destroyed the Russian political, social, economic, moral, and religious culture replacing it with the "messianic" soviet socialism and similar efforts to destroy American culture today.

Second

**The mission festival continues with a gathering, (5:00-8:00 PM)
at the Schuller Barn, 16520 Platter Road, New Haven.**

Come and enjoy an evening with friends and fellow Lutherans plus Bill Werling and the Breakaway Band, complimentary bratwurst, chips, beer, and wine.



"Many antique tractors will be on display."

The Steltsovs and their Three Children

Siberian Seminary President Dr. Alexey Streltsov will speak briefly about the mission of the Seminary. There will be ample to visit with him and wife Elena.

Mental Health Wellness

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1

Most of us are aware of the stigma associated with mental health. It is our goal to stir compassion, love and wellness for persons and families living with or caring for mental health disorders. By raising awareness, we as a congregation can build a loving supportive spiritual community for those who suffer in silence.

We are asking the congregation to complete an anonymous assessment provided by The Lutheran Foundation to address the mental health concerns and needs of our members. It is to be completed online by your computer or smartphone. It will take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete. If you need assistance with the assessment, there will be help available between services. Also, you may contact the church office, Pastor or Sandy Ruen if you need help or have questions. The results of the assessment through The Lutheran Foundation, will help us to better equip persons with resources suited to our specific congregation needs. The deadline for completing the assessment is July 21. The link for the assessment is as follows www.surveymonkey.com/r/TLFMHA

Respectfully:
Sandy Ruen

Sip & Savor Ladies Evening Bible Study

The Sip and Savor Women's Bible study group will meet in July on Tues., 7/6/21 and Tues. 7/20/21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please read the next session in "Bless These Lips" book.

Please contact Bible study leader Carole Terkula if you would like more information at 502-541-0534.



SEL Lunch at Joann's Family Restaurant, July 14, 2021, 11:30 AM, 10368 Leo Rd, Ft Wayne, IN

SEL traveling to Shipshewana on Aug 6, 2021, for lunch and Matinee at the Bluegate Theater. Sign up Sheet and info on the bulletin board in the church.



Our Hope Preschool News

*"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in truth."
3 John 4*

Summer is bustling by and far too soon our elementary friends will be starting school for the Fall. We've been having a grand time and the weather has been pretty great to spend time outside. Our theme for the summer is transportation and we are "Cruisin' into a fun Summer"! We have a large group of kids and have plenty of activities planned for them. We are looking forward to taking advantage of the new minibus and start going on some field trips. Thank you to Ryan Bell and John Harris for leading the search for the van. Thanks to Ryan and Jeff Alexander for picking the bus up in New York. We want to express our utmost appreciation to John for all the years he has spent making sure the vans were clean and running properly. You have been an amazing blessing! Thank you!

Our Rocky Railway VBS was a fun time. We had over 100 kids each day participating. We learned that Jesus' power helps us to be bold, have strength, and make friends. Each day the students heard the Bible story from Mary Rowell. Joe Schwartz and Caleb Pippenger led the games. Renee Engle and Vee Hilworth prepared our snacks. Kim Murphy and Sarah Bussen taught our kids the engaging songs. Ashley Armentrout and Anna McClurg manned our Imagination Station and built science gizmos with our friends. Thank you to Martha Schamehorn and Becky Clem for helping during the week. A big shout out to all our teaching team for keeping the week humming along efficiently. And a special thank you to Seminarian Kevin McGladdery for filling in for Pastor Terkula while he was on vacation. We had an amazing journey through the mountains with Jesus. THANK YOU to everyone who donated funds, food or supplies to VBS. Without your support the church would not be able to provide this experience for our community.

Our fall registration is solid and we do not have many spaces left for students. We will be using all 4 rooms in the FAC and have been working on getting the tables and chairs needed for the extra students. We are thankful for the Endowment Fund and Church for helping fund our growth! We are truly One Church, One School, One Mission.

Praying for a fun filled month of July and lots of glorious weather.
Wishing all of you a Happy Independence Day! (4th of July).

