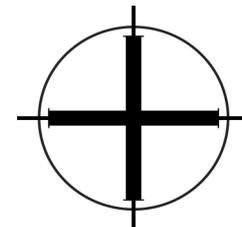


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Sharing the Joy

Church Office Hours:
Monday -Thursday
9am -1 p.m.
Closed Fridays



September 2020

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Sunday Worship

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

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OSLC IS OPEN AGAIN!

The church is open. It will continue to be so unless the status of the pandemic and/or government mandates dictate otherwise.

While worshipping God is not dependent upon a building, a church is a gathering, so it has been exciting to return to in-house worship. However, we all want to do this safely and particularly protect the most vulnerable among us. The pandemic is worsening and so for at least the present, the worship service will continue to look quite different. However, things have been going well. An outline of what you can expect during the worship service was published in the July newsletter and is available in the office. We do appreciate your cooperation.

Online streaming of the service will continue. We do have extra prepackaged communion kits. If you would like some for your home use during the online services, they are available outside the office.

We are still in Phase 2 of the Badger Bounce Back guide so we are still limited to seating a maximum of 50. If you have questions about weddings, funerals or other activities, contact Pastor Koos or the office.



Please wear a mask whenever you are inside the church and maintain social distancing when appropriate.

Offerings

With the resumption of in house services, there is again the opportunity to put your weekly donation in the collection plate. However we will not pass a collection plate. One will be available in the sanctuary. We have been able to meet our monthly obligations with loan assistance. However the expenses of the church continue . You can also continue your monetary support of the church as you have been. You can bring your donation to the church where there would be minimal contact. You can mail it in. You can also continue to use **Simply Giving**.

Other than giving to the church directly during the service, the easiest way continues to be using our **website** (www.superioroslc.com) If you go to the website, you will see a box on the right hand side that says donations. Click on it and follow the directions. Thank you so much to the people who have remembered the church during these difficult times.



September 2020

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

We made it through quite a summer of mounting anxiety and tension. At no point in my walk of faith did I ever expect the world to turn completely upside down as it has in the last 6 months. Yes, I've witnessed mighty acts of God's grace and mercy as well as equally powerful acts of retribution. But unlike in the past, our current predicament surrounding the global pandemic has left me unsure of God's purpose in it. Is the pandemic an act of grace and mercy or an act of retribution? Are we being redeemed or punished through this pandemic? I'm sure many of you have wrestled with these questions. And as much as I'd like to give you an answer, God continues to keep me in the dark as well; in the dark but not without hope. I am confident God will reveal his purpose eventually and am assured that it is for our own good. Our God is a good and gracious God and continues to hold us in the palms of his hands. I have no doubt in his loving grace!

God wants us to live in hope and without fear. Over and over again, Jesus continually tells us, "do not be afraid." Do you think he reserved these words for only his disciples and/or those he directly spoke to 2,000 years ago? No, of course not! They are words that are meant to resonate *with all people at all times!* Friends, God doesn't want us to live in fear no matter what our circumstances may be. Fear only paralyzes us and keeps us from experiencing all the joys of life in this world. We mustn't ever let fear take hold of our lives. Life is too precious for us to allow it to get swallowed up by fear.

Needless to say, I was pleased that the council decided to resume in-house worship services and Bible studies over the summer. I am equally pleased that the council is also supportive of resuming both Sunday School and confirmation classes this month. We *need* to gather without fear for worship and learning if we are to be the body of Christ in the world. I know that fear won't go away simply because we resume in-house activities but it's a necessary first step. Our walk of faith is never over and uncertainty will always lurk in the shadows. But be assured that God walks with us and loves us. Hope to see you around the church!

Blessings,

Pastor Koos

September Narratives

09-06-20 Luke 11:2-4 God Will Lead

09-13-20 Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-8
Creation and Fall

09-20-20 Genesis 15:1-6 God's Promise to
Abraham

From our Congregation President

Hello OSLC members and friends.

I hope you are all healthy and have been enjoying this amazing summer weather. Fall begins soon. The leaves will change color, our gardens will quit growing and school will resume in some fashion.

