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WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE END TIMES?

November brings with it the end of the Church Year. This year November 25 is the Last Sunday in the Church Year. The end of the Church Year reminds us of the end of the times. We know we are living in the last days, the second part of this world's history. That has been the case ever since Jesus died and rose from the dead. But we don't know the time of the actual Last Day or Judgment Day, when this present age will come to an end. God has not told us that. He *has*, however, told us some of the things that will happen in the end times, when Jesus appears again. Here is a brief summary of what God teaches about this in the Bible.

The signs of the end will continue to remind us that Jesus is coming again at any time. Jesus said these signs include wars, rumors of war, famines, pestilences, earthquakes, false prophets, lawlessness, and the preaching of the gospel in all the world. (Matthew 24:3-14)

There will be great tribulation before Jesus' coming. (Matthew 24:21-22) Even so, this time of tribulation will not be so obvious that it enables people to tell just when Jesus is coming. That will still be a surprise. In fact, people will still be engaged in their ordinary activities, for example, working in the field or milling grain, when the Lord comes. It will be a time when we don't expect Him. (Matthew 24:36-44)

When the Last Day actually does come, Jesus Christ, the Son of Man, will come visibly on the clouds with power and great glory. (Matthew 24:30) Everybody in the world will be able to see Him. (Revelation 1:7) This will be a happy day for those who believe in Jesus (Luke 21:28), but a day of sorrow and fear for those who do not. (Revelation 1:7 and Luke 23:30)

On the day of Jesus' coming, He will raise the bodies of all people who have died. He will raise those who have done good through faith in Him to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of condemnation. (John 5:28-29) The bodies of all who believe in Jesus, whether they were

still alive at His coming or freshly raised from the dead, will be transformed to a glorious, incorruptible, immortal condition, very much like the Lord's own body. (1 Corinthians 15:51-53 and Philippians 3:20-21)

On this same day Jesus will openly judge all people. (Acts 10:42) He will separate the righteous from the evil The evil will go away into everlasting punishment, and the righteous into everlasting life. (Matthew 25:31-32, 46)

Judgment Day will also bring about the fiery destruction of this world in its present corrupted form. (2 Peter 3:10-12 and 1 Corinthians 7:31b) God will then renew and restore it so that it is once again perfect, a new heaven and new earth, in which all believers dwell with the Lord forever. (Romans 8:21 and 2 Peter 3:13)

What God teaches us about the end times calls us to abide in Jesus Christ in true faith, trusting Him alone as our only Savior from sin and death and the punishment of hell. We must at all times be prepared for His coming, clinging to Him alone as the only One in whom we are righteous. Then we will be ready for the Last Day, no matter when it comes. In fact, we can and should look forward with eager anticipation in Christian hope to that day, knowing that, when it comes, the Lord will bring us to the final and everlasting goal of our salvation: life in His presence in the glorious world to come!