Gina Pippenger, Director



Prayer Connections +

We all know how important it is to pray for our family, friends, life situations etc. Please take a moment to say a prayer for those who are listed here:

- Gary Carpenter having health issues and undergoing tests.
- Marilyn Harmening having health issues.
- Betty Stucky & family at the death of her nephew Jeff.
- The family & friends of Erna Schwartz who went to her heavenly home on July 1st.
- John Satterthwaite awaiting a liver transplant.
- Nakita Campbell recuperating from injuries from an auto accident.
- Roselyn Schoditsch recovering from a broken arm.
- All our children that have wandered from the Lord.
- All caregivers who are taking care of those in need.
- Those grieving or struggling from loneliness, isolation or awaiting health procedures.
- David Krueger, Joe Roth, Dick Bultemeyer, Joan Hartwig, Patty Hartman, Rick Frick, Fred Toenges, Sharon Jennings, Madison Schoditsch, Drake Conrad, Tom Stucky, Sally Ide, Cindy Molargik, and all those dealing with health issues.
- Pete Glass, Julie Walker, Deanna Chambers, Joy Conrad's nephew Alan, Jerry Smith, Sue and all those dealing with cancer.

If you have a prayer request please send it to: ourhopeinfo@gmail.com or give the church office a call at 260-338-1121. You can also have it passed around the prayer chain by

Bits 'n Pieces

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES – All newsletter articles are due on the third Sunday of each month. You can fax them to: 637-4673 or email to: Ourhopeinfo@gmail.com or you can place them in the "South" mailbox.

MENS BIBLE BREAKFAST group meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 a.m. At The Sunrise Café. The leader is Pastor Terkula. All men are invited to join them.

WORSHIP ANEW an award winning television ministry program can be seen at the following times: Sundays at 7:00 a.m. on NBC-21.2, 8:00 a.m. on MyTV 21.3, 11:30 a.m. TCT 38; & at 4:00 p.m. on Access Ft. Wayne and on Mondays at 4 p.m. View anytime online at: worshipanew.org.

PRAYER NEEDED?? Call Janet Hamman at 443-6156 and we will pass it around our prayer chain. Prayer is very important and does make a difference as God does hear His children.

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/OURHOPELUTHERAN

"Like" us on Facebook and stay informed of current happenings from the church & school. You can also visit our website:

www.ourhopelutheran.com

FT. WAYNE LUTHERAN

NEWSPAPER is available monthly for you to pick up from the table in the lobby. It highlights events happening at churches in the area as well as at Our Hope. If you'd like to submit an article for the next paper, the deadline is the 7th of each month.

LAWN MOWERS NEEDED

— If you are able to help keep the church lawn mowed please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. See Jim Fortman for more information.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Interested in joining Our Hope's family? Would you like to learn more about the Lutheran faith? Join us on Saturday, July 24th from 9:30am-2pm for our new member class. Lunch will be provided.

Please RSVP to Pastor Terkula or call the church at 637-3625 so we know how many to expect.



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| 1 Ken Till | 19 Ken Baker |
| 5 Sarah Carpenter | 21 Renee Engle |
| 5 Cliff Glasper | 22 Drake Conrad |
| 7 Diane Bricker | 22 Kelli Damman |
| 8 Richard Bultemeyer | 24 Sharon Jennings |
| 11 Jarred Chappell | 24 Tyler Schoditsch |
| 11 Scott Conrad | 26 Jenny Bell |
| 11 Janet Hamman | 26 David Byerley |
| 12 Madelaine Adair | 26 Nicole Gehring |
| 12 Betty Stucky | 27 John Buuck |
| 13 Max Armentrout | 27 Jay Brown |
| 13 Gina Pippenger | 29 Dale Ehlerding |
| 13 John Thonert | 30 Bonnie Hilsmier |
| 15 Becky Clem | |
| 17 Dan Logan | |

7 Bill & Susan Demerly
11 Carl & Martha Moehle
17 Dan & Katie Ramsey
18 C.D. & Sharon Carnahan
23 Gary & Karen Houser
26 Jay & Amanda Brown



On Thursday, July 1,
2021 Erna Schwartz was
carried to her heavenly
home. Prayers for her
family & friends.