My goal as President of our congregation in this pandemic has been to keep our church active and available for the needs of our members and community. We are accomplishing that goal. The boards are working hard to make good decisions. Safety is our prime concern. In July we reopened our church for in house services. The average attendance is around 18 members. The guidelines for gatherings is no more than 50 people in Wisconsin. The virtual service is beautifully done and that will help keep our in-house service less than 50 in attendance once Fall comes.

The church building needs some repair work done as we have 3 areas leaking in the basement. The St. Paul's room windows need caulking as in heavy rain storms water comes onto the window ledge. We are getting an estimate for a new boiler. An energy efficient boiler could save us a great deal in utilities. The concern is where do we get the funds to pay for these items? Money makers / drives/ and good old pocket change. Keep the church on your payroll.

The nominating committee will be beginning their search to fill boards and officers. Please thoughtfully consider this opportunity to serve our congregation. We need your input and your ideas. Life has changed but God's work is still the same.

Love to you in Christ

Kathy Nelson
Church Council President

Education Corner

Confirmation—

Confirmation classes for last year were completed using the Zoom platform. A new year of classes will begin on Wednesday, September 23rd. The time is still being determined. The plan is to meet in the church but this could change with the status of the pandemic. On September 23rd at 5:30 p.m., Pastor will meet with continuing and new students and their parents and clear expectations for the year will be spelled out. At this point, new confirmation classes will only be for OSLC students.

Confirmation will take place for 5 students on Rally Sunday, September 13th. This will be an outside service, pending weather.

Sunday School-

Sunday School was cancelled for the rest of last year. We hope to begin on a regular schedule this month. Rally Sunday again is scheduled for September 13th. First Communion has been rescheduled for that same Sunday. Sunday School would then start the following Sunday, September 20th. A letter and email has been sent to Sunday School parents asking them if their child would attend that Sunday or when. Also would their child be willing and/or able to wear a mask. We will look at social distancing options. The Board of Education will then meet with Pastor to determine plans for the fall.

Adult Education-

Adult bible study continues on Wednesdays at 10:00 am. here in the church and online. See elsewhere in the newsletter for more information.

Bible Studies-September 2020

Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

We will meet in the sanctuary but you can continue to participate using Zoom Meeting:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72682782954?pwd=ckhodWo5aC8wNTZVQjN5dXB4WFkyQT09>

or call 1-312-626-6799)

09-02-20 Luke 11:2-4

1. Jesus asks us to pray that we not encounter “the time of trial.” What do you think “the time of trial” means? Why avoid it?
2. What is the connection between prayer and God’s protection (Luke 22:46; Matthew 26:41; 2 Thessalonians 3:3; Hebrews 13:8)?
3. Notice the bold language in vs. 4: “do not bring us to the time of trial” or “do not bring us into temptation,” a request for protection. How do you feel about making bold requests through prayer?
4. Some translations of vs. 4 include “but rescue us from the evil one (or from evil).” How are these terms different? How might they be the same? c. Do you think the “evil one” and Satan are the same thing? Why or why not? d. Could the “evil one” also represent something else?
5. What do you think it means for God to “deliver” you from the evil one? Are we simply to be passive bystanders in this process (God, you do this for me)?
6. Read James 1:13-15. We read that God does not tempt us. What is the source of temptation?
7. There is a difference between the words “test” (which God does do), and “tempt” which God does not do. How are they different?
8. Is being tempted a sin? Why or why not? Read Hebrews 4:15.
9. How do the words found in 1 Corinthians 10:13 provide hope in the face of temptation?
10. Do you believe God can bring you to the time of trial? Why or why not?

