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THE DAILY NEWS

May 2022

DATE TO REMEMBER

06/01/2022 6:30 AM - Bible Study Group
06/01/2022 7:00 PM - Wednesday Evening Service
06/05/2022 8:00 AM - In Person - Virtual Worship on Facebook - - Confirmation
06/08/2022 6:30 AM - Bible Study Group
06/08/2022 7:00 PM - Wednesday Evening Service
06/12/2022 8:00 AM - In Person - Virtual Worship on Facebook
06/14/2022 6:30 PM - Council Meeting
06/15/2022 6:30 AM - Bible Study Group
06/15/2022 7:00 PM - Wednesday Evening Service
06/19/2022 8:00 AM - In Person - Virtual Worship on Facebook
06/22/2022 6:30 AM - Bible Study Group
06/22/2022 7:00 PM - Wednesday Evening Service
06/26/2022 8:00 AM - In Person - Virtual Worship on Facebook
06/29/2022 6:30 AM - Bible Study Group
07/23/2022 Gloria Dei Camping Weekend

A note from Council President Michael Hetzner:

Good things are happening at Gloria Dei—The Windows and Weeds work and eat event May 15 together with the Pentecostals was joyful and productive. Wednesday evening Bible study worship is gradually building in attendance and will continue through the summer. Thanks to Anne Sellen and Annette Pleshek for filling in for Jim two Wednesdays. Hymnals are back in the pews. We even stood up for a song May 22!

Council every month is making real a list of ideas to vitalize our congregation, developed at our retreat in March. Pastor Jim continues to serve us ably as our regular supply pastor. Although a candidate for settled pastor last fall took another position, largely because we were not financially prepared for a half time pastor, and a potential intern pastor this spring chose another site due to location, Synod has been fairly helpful in this search, given the few ministers available. Hopefully we will be better prepared when the next opportunity presents.

Current Covid Precautions Policy: Masking is voluntary. Side pews are marked off for optional social distancing. We take communion in the pews individually and share the peace at a distance.

Council May 10 approved continuing Wednesday evening services to the end of August.

WORSHIP HELPERS FOR APRIL			
	<i>Filmer</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Greeter/Usher</i>
06/05/22	Nealey Janicek	Anne Sellen	Phyllis Kitzman
06/12/22	Louie Lecker	Karen Ebert	Karen Ebert
06/19/22	Barb Spiegel	Barb Spiegel	Barb Spiegel
06/26/22	Nealey Janicek	Mike Hetzner	Michael Hetzner
05/29/22	Louie Lecker	Annette Pleshek	Annette Pleshek

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East Central Synod of ELCA annual gathering was held May 13-14 in Oshkosh. Michael Hetzner represented Gloria Dei by Zoom. Here is a brief summary:

Music that Makes Community speakers Connie Borchardt and Paul Vasile gave the keynote presentations. They offered a new kind of music for worship that draws on the way our ancestors sang together, using a cappella circle songs including body movement to make singing together a resource for sustainability, resilience, and healing. They ask the question, "What is singing offering us in this moment that is needed for our survival and growth?" Some answers: Singing is a way to remember God's love, to remember our own belovedness, to remember our capacity to do good work together. Very energizing and welcoming, like sharing the peace on steroids!

Sharon Cook, Executive Director of Crossways Camping Ministry gave a report. She reflected on what a toll the last 2 1/2 years have been on our young people. This would be 25% of the years lived by a 10-year-old! Camp is open this summer. "Help us fill camp."

Bishop Anne Edison-Albright explained Synod beginning the process of offering its building in Appleton for sale. Staff can now do much of their work remotely and have meetings throughout the Synod, which includes 21 counties stretching across the state, generating a significant saving of resources.

Resolutions passed at the Assembly:

1. Participate in Pray Act Connect Educate (PACE)—ELCA program to reduce hunger in our neighbors near and far.
2. Encourage Synod Women of the ELCA (WELCA) Be Bold to Act.
3. Safe Gathering Spaces for All God's Children—provide training, background checks, and resources for those working with children, youth, and other vulnerable populations.
4. Work for Racial Equity—address our responsibilities as a church addressing racism and social justice in our community.
5. Diverse Books Support Cross-Cultural Literacy—place books in libraries.
6. Just Transition to 50% Reduction in US Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 2030—recommendation to ELCA general assembly in August 2022.