2021 LEADERSHIP

CHURCH COUNCIL

President — Richard Thonert
President-Elect— Dan Braun
Secretary—Cindy Fortman
Treasurer—Michelle Braun
Head Elder— Jack Springer & Dave Byerley
Financial Secretary—Bev Oehler
Evangelism/Outreach— Pastor Phil Schamehorn
Stewardship—Becky Clem
Christian Education—Gina Pippenger
School Board Chairman—Melissa Satterthwaite
Youth & Family—Ashley Armentrout
Property— Jim Fortman
Ex-Officio—Pastor Michael Terkula
Ex-Officio—Tammy Trauner

ELDERS - Rod Bourassa, David Byerley,
Chuck Damman, Dave Garrison, Jack Springer

SCHOOL BOARD—Melissa Satterthwaite,
Tammy Trauner, Dale Ehlerding, Martha
Moehle, Mindy Marchesano, Jeff Alexander

PROPERTY

Scott Link, Jim Fortman, Tim Hall

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Ashley Armentrout

OTHER POSITIONS

Pastor—Rev. Michael Terkula
Pastor Emeritus- Rev. Phil Schamehorn
Pastoral Assistants—Dr. Walter Maier III
Rev. Bob Smith
Vicar—Mark Peters
Business Manager — Tammy Trauner
Church & School Secretary—Lisa South
School Director—Gina Pippenger
Praise Team Leader—Joyce Ehlerding
Organist—Substitute Organists
Handbell Director—Cindy Fortman
Custodian—Matt Carpenter & Chad Pippenger
Thrivent for Lutherans—Martha Moehle
Seniors Enjoying Life— Karna Krull
Dartball—Jim Fortman
Ladies Guild—Arlene Georgi
Prayer Chain Leader—Janet Hamman
Altar Flower Chairperson—Becky Clem
Men's Club—Jim Fortman

Church Council Meeting—June 1, 2021

President Richard Thonert opened the meeting. 10 members, 5 guests, and Pastor in attendance. See attached sign-in sheet.

Pastor Terkula shared some scripture verses for encouragement and support inspired by The Lutheran Foundation. See attached.

Becky Clem made a motion to approve the minutes from the May meeting, Dan Braun seconded, motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Terkula suggests using the Mental Health Efforts survey attached to the scripture verses used for the devotion. See attached survey.

Elders Report: Jack Springer reported that the next Elders meeting is Saturday, June 5. The Elders have decided that the mask mandate is now optional.

Christian Outreach: Chairman, Dr. Schamehorn not present, no report.

Stewardship: Chairman Becky Clem had nothing to report.

Christian Education: Chairman, Gina Pippenger had nothing to report.

Youth & Family: Chairman, Ashley Armentrout, not present, no report.

School Board: Chairman Melissa Satterthwaite is temporarily not able to fulfill her duties as school board chairman. The school board met and voted to have Tammy Trauner take over as acting president, until Melissa is able to resume her duties.

Property: Chairman Jim Fortman reported that there is a drain problem in the church kitchen.

Financial Secretary: Chairman Bev Oehler had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Michelle Braun reported: The fencing around the playground is done, cost was \$5,450.00 which the school raised; the bus cost was \$27,575.00, using \$15,000.00 from savings until the money from the Inherited IRA can be transferred to Our Hope PNC account; David Wendt payments to seminary have been sent; Congregation's Vicar account is \$600.00 short; there is \$8,528.11 in the Environmental Fund and the Back Flow Preventer repair was \$2,630.00. Michelle made motion that this expense be paid from the Environmental Fund, motion seconded and carried; Mortgage payoff is around \$112,000.00

Endowment Fund: Committee met and received several Applications for Funds from the Inherited IRA the Endowment Fund received from Dave Edyvean. The committee is recommending the following applications be presented to Voter's on Sunday, June 6. Covering soffits on the Church with aluminum: \$8,525.00, Cover external wood at the entrance to the church with matching vinyl: \$2,846.00; Replace exterior doors with 42" doors and one will have an automatic handicap opener: \$7,176.00; Replace interior doors and one door will have an automatic handicap opener: \$10,568.00; Toys/Furniture from Creative Treasures: \$3,500.00; 11 new laptops (9 for school, 1- music, 1-accountant): \$8,500.00; Hearing App for the sanctuary and 2 tablets: \$1,100.00. Total for all requests is \$42,215.00.