09-09-20 Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-8

1. God creates and recreates. How is the giving of life to Adam in some ways paralleled in the giving of new life in salvation? (2:7; Eph. 2:1-2, 4-5; 2 Cor. 5:17, Rom. 8:9-11)
2. In what ways do you see the love and goodness of God displayed in this chapter? How is God’s love displayed each day, every day, for believers and unbelievers alike? (Rom. 2:4, Matt. 5:43-48, others?)
3. The creation of humankind in Genesis 2 is humbling and beautiful. What is the link between Adam and the dust from which he was created?
4. How does humankind differ from other parts of creation? What does it mean to be a living being?
5. If God breathing life into us means that we are able to relate and serve him, how can we do this?
6. While we are given much freedom, it is clear that humankind is also accountable to God. Do you think Christians find it hard to submit to God’s authority?
7. What is the expectation of man in the garden? Take some time to explain both responsibilities described in verse 15.
8. How can we be on alert against and repel the work of Satan and his planting such doubts and distrust in our hearts? (See 1 Peter 5:8 and if you have time later see Ephesians 6:10-20)
9. When Adam and Eve sinned, notice the immediate effects. They covered up, were afraid of God; hiding from him in the garden; Adam blamed Eve and Eve blamed the serpent. Discuss how sin

impacts our lives in similar ways now and how relationships with God, one another and the environment are still very much impacted by sin.

10. Adam and Eve hid themselves from God, why? How do we hide ourselves from God or other accountability? What should we do if we see a friend hiding themselves?

09-16-20 Genesis 15:1-6

1. Abram is the father of faith (Genesis 15) because he believed the promise of God (Genesis 12:1-9) without seeing. Considering the promise of God in Genesis 12, why was Abram so worried about who his heir would be?
2. Contrast Genesis 15:6 with Galatians 3:6. Take note that through this Paul argues that both Jews and non-Jews are put right with God through Faith, not through keeping Gods rules.
3. Are there times when you have had to take God at His word without knowing the details? How does that affect your relationship with Him? What enables/prohibits you to trust God?
4. What can you learn from Abram’s experience that encourages your ability to trust God’s promises?
5. When God refers to himself as Abram’s shield, it symbolizes Kingship. How is God addressing Abram’s reservations with this reference of Himself?
6. What did Abram do when he had doubts about God’s promises? (Genesis 15:1-3, 8)
7. How did God reassure Abraham? (Genesis 15:4-5, 7, 9-12, 17-21)
8. What was God’s word to Abram in a vision? Why did God mention fear and reward? How did Abram respond? What was the real problem in Abram’s heart?
9. What was God promise? Why did he show Abram the stars? How did Abram respond? What do the words, “(God) credited it to him as righteousness” mean (Ro 4:4-5)? What change occurred in Abram’s life as a result of his faith?
10. How did Abram respond to this promise? What do you think “he credited it to him as righteousness” means? (Romans 4:2-3, 22-25)

09-23-20 Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21

1. What lessons are there for fathers today in Jacob’s treatment of Joseph and his brothers?
2. If you were Joseph, would you tell your brothers and parents about this dream? Why/why not?
3. How would you describe the family dynamics of Jacob’s family in this passage? Is that significant?
4. What sort of person does this section portray Joseph as? Is this someone that should be emulated?
5. What did Jacob hope to accomplish in telling his dream? What did it actually accomplish?
6. Why is pride or arrogance so dangerous to someone like Joseph and why would God want to humble someone like Joseph before putting him into a place of leaders?
7. Do you believe that Joseph was being prideful or arrogant by sharing his dreams?
8. Why is Joseph one of the best examples in the Bible of one who forgave others?
9. How do we handle it when people sin against us? What if they repeatedly sin against us? Do we feel as if we must take vengeance against them?
10. Are we willing to rebuild relationships as Joseph did with his brothers?

Bible studies 09-30-20 continued

Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8

1. Make a list of the commands of God to the Israelites in preparation for what is about to happen.
2. What might be the purpose for these actions? How does Hebrews 11:28 shed light on this passage?
3. Look at Luke 12:36; Jesus uses the same language found in Exo 12:11. What does this mean for us?
4. Why could not just any lamb be used for the purpose of redemption?
5. Is there any significance to the lamb's two-fold purpose being used to mark the home and to also be eaten by the household?
6. No home was spared death: death of a firstborn or death of a lamb. What was God bringing his judgment against?
7. What needed to be believed, done, and trusted to be saved from the judgment?
8. How does the Passover lamb relate to Jesus?
9. What are the similarities between Passover and Lord's Supper? What are the differences?
10. What does this passage tell us about the continuity between the Old and New Testaments?