- Pastor Bishop



Christian Education Sunday School

Perfect Attendance September 2018

PreSchool/Kindergarten Elyse Hopping

First/Second Grades
Zander Hopping

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov 01

Sheri McCann Gabriel Page Dorothy Sidell

Nov 02

Cameron Gullett Austin Lonergan

Nov 05

Sandy Ferguson Zander Hopping Nathaniel Thomas

Nov 07

Ethan Szadkowski

Nov 08

Daniel Leach Courtney Miller

Nov 09

Lisa Pool Trina Szadkowski

Nov 10

John Adkins II Timothy Gay Lori Maass

Nov 11

Josie Wooden

Nov 12

Carter Britton Carl Cox Kayla Walsh

Nov 13

Ray Pitchford Robert Williamson III

Nov 14

Alison Morris Madison Morris

Nov 15

Hank Nance

Nov 17

Bayley Driskell Ross Gould Trent Hoover Mae Houge

Nov 18

Kathy Emery Amanda Ferguson

Nov 19

Ray Barnes Shaun Ivey Trey Ivey Reva Oliverius

Nov 20

Zane Dobbelaire Jeffrey Ferree Christian Tiona

Nov 21

Stefanie Wilson

Nov 22

Cheryl Ivey



Nov 23

Joyce Lonergan Stephanie Morrison Isabelle Terrell

Nov 25

Marcus Frankel

Nov 26

George Andrae Ryan Rusk

Nov 27

Claudia Reeder Doris Smith



Nov 28

Joseph Lappie

Nov 29

Megan Etter Carol Goodin

Nov 30

Abigail Dagit Gavin Glass Leah Sipka



NOVEMBER ANNIVESARIES

Nov 04

Michael & Tracy Dansby Jeffrey & Victoria Plack

Nov 05

Gerald & Bonnie Guengerich

Nov 9

Adam & Jessica Kammeyer



Nov 11

Lyle & Doris Smith

Nov 12

Gregory & Susan Swibold

Nov 19

Craig & Andrea Yergler

Nov 20

Joseph & Sheryll Hillman John & Beverly Wieland

Nov 23

Delmar & Kathleen Deiss Brad & Colleen Gardiner John & Ann Wilson

Nov 26

Steven & Mary Depew



will be

Thanksgiving Eve at 7:00 p.m.

We urge all members to observe the national Day of Thanksgiving as what it is intended to be, a day of public thanks to God in church. Thanksgiving service is also an excellent opportunity to bring guests to church!

REMINDER TO COMMITTEE

CHAIRS: Please check with your committee members for names of individuals who might serve on your committee and present those names at our next Voters Assembly Meeting, November 12. We will add the names to the ballot which will be voted on at our December meeting. Thank you.

PARISH NOTES



Church Attendance

Sept 2018 — **800**—15 services Sept 2017 — **703**—12 services Sept 2016 — **671**—12 services

Sunday School Attendance

 Sept 2018:
 1,690

 Sept 2017:
 1,911

 Sept 2016:
 1,999

Worship

Jennifer Kesselmayer

Videographers

Ray Barnes

Elders Communion Assistance

Nov 04

8:00 a.m. Joe Szadkowski 10:30 a.m. Steve Depew

Nov 18

8:00 a.m. Randy Couch 10:30 a.m. Rod Bollinger

Acolytes

Nov 04 8:00 Brayden Hoover 10:30 Bradley Hoover

Nov 11 8:00 Cody Wilson 10:30 Erin Wilson

Nov 18 8:00 Zachary Webb 10:30 Alexis Daniels

Nov 21—Thanksgiving Eve

7:00 pm Jaylah Dalton

Nov 25 8:00 Macey Dalton 10:30 Jaylah Dalton

November Ushers

8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

Jerry Bohannan Ross Gould
Randy Couch Jacob Gould
Noah Kesselmayer Howie Proehl

Steven Kesselmayer Terry Norman

Greeters

Nov 04
8:00 Dave & Nancy Drockelman
10:30 Joe & Lori Schiavone

<u>Nov 11</u>

8:00 Dee Rees

10:30 Dave & Nancy Drockelman

Nov 18

8:00 Don & Valerie Dobbelaire 10:30 Barb & Julie Wagner

Nov 25

8:00 Jerry & Caralee Bohannan

10:30

If it is in the Bible, it is SO!

The Flower Chart for 2019 is posted in the Narthex. Please sign-up for the Sunday (s) that you would like to provide flowers for the altar and call the church office, 347-2136, and let us know the information you would like in the bulle-

If you would like a special arrangement for your date, please call Artistic Flowers at 347-0022. They will bill you directly.

Remember you can pick up your flowers after the 10:30 service (please leave the green liners) or Mon. to Fri. from 8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon.



TREASURER'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 2018



		Finan
Y-T-D	September	Update
INCOME EXPENSES	33,955.81 28,360.44	264,400.35 296,386.08
INCOME EXPENSES	5,595.37	(31,985.73)
LIABILITIES Note Payable- Payroll Liabilities Misc. LCMS Orgs Fund		79,296.80 1,976.15 0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES General Fund Accounts General Fund Schwab Cash Account Cat Stock at FMV General Fund Total		81,272.95 (59,589.61) 0.99 56,268.81 (3,319.81)
Educational Fund Accounts Ed. Grant Fund Checking Ed. Grant Fund CD #1 Ed. Grant Fund #2-Vanguard Educational Fund Total		4,727.56 103,061.64 68,822.79 174,611.99
East Bluff Property East Bluff Property—Vanguard East Bluff Property Fund CD East Bluff Property Fund		90,572.60 106,850.04 197,422.64
Building Fund Checking Sunday School Fund Checking Memorial Fund Checking		47,434.30 10,389.62 25,690.60
TOTAL ASSETS		452,229.34
Checking Account TOTAL		28,652.47 28,652.47
FUND BALANCE Funds to Pay Note Net Income (Loss) Capital Accounts TOTAL FUND BA	- Payable	(299,680.34) (31,985.73) <u>702,622.46</u> 370,956.39
TOTAL LIABILI FUND BALANCE		452,229.34

HI-LITES OF ST. JOHN'S VOTERS ASSEMBLY October 8, 2018

Vice-President Ray Barnes called the meeting to order. A quorum was present. Pastor Bishop opened with devotions.