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(Council Meeting Minutes—Continued)

Old Business:

Long-term Planning Committee- Tammy Trauner reported that the committee will review needs and present in July.

Finance Committee- Tammy Trauner reported: the Finance Committee was formed to review the treasurer's books; the committee is creating procedures and policies for when the accountant starts. Going over the LCMS Treasurer's Manual for guidance. Jack Springer said an audit was brought up a few months ago and it was not meant to "ruffle feathers". Sharon Byerley suggested that when our insurance policies come up for renewal, we get 3 quotes to be sure our rates are competitive. We will talk at the finance committee to create a policy. Accountant- \$900.00 a month. Stipend for Pastor Bob for overseeing Vicar- \$300.00-\$400.00 /month. Becky Clem made a motion for \$350.00 for Pastor Bob will be paid out of the Vicar Fund if available (since we may not have to pay for the Vicar's insurance), if the funds are not available we will wait until the budget meetings to designate where the funds will come from. Gina Pippenger seconded. Motions carried.

Edyvean Inherited IRA General Fund Gift- Have already used \$36,000.00 for Vicar and \$15,000.00 for the bus. Becky Clem made a motion to invest \$500,000.00 with Fidelity. Dan Braun seconded. It was decided to let Fidelity invest the funds, with the goal of earning 5%, or more, interest over 3-5 years. Vote taken: 4- Yes, 3- No, motion carried. Cindy Fortman and Michelle Braun will contact Fidelity to get the funds invested. Tammy presented the Application for Funds from the General Fund Gift to be presented to Voter's on June 6: Enclosing pavilion for parking and storage: \$32,000.00; Bells for Children's Choir: \$1,100.00; Washing station and electrical for school: \$2,000.00; Mortgage payoff: \$112,400.00. Jim Fortman made a motion to consider these applications separately, Michelle Braun, seconded. Motion carried. Tammy Trauner made a motion to purchase bells, \$1,100.00, for the Children's Choir, Jack Springer seconded. Motion carried. Tammy Trauner made a motion to purchase washing stations and electricity, \$2,000.00, Michelle Braun seconded. Motion carried. Tammy Trauner made a motion to enclose the pavilion, \$32,000.00, Dan Braun seconded. Motion carried. Tammy Trauner made a motion to pay-off the mortgage, \$112,400.00, Dan Braun seconded. Discussion followed: Current Mortgage payment is \$3,586.00 per month. Could use that mortgage payment for Pastor Bob stipend, Accountant salary, and put the balance of the mortgage payment in the capital improvement fund. Motion carried. Becky Clem reminded council that at the April 13, 21 council meeting a motion passed to take to Voter's using a first-fruit, 10%, portion of the Inherited IRA General Fund gift given by Dave Edyvean, in the amount of \$90,000.00, to support various charities.

New Business: None

The next council meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 7, 2021.

Gina Pippenger made a motion to adjourn, Dan Braun seconded. Motion carried.
Meeting was closed with the Doxology.
Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Fortman

Special Voter's Meeting — June 6, 2021

President Richard Thonert welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were 30 members in attendance. Pastor Terkula opened with The Lord's Prayer. No new voting members were present.

Tammy Trauner presented the following proposals from the General Fund Gift given by Dave Edyvean that were approved at the last council meeting.

1. Close in the pavilion in order to park our vehicles and use for additional storage, approximately \$32,000.
 2. Purchase bells for Children's Choir, \$1,100.
 3. Purchase two handwashing stations for the classrooms in the FAC, \$2,000.
 4. Pay-off mortgage, \$112,500. (Suggestion made to use current mortgage payment to put in capital projects fund, use to pay accountant, use to pay Pastor Bob as needed for mentoring the Vicar. We will save approximately \$10,000 over the course of the loan if we pay off the mortgage.)
- General Fund Gift proposals total: \$147,500.00.