A piece of encouragement from Kathy—

"stay strong, stay resilient,

Stay happy, keep smiling.

Walk everyday.

And most important: say hello to your loved ones.

And we shall overcome."

Rally Sunday!

Rally Sunday is scheduled for September 13th. This will be an outdoor service in the parking lot at 9:30 am. Please bring your own lawn chair. (Some chairs will be available if you do not have one.) Please wear masks. While families may sit together, we ask that you otherwise practice social distancing. There will be communion with the prepackaged kits as we have been doing. Music will be provide but we again ask you not to sing. The service will include both First Communion and Confirmation.

Two students— Tyler Dahl and Samantha Koos — will receive First Communion.

Five students — Brysen Jessup, Ava Rue, Ryan Samarzia, Nora Wells and Sam Willie— will be confirmed.

There still cannot be fellowship. We will, however, be providing individual cupcakes in celebration. We congratulate all these students.



Mission &
Outreach
September 2020
Salvation Army



September 6th

Stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, scalloped potato mixes, canned sweet potatoes, gravy, French fried onions

September 13th

Canned fruits and vegetables, cranberry sauce, cream of mushroom soup (or other cream soups)

September 20th

Pudding mix, jello mix, muffin mix, cake mix, frosting

September 27th

Canned pumpkin, pumpkin spice, pie crust mix, evaporated milk

You may bring your items to the 20th Street (office) door.



First Communion and Confirmation will be on Rally Sunday, September 13th. This will be an outdoor service.

Sunday School is scheduled to start on September 20th and confirmation will start on September 23rd.

Confirmation students cleaned up the church grounds on Saturday, August

Coat and Boot Giveaway

The Board of Mission and Outreach has set October 11th from 2-4 p.m. for their annual Coat and Boot Giveaway. They are asking for donations of new and gently used outerwear. You can bring your donations to the church whenever the office is open. The way the actual giveaway will work and how to allow them access to the coat closet is still being worked out. Watch for further details.



The Threads of Hope free children's clothes closet is also in need of more items, especially for children sizes 8 and up.

Church Entry Lights Fundraiser – Bunco

Our March bunco fundraiser was cancelled because of the Covid-19 pandemic. We received funds from Thrivent to sponsor this event. Thrivent okayed using the unspent money to purchase quilting supplies (batting and fabric for the backside of the quilts). However, prizes had been purchased for bunco. To finish off that fundraiser we have to also give out the prizes. So, we are going to have “Virtual Bunco.”

We are going to sell tickets for \$5 each which will put your name in for the prizes. That \$5 will go to pay for the cost of the entry lights; which by the way were installed during the lock-down. Thanks to Rick Gilbertson and Gene Rosburg.

Doris Maki (church secretary) has agreed to do the collecting (Thanks Doris). So, either stop into church when it is open and drop-off your donation, send it to the church, or put your donation into the collection plate marked for lights.

The names for the 5 prizes will be picked around Labor Day weekend. All 5 prizes include a cutting board from our local “Epicurean,” some have leather gloves, dish towels, hand soaps, microwave bowl potholders, and Epicurean food turners.

Thanks for your support!

Kandee Rosburg



From the Quilters!

Social distancing still continues with the quilters. However, 30 twin size quilts and 13 toddler quilts were delivered to Faith United Methodist Church on Monday July 20th. They were happy to receive them for their Women’s Transitional Housing and their apartment building that will tentatively open August 1st. Thanks to all the ladies that helped make the quilts before Covid-19. And thanks to Carol Arthur and Kandee Rosburg who continue to make tops and tie the quilts.

The quilters are always looking for donations of supplies. They include:

- Cotton or cotton-poly blend fabric
- Flannel fabric
- Thread
- Large darning needles

We also take used items in good shape:

- Bed top sheets
- Cotton or cotton-poly blend fabric from drapes, shower curtains, bedspreads, etc.

Just drop off any donation at the church.

Rummage Sale Update

In-House Sale: We *have* decided to do the sale for just members and their family and friends. So, if your family and friends want to come, **you have to bring them**. It will happen during normal office hours to keep it spread out and the numbers low. After shopping you will add up the purchases and take the money to Doris.