A motion by Randy Couch, seconded by Bob Oliverius, was made to approve the September 2018 Parish Report – motion carried.

The September 2018 minutes were approved as published.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u> – Daryl Dagit presented the September 2018 Treasurer's Report. Randy Couch moved, seconded by Jack Hall, to approve the September 2018 Treasurer's Report after a \$20 adjustment to both September expenses (\$28,360.44) and Income-Expenses (\$5,595.37) – motion carried.

Board of Trustees – Dave Kesselmayer reported that the lighting in the youth room has been completed and the concrete work on the front steps of the church is being done. The parsonage has been cleaned out. The Trustees have not been contacted by Steger's on their possible interest in purchasing this property. The carpet has been removed, and the home would need to be completely painted along with other repairs made before it could be utilized as a home.

Board of Finance – Nancy Drockelman reported that completed budgets need to be returned to the Board right away as the Board will meet to discuss next year's budget in the next few weeks. The 2019 budget will need to be ready for review at the November Voter's Meeting and voted on in December.

<u>Board of Elders</u> – Randy Couch reported that to date \$400 for gas cards have been given to those in need. The Elders determined that in the future a maximum of \$100 will be given in \$20 increments per month.

The Elders reviewed the suggestion from last month's Voter Meeting that <u>Hesham Shehab</u>, an ex-Muslim cleric who is now a Lutheran pastor in the Missouri Synod be invited to St. John's as a guest minister and Bible class speaker. He will be invited to preach early to mid-2019.

After several members expressed an interest in daily devotional readings, Pastor recommended a devotional book entitled "The Lord Will Answer" beginning in January 2019. A signup sheet is available for those interested at an approximate cost of \$24 each, depending on the number of books ordered.

The Elders have recommended that of the \$530 per month savings on the family health insurance for Pastor's family that \$200 per month be added to Pastor's salary for 2019.

A Bratwurst dinner will be held on October 28 in celebration of Reformation Sunday with entertainment provided.

<u>Board of Worship</u> – Mike Nauth reported that a videographer is needed. Ushers and choir and bell choir members are also needed.

<u>Board of Christian Education</u> – Pastor noted that the Board has not met due to scheduling issues.

The Youth Group's activities, the Sunday School Rally, and GSLS have been going very well. The GSLS Jog-athon will be held this weekend.

<u>Board of Evangelism</u> – The Evangelism Committee still has a few St. John's t-shirts for sale. Please contact Sandy in the office or any member of this committee. A "Friendship Sunday" is being planned. Please watch the Bulletin and Journal for details. Sponsorships for the WVEL broadcasts are being accepted by contacting either Sandy at the church office or Debby Dant.

Board of Stewardship —Brian Ford reported that the Board met tonight. Five boxes of food were delivered last month. Names of St. John's students attending college need to be given to this Board. There are still two vacancies that need to be filled on this Board.

Long Range Planning Committee – No report.

<u>Educational Grant Fund Committee</u> – No report.

East Bluff Property Committee – No report.

<u>Constitution By-laws Committee</u> – No report.

Unfinished Business – There was no Unfinished Business.

New Business – There was no New Business.

The meeting adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Ivey Secretary

NOVEMBER LIBRARY CORNER By Eileen Tiona



"Jesus thus revealed His glory, and His disciples put their faith in Him." John 2:11

I haven't any new books to report on this month, but you are welcome to come into the library and check out all the other wonderful books that are available for your enjoyment

ORGANIZATIONS

St. John's Lutheran Church Fellowship Club will be having

FELLOWSHIP CLUB By Veva Martin

a "Thanksgiving Potluck" on Saturday, November 10, at 5:00 p.m. "Adventures of Vi Deppert in Napal" will be our program. She will give us a narration of her trip with items and pictures of Nepal. This should be a very interesting and fun evening.