Melissa Satterthwaite made a motion to approve these General Fund Gift proposals, Adrienne Cowgill seconded, motion carried. Total General Fund Gift proposals approved is now: \$198,500.00. (Includes \$36,000 for Vicar, \$15,000 for bus.)

Rod Bourassa, Richard Thonert, and Cindy Fortman presented the Endowment Fund Gift proposals from the Dave Edyvean Endowment Gift that were approved at the last Endowment Fund meeting.

1. Covering soffits in the church with aluminum, \$8,525.
2. Cover external wood at the entrance to the church with matching vinyl, \$2,846.
3. Replace exterior doors with 42" doors and one would have an automatic handicap opener, \$7,176.
4. Replace interior doors and one door will have an automatic handicap opener, \$10,568.
5. Toys/Furniture from Creative Treasures, \$3,500.
6. 11 new laptops (9 for school, 1 for music, 1 for accountant), \$8,500.
7. Hearing App for the sanctuary and 2 tablets, \$1,100.

Endowment Fund Gift proposals total: \$42,215.00. (When the front entrance of the church has been completed, it was suggested to put a memorial plaque in honor of the generous gift Dave Edyvean has given to OHLC&S.) Bev Oehler made a motion to approve these Endowment Fund Gift proposals, Tammy Trauner seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion followed on setting aside \$90,000 (10% First Fruits) from the General Fund Gift given by Dave Edyvean to be placed on a line item in the budget to be used for outside charities. Dan Braun made a motion to approve, Becky Clem seconded. Ballot vote taken: 25- yes, 3- no, motion carried. (Total General Fund Gift proposals approved is now: \$288,500.00.)

Next Special Voter's meeting is scheduled on Thursday, July 8, 2021, in order to approve any proposals that may be brought to the next Endowment Fund meeting and the next church council meeting.

Ryan Bell announced that John Harris can no longer continue the weekly cleaning of the church vehicles. Ryan Bell will clean them over the summer, but volunteers will be needed after the summer.

Jim Fortman has posted a mowing sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Please consider helping out.

Becky Clem reminded the voter's that we approved investing \$500,000 with Fidelity. Cindy Fortman and Michelle Braun will contact the Fidelity rep.

Carol Thonert stated that Fidelity is offering a credit card to their wealth management clients. Less than \$250,000 pay back rate is 2%, more than \$250,000 rate is 3%. Martha Moehle made a motion to apply for a Fidelity credit card, Carol Thonert seconded. Motion carried.

Thank you to John Harris for taking the time and keeping the vans clean.
Meeting closed with the Doxology.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Fortman

Those Who Serve — July 2020

| SERVANT | 04/05 | 11/12 | 18/19 | 25/26 | |
|-----------------------|---|---|--|--|--|
| ELDERS ON DUTY | | | | | |
| 8:30 AM 11:00 AM | Jack Springer Chuck Damman Rod Bourassa | Dave Byerley Chuck Damman Rod Bourassa | Dave Byerley Chuck Damman Rod Bourassa | Jack Springer Chuck Damman Rod Bourassa | |
| 6:30 PM | Dave Garrison | Dave Garrison | Dave Garrison | Dave Garrison | |
| GREETERS | | | | | |
| 8:30 AM 11:00 AM | Sue Eames Becky Clem | Tyler Schoditsch & Brooklyn Prosser Carl & Martha Moehle | Dave & Sharon Byerley Ryan & Jennifer Bell | Jim & Cindy Fortman Rev. Phil & Martha Schamehorn | |
| READERS | | | | | |
| 8:30 AM 11:00 AM | Jack Springer Rod Bourassa | Tyler Schoditsch Martha Moehle | Dave Byerley Ryan Bell | Cindy Fortman Martha Schamehorn | |
| USHERS | | | | | |
| | Tom Reinking (Co-Capt.) Gary Carpenter (Co-Capt.) Ken Baker Matt Carpenter | | Jarred Chappell Tom Ehle Carl Moehle Bob Sadler | | |
| ALTAR FLOWERS | | | | | |
| | Jim & Cindy Fortman in honor of their anniversary | Ginny Simerman in memory of Al Simerman | Jeff & Beth Alexander | Cal Wolff by his Family | |