However, before we start that we have to get things setup and priced. We are setting up in the unfinished area of the basement (Trinity and Bethlehem rooms). We will only put out what we have room for in that space and add things as things sell. So, if you would like to help, go in and start putting things out. First goal is to get everything setup that are is outside of the blue traps. **The date when we are ready will be sent by email and announced on Sunday.** If you have questions call Kandee Rosburg 715-392-4426.

Fundraising

We continue to look at fundraising possibilities. While we cannot have activities in the church involving more than 50 people, this might be a good time to start planning activities for the fall that do not require larger groups of people in the church. Would you be willing to chair or co-chair a pie sale, a cookie sale (maybe around Christmas), or a pasty sale?? If you are willing to chair or co-chair any of these events or have other suggestions, please contact the office.

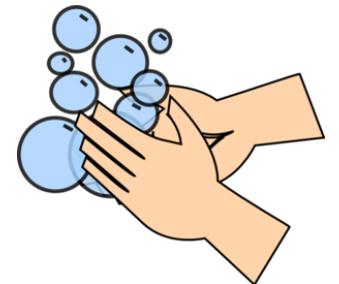
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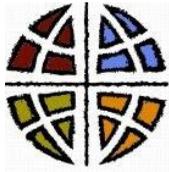
Script Cards are also a way for you to help the church monetarily. It may not seem like much but it all adds up. \$1500.00 profit was made from as little as 5 and up to 12 buyers—so far. Gift cards may become the only way we can control where and how much we spend. Some self-service machines are no longer accepting cash.

All orders go in the 3rd Sunday of each month. Drop off your order with payment with Carol Skamser at 2332 Susquehanna Avenue. There is a secured container on her front step in which to place your order. It is there all day but it is brought in at night and placed outside again the next morning. Checks get deposited the Monday after all the orders are placed. All orders are ready for pickup that Thursday. Your order can be picked up anytime the container is outside until all the orders are picked up.

Help yourself and help OSLC!! Any questions or suggestions, call or text Carol Skamser at 715-781-0753 or email her at scskamser@charter.net Check the church calendar for the next order date. Thanks for supporting OSLC. Stay safe!

Wash your hands
And say your prayers
Because germs and Jesus are
everywhere.





Northwest Synod of Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

COVID 19 Stimulus Check Appeal for ministries of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin

August 1, 2020

Friends in Christ:

Over the past few months our lives have changed dramatically. Daily routines have been disrupted, new challenges have arisen. In spite of Covid 19, the ministry of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin continues to be impactful, making a difference in the world for Jesus' sake. I am grateful for your generous prayerful and financial support of the work that we do together. **I invite you to join me and our synod council in continuing to support the synod's ministry with a special gift.** Perhaps you received a COVID stimulus check. For many this check was a blessing, a needed relief for those who had lost income. However, if you are able, I invite you to consider making a gift from those funds to support essential synod ministries. Consider these opportunities:

Give a gift to your home congregation

Give a gift that will keep on giving by donating to the

Synod Endowment Fund <http://nswi.org/endowment-fund>

Give to the ongoing work of the NWSWI <http://nswi.org/giving>

Give to the synod's general fund

Give to our companion synod in Malawi

Give to our synod's newest Latino/a ministry, Neighbor to Neighbor

Give directly to one of our synod's ministries

Bible Camps: Luther Park, Luther Point, Wapogasset, Amnicon

Lutheran Campus Ministries: UW-Eau Claire, UW-Stout, UW-River Falls

As a Synod, we are making a difference for Jesus' sake

The synod's capital campaign, endowment fund and staff helped congregations upgrade technology and provided assistance as nearly every congregation in the synod went to worship and meetings on line during the pandemic.

The synod ministers provided additional education, support, encouragement, and resources for both worship and faith formation to pastors, deacons, SAMS and congregations since March.

The synod has provided financial support to the Lutheran church in Malawi to help with flood relief and pastor's salaries during the pandemic.