Gloria Dei Camping Weekend July 23rd

Come join fellow campers as we enjoy a night of camping outside the church on Saturday July 23. Pitch a tent or pull a camper to the end of the parking lot. Even if you're not a camper you can come enjoy dinner or a s'more by the fire, yard games, camp songs, and great conversation. We hope to see you there! -David Hoban

Piggly Wiggly Receipts

Your receipts from Piggly Wiggly from Kiel can be placed in the basket in the narthex. The Kiel Store allows us to turn in receipts to get the same non-profit donation as purchasing SCRIP gift cards. **Receipts from purchases using gift cards are not eligible.**



In-Kind Donations

Please fill out the in-kind donation form, (You can request a form from the Church Administrative Assistant Ann Martin) or turn in any receipts for items purchased and donated to the church. This would include boxes of tissues, toilet paper, office supplies and any other items that would normally need to be purchased as part of the budget.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Council – May 10, 2022 Minutes

Present: Mike Hetzner, Sue Salzsieder, David Hoban, Brenda Kobs, Annette Pleshek, Bryce Larson, Jerry Jensen, Anne Sellen **ABSENT:** Jennifer Lecker, Anne Sellen

Call to Order & Devotion—President Mike Hetzner called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Devotion by Jerry Jensen.

President's Report —President received several communications including David Kohls transferring membership to St. John United Church of Christ and the East Central Synod of Wisconsin voting to close and sell the physical synod office building located at 16 Tri-Park Way in Appleton which will realize a savings of at least \$50,000 annually. Funds of the sale will benefit synod ministry and be used to make a gift that can make an impact. Office staff will work remotely and look forward to meeting in congregations and partner organizations throughout the synod.

Approval of Meeting Agenda—Pleshek, Kobs

Approval of Secretary's Report—Pleshek, Larson

Approval of Treasurer's Report—Larson, Kobs

Gloria Dei Income and Expense Report

April 2022

Submitted by David Hoban 5/9/2022

Checkbook

Year to Date

Balance 3/31/2022		\$ 27,728.61	year start at 24187.30
Income	<i>General</i>	\$ 11,023.78	
	<i>Capital Campaign</i>	\$ 200.00	
	<i>Building Projects</i>	\$ 0.00	
Expenses	<i>General</i>	\$ 9,044.70	
	<i>Building Projects</i>	\$ 0.00	
	<i>Capital Campaign</i>	\$ 0.00	
Balance 4/30/2022		\$ 29,907.69	
	<i>Checkbook (w/o Capital Campaign Money)</i>	\$ 29,707.69	
	<i>2021 Capital Campaign Total</i>	\$ 1,200.00	30-Apr
	<i>Building Projects Fund</i>	\$ 0.00	30-Apr

Savings Account (Building Fund)

Year to date

Balance		\$ 4,807.95	year start at 4807.72
Income	\$	0.00	
Expenses	\$		
Balance		\$ 4,807.95	

In-Kind Giving

		\$ 68.78	
light bulbs	\$ 68.78 *		
	\$ *		
	\$ *		
	\$ *		
			Items added into ICON under donations

Memorial Fund

submitted by David Hoban

Designated Funds

Balance		\$ 1,101.55	Undesignated	\$ 768.19
Income	\$ 0.00		Education	\$ 0.00
Expenses	\$ 0.00		Banner	\$ 0.00
Balance		\$ 1,101.55	Worship & Music	\$ 333.36
			Carpet	\$ 0.00

*2022 starting balance = \$1101.55

Benevolence Funds \$ 0.00

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Covid Precautions Update – Motion was made to accept Worship & Music Committee’s recommendation to return hymnals to the pews. (Pleshek, Salzsieder). Motion was made to take the sign down by the coat racks. (Pleshek, Kobs) Name change of this agenda item will change to include a wellness theme.

Brainstorming List Review & Update – Council members chose three ideas that can be realistically attempted throughout the year: bring a friend to church, get your “can” to church (food drive), and combined outreach with Pentecostals of New Holstein and others. Pleshek & Salzsieder will also work on a postcard to mail to current members.

Committees & Reports

1) Fellowship/Outreach—We will work on WINDOWS & WEEDS event to clean the church inside and out on May 15th immediately after church service. Pentecostals will join us in work and fellowship afterwards. Get well card was signed for Doug Everson. Food was taken to the Salvation Army. The visitor’s book will be put out again and each person who signs it should get a visit by a member bringing a gift of food to welcome them and answer any questions about GDLC.

2) Property—

Hot water heater replaced.