It's time to help our senior members again. 5th grade – high school youth meet here at church Sunday, November 11 at

YOUTH GROUP

1:00 p.m. to help some of our senior members with leaf raking or other chores. Wear clothing suitable for outdoor work, and bring a leaf rake, if you can. Pizza follows.

<u>CAN YOU USE SOME HELP</u> with leaf raking, window washing, or other fall chores? Our youth group will be happy to help you Sunday, November 11. Contact Pastor Bishop at the church office if you'd like assistance.

In order to accommodate Thanksgiving, The Ladies' Guild will meet in November on the third Thursday, November 15 at 6:30 p.m. Marilyn Liescheidt and Leslie Hauk will

WOMEN'S GUILD By Leslie Hauk

serve.

The program will be presented by the YWCA and the ingathering will benefit the YWCA Snack Pack Program.



CHANGES TO CHURCH DIRECTORY

Add:

Brock Norman, 913 Saint Julien St., Pekin 309-256-1025 Heath Norman, 1500 Highwood Ave., Pekin 309-256-1750

Change

LeaAnn Becker, 750 E. Shore Dr., Apt. 2, Pekin Belinda Frankel, 4136 N. Timber Cir., Peoria 61614-7862 Ross & Diane Gould, 12 Cherry Hills Dr., Pekin Jacob Gould, 12 Chery Hills Dr., Pekin Brett & Sarah Huber, 1919 Sierra Ct., Pekin Jeffrey (Polly) Morrison, 510 N. Riverside, Edgewater, FL 32132

FRIENDS OF HARMONY



Our 13th Annual Christmas Show is at Pekin High School's F.M. Peterson Theater again this year. Performances are Friday, November 30th at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 1st at 3:00 p.m.

There is a free shuttle bus that will drop you off at the door. The tickets are still only \$10.00 each and are available from Dave Drockelman (353-7598) and at Steger's Furniture.

31st Annual THANKSGIVING DINNER

Pekin Township will be serving a turkey dinner to anyone who would enjoy a meal. Dinner will be served Wednesday, November 21 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Pekin Township, 420 Elizabeth St., Pekin.

We also offer home delivery in our area to shut-ins and handicapped only. If you know of anyone who may need a meal, please tell them about the Thanksgiving Dinner. Last day to call for home delivery is Monday, November 19. For home delivery please call 309-346-3194

HIGHER THINGS YOUTH CONFERENCE

We will again be offering our youth group (those who will be confirmed by next summer) the opportunity to attend the Higher Things Youth Conference in Mequon, WI, July 16-19, 2019. This is an LC-MS youth conference, which features exceptional Christian teaching, worship, and recreation. Higher Things keeps the cost down by using university dorms and other facilities, rather than hotels and convention centers, so that the cost is again only \$375 (assuming early bird registration) per person. Our youth group will have fundraisers to provide a good portion of this. Registration begins in November and fills up rapidly. So youth who plan to plan to attend need to contact Pastor Bishop by November 21, so we can register on time.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL NOVEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

November 4 — The Fourth Annual Ewele Walk is scheduled from 11:00 to 2:00 p.m. Come and see what is new for this year.

November 7 — Picture Retakes for whole school

November 11 — Choir sings at Trinity at 8:45 a.m.

November 13 — School Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

November 15 — Parent Teachers (P/T) Conferences beginning at 4:00 p.m.

November 16 — Early dismissal at 12:30 p.m.—P/T Conferences continue in the afternoon.

November 20 — Early dismissal at 12:30 p.m.— Grandparents Day.

Thanksgiving Break is November 21 to the 23. School resumes on November 26

FRIENDSHP SUNDAY AT ST. JOHN'S

November 11 will be a Friendship Sunday – a day St. John's members are encouraged to bring (or bring back) a friend to church. Pastor will have a sermon well suited for guests, and we'll have plenty of coffee and donuts in the gym between services, with appropriate literature available for adults and children. So please think of friends to invite, and make arrangements to bring them with you.

In Our Prayers

If you know of anyone who needs to be added, please let the church office know.

All our shut-ins

Griffin Glass—serving in the Navy

Adam Jackson—member of Armed Services (grand-nephew of Lila Lisenbee)

Pastor Niemann Dale Schott
Ed Knussman Sonny Mack
Aron Tucker Mark Reeder
Bob Watson Cheryl Williams
Bernice Mack Robert Scott
Stacie Kendall Christy Hancock
Leia Stewart Karen Hall

Bob Funk
Sam Kendall
Sam Johnston