The synod's justice team has been meeting and working on video resources on racial, gender, environmental and hunger justice issues. The synod is launching a NEW Latinx racial justice ministry called Neighbor to Neighbor that will focus on connecting with our American Latinx neighbors.

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The Northwest Synod awarded small ELCA COVID 19 grants to our synod's Bible Camps and Lutheran Campus Ministries hit hard by loss of income during the pandemic.

Thank you for your faithful partnership in ministry in the past! I invite you to join me and the members of the Northwest Wisconsin Synod Council in making a special gift to support the synod that will benefit the ministries of every congregation in NW Wisconsin as we move forward together in God's mission for the sake of the world.

Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1-2

The Superior Police Department has again put into effect their child safety and drug education program for the children and adults in our community.

The department will be providing child safety and drug prevention education materials for children—preschool and older and seniors. This includes materials on Bullies, ID theft, Internet safety and safety for our senior citizens. These materials have been designed exclusively by the National Child Safety Council, a 501©(3) tax-exempt, nonprofit organization. They are asking for help to cover the cost of materials at the cost of \$3.00 per child. An acknowledgement of those who support the program will be listed on the prestige page of all activity manuals under the heading:

“PROVIDED AS A PUBLIC SERVICE BY PEOPLE WHO CARE”

There are different ways you can make a donation:

1. Make your donation online with a debit or credit card at DonateNCSC.org and enter the program number WI 16-C-2 when prompted.
2. Call the council with a debit or credit card toll free at 1-878-472-3377
3. Make a check payable to the **National Child Safety** and mail to:
Chief Nicolas Alexander
Superior Police Department
1316 N. 14th Street, Suite 150
Superior, WI 54880

You can also send a check to the church and we will send them together. Thanks to a donor, the church is providing \$150.00 for 50 children. We encourage you to remember the program in your prayers and provide an individual donation if you are able.



PRAYER CONCERNS

For those serving in the military, those overseas, for those who return home with mental and physical scars, and for all military veterans. For the health of all unborn children and grandchildren, all those recovering or in nursing home care and for those struggling with addiction. For those at the frontline of the CoVid 19 pandemic— first responders, healthcare workers and those helping to make sure supply needs are met. For those affected by Hurricane Laura.

Congregation Members: Jim and Marcy Rigstad, AJ Nelson, Vern Moore, Pat Shaw, Audrey Larson, Judy Johnson, John and Linda Maki, Steve Shaw, Judy Trisko— Nelson, Virgil Everson, Del Kangas, Fred Paine, Amanda Shaw, Larry Gilbertson, Allen Will, George Bennis

Family Members: Jordan Zurn, Michelle Oman, Pat Hansen, Paula Brostiwitz, JR Pietz, Greg McGarry, Andy, Matthew, Mike Klawitter, Darlene Shaw, Betty Samuel, Matt Meyer

Friend/ neighbor: Pat Flynn, Billy Jo Cronin, Jamarr Harkins, John Gault

Call the office (715-394-3472) to add individuals to the prayer list.

Council Minutes

August 18th, 2020

Present: Pastor Koos, Jack Arthur, Carol Arthur, Kathy Nelson, Andy Nelson, Doris Maki, Bonnie Wentzel, Julianne Koski, Steve Shaw, Stephanie Shaw, Carol Skamser, Linda Gran, Donna Liebaert, and Kande Rosburg

The meeting was opened with all reciting the Mission Statement. Pastor gave a devotion and lead us in prayer.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously pass to approve the June Council minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Linda reported that income was \$6,874.28 and expenses were \$9,411.17. It wasn't a good month for income. Linda handed out a sheet on the expenditures for the Stimulus Small Business loan. 25% can be spent on rent, utilities, phone and interest paid on mortgage. 75% can be spent on payroll costs and benefits. We will have no problem proving that we have done that. So that if small business loans are given again, we can apply. Linda will call to find out what exactly is needed for the reporting. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously pass to approve the Treasurer's report.

Board Reports:

Deacons: Carol reported that Steve and Stephanie have taken the lead representing the deacons during church services. The average attendance on Sundays is 18. The extra things required for services are going well except for the exit from church services. Thank you to Steve and Stephanie.