Financial Reports



TREASURERS REPORT

PROFIT & LOSS — May 2021

INCOME

| | | |
|-----------------------|----|------------------|
| General Fund | \$ | 17,595.03 |
| School Programs | | 53,537.59 |
| Transportation Income | | 27,879.47 |
| TOTAL INCOME | | 99,012.09 |
| Gross Profit | | 99,012.09 |

EXPENSES

| | | |
|------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| Salaries | | 54,159.87 |
| Ministry/Administration | | 979.26 |
| Property Expenses | | 8,575.48 |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | | 2,928.02 |
| Misc. School Equip & Improv. | | 7,894.31 |
| Transportation Equip. | | 27,879.47 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | | 102,416.41 |

Net Operating Income (3,404.32)

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CHURCH DISCIPLESHIP

| | |
|----------------------------|-----|
| May Sunday Attendance | 540 |
| Avg. Attendance per Sunday | 108 |
| Potential | 395 |

Offerings \$66,315.39

ENDOWMENT REPORT

May 31, 2021

Restricted Funds

| | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Building Expansion | \$ | 930.00 |
| Steiss Endowment | | 20.00 |
| Edyvean Endowment | | 1,091.25 |
| Fryer | | 75.00 |
| Handbell Fund | | 341.30 |
| Lepper Endowment | | 100.00 |
| Colone Endowment | | 20.00 |
| Harmening Endowment | | 108.40 |
| Parking Lot | | 1,532.00 |
| Property Special Projects | | 431.25 |
| Roof | | 0.00 |
| Roof Fund - Rubber | | 0.00 |
| Tables & Chairs | | 670.67 |
| Teach/Pastor Reimb. | | 127.13 |
| Tuition Assistance | | 60.00 |
| Vacation Bible School | | 460.94 |
| Van | | 32.84 |
| TOTAL | \$ | 6,000.78 |

Unrestricted Funds

Interest 525.66

Grants

| | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 3 Youth Groups | 225.00 |
| Worship Service | 44.50 |
| TOTAL | 269.50 |

Checking Balance \$ 6,795.94

FIDELITY ACCOUNT

Edyvean Inherited IRA \$1,929,681.78

DESIGNATED FUNDS

As of May 31, 2021

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----|--------------------|
| Capital Improvements/Roof | \$ | 6,290.74 |
| Carpeting—School | | 2,666.68 |
| Environmental | | 8,528.11 |
| Evangelism | | 4,000.00 |
| Memorials | | 3,626.67 |
| Organ Fund | | 2,400.22 |
| Seminary—Wenndt | | 550.00 |
| Van/Bus—Church/School | | 0.00 |
| Vicar | | 8,340.00 |
| TOTAL Designated Funds | | \$29,975.35 |

Second quarter offering statements will be placed in your mailbox after July 15th.

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Tammy Trauner @ 260-615-1549



July 2021



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|--|--|-----------|-----------|--|
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 Independence Day (Vicar Installation) 8:30 AM Worship/C 9:45 AM Bible Study 10 AM Bible Study 11 AM Worship/C | 5 (Vicar Installation) 6:30 PM Worship/C | 6 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 9-12 Video Interviews in Sanctuary 6:30 PM Sip & Savor | 7 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM Council Meeting | 8 | 9 | 10 8 AM Elder Meeting |
| 11 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Siberian Mission Society 11 AM Worship | 12 6:30 PM Worship | 13 9:30 AM Siberian Mission Society Visits 6:00 PM Girl Scouts in FH | 14 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 11:30 AM SEL goes to JoAnn's 6:30 PM Finance Audit Mtg. | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 8:30 AM Worship/C 9:45 AM Bible Study 10 AM Bible Study 11 AM Worship/C 12 PM Potluck & Mortgage Burning | 19 6:30 PM Worship/C | 20 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 4:30 Long-term Property Mtg. 6:30 PM Sip & Savor | 21 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study | 22 | 23 | 24 9:30 AM—2 PM New Member Class |
| 25 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Bible Study 10 AM Bible Study 11 AM Worship | 26 6:30 PM Worship | 27 | 28 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study | 29 | 30 | 31 |