Water samples need to be sent in again.

WINDOWS & WEEDS – May 15, 8:45AM+ - Food will be provided.

Surplus of staining project will be used for property related expenses.

Copier contract needs to be renewed

Computer may need to be fixed or replaced.

3) Stewardship/Long Range Planning— We will focus on a capital campaign to pay down our mortgage and/or another building improvement since we are not going to get a settled part-time pastor soon,

4) Worship/Music— Motion was made to continue Wednesday services until the end of August with Pastor pay raised to \$2000/month. (Sellen, Pleshek)

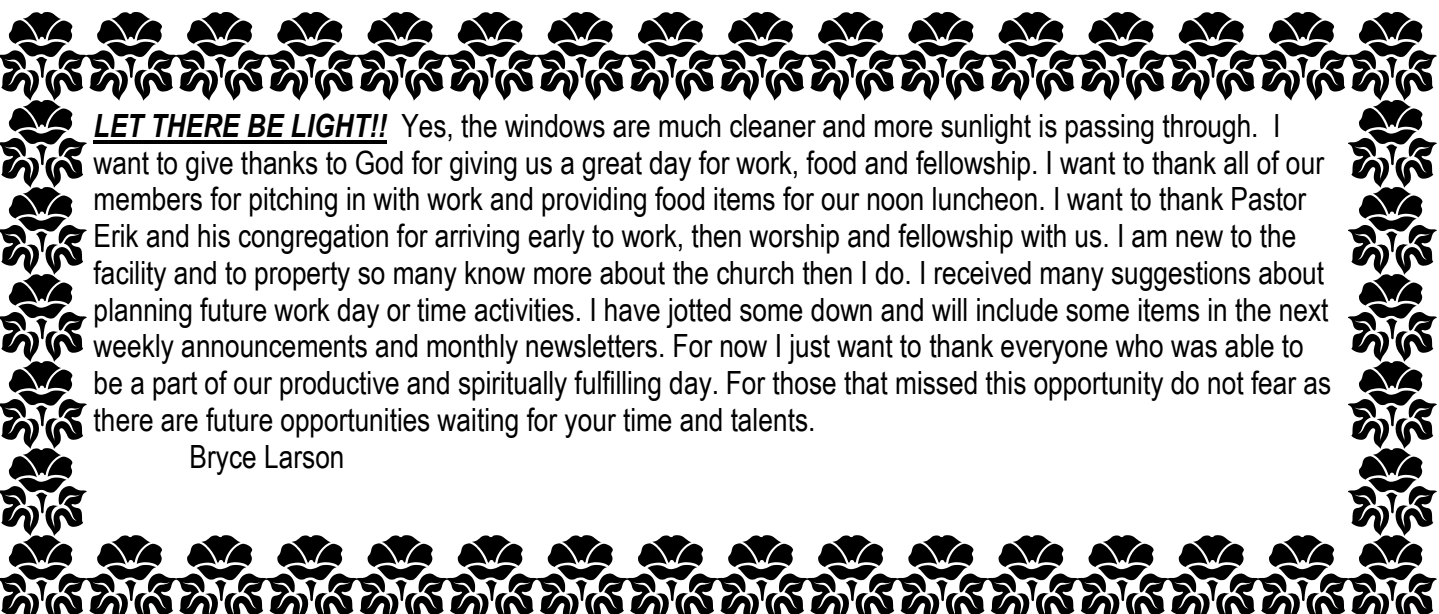
5) Youth/Christian Education— ∅

Calendar Update— Council meeting, June 14, 6:30PM.

Adjournment with the Lord’s Prayer (Salzsieder, Larson) 8:35 PM

Submitted by Sue Salzsieder, Secretary

Minutes are subject to council approval at the June meeting



LET THERE BE LIGHT!! Yes, the windows are much cleaner and more sunlight is passing through. I want to give thanks to God for giving us a great day for work, food and fellowship. I want to thank all of our members for pitching in with work and providing food items for our noon luncheon. I want to thank Pastor Erik and his congregation for arriving early to work, then worship and fellowship with us. I am new to the facility and to property so many know more about the church than I do. I received many suggestions about planning future work day or time activities. I have jotted some down and will include some items in the next weekly announcements and monthly newsletters. For now I just want to thank everyone who was able to be a part of our productive and spiritually fulfilling day. For those that missed this opportunity do not fear as there are future opportunities waiting for your time and talents.

Bryce Larson