Trustees: Jack told us that with the new custodian Heidi, things seem to be going well. The state elevator inspector was here to do a safety check, all is well. A Fellowship Hall toilet was leaking. They are in the process of replacing some parts. The building's west wall is leaking. Seems to have been going on since the addition. The east wall in the Bethlehem room and the custodian's room are also leaking. Looking at adding soil to get water to drain away from the building. Planning to do a water test on the St. Paul room windows. Heidi is doing the lawn mowing. The website has been added to the sign. The Cricket lady wanted to paint the sign for \$500. Told her they were going to wait on that.

Mission & Outreach: Carol reported that they are planning the "Coat, Hat and Boots Giveaway" on October 11th. Hope to do it so that they don't come into the building except to use the Clothes Closet. The first week in October they will put out the winter clothing in the Clothes Closet.

Stewardship: Donna reported that the Deacons have been taking care of the ushering. Virtual Bunco is happening right now. They brainstormed about fundraiser. Those included: a cookbook, no-bake bake-sale, family night, movie night, etc. We are going to have an in-house rummage sale. That will be open to church members, their families and friends that they bring in. More information to come. Looking at doing a boiler (heater) fundraiser

Education: Julianne reported that they are going to send out a letter to survey Sunday School parents about their child/ren attend Sunday School. All teachers seem willing to continue teaching if they have students. Education will have to meet before the next council meeting to make some decisions. They are asking the confirmation parents by email to do a survey. The plan is to do confirmation in person and with just our students. The time for confirmation may have to change.

Rally Sunday is September 13th with classes beginning the next week. Confirmation is doing a service project August 29th at church. First communion (2 students) and Confirmation (5 students) will take place Rally Sunday. It will be an outdoor service. Individual cupcakes will be given out thanks to Thrivent. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously pass to approve board minutes.

Pastor Koos Report: Pastor reported:

On vacation August 20th to August 27th

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2 services have been recorded, with in-house services starting again August 30th

Zoom cost \$30 per month

To upload the service for online is \$40 a month

Starting August 31st, we will have to pay the music copyright annual fee of \$200 for online. A donor has stepped-forward to cover this

People for the funeral and wedding were very respectful of the Covid-19 requirements

Vision Victories:

Giving has been holding steady for the summer

New custodian Heidi

Having Megan back singing

Being able to have a funeral and wedding in-house

Old Business:

June is the only month so far that we only paid the interest on the mortgage

New Business:

"We are Open for Services" sign made by Linda Clark's son needs to be put back up. Will check with Gene R. about doing it

Rick G. is meeting with someone tomorrow to get information and numbers for a new boiler. The boiler is close to the end. Replacing may even cut our heating bill in half.

Rally Day September 13th we will need: electric piano (Pastor has), people to bring their own lawn chairs, microphone (Pastor will check with Brad), people to pre-register for the service so it doesn't go over 50 people, if it rains it will be indoors, and service will be live online

It was suggested that Pastor strongly recommend to the funeral family that they do a drive-through visitation because of the 50 people requirement for services

Upcoming:

Sept. 8th at 5:30 pm Executive meeting

Sept. 8th at 6 pm All Board meetings

Sept 13th at 9:30 am Rally Sunday, Confirmation, and Firsts Communion

Sept. 15th at 5:30 pm Council meeting

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously pass to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Pastor text study 11:00 a.m.	2 Bible study 10:00 a.m.	3	4	5
6 9:30 am worship service in house and online	7 Labor Day	8 Pastor text study 11:00 a.m.	9 Bible study 10:00 a.m.	10	11	12
13 9:30 am worship outside and online First Communion and Confirmation	14	15 Pastor text study 11:00 a.m.	16 Bible study 10:00 a.m. Confirmation orientation 5:30 p.m.	17	18	19 Gundowski funeral
20 Sunday School starts. 9:30 am worship in house and online Baptism	21	22 First Day of Autumn Pastor text study 11:00 a.m.	23 Bible study 10:00 a.m. Confirmation	24	25	26
27 9:30 am worship in house and online	28	29 Pastor text study 11:00 a.m.	30 Bible study 10:00 a.m. Confirmation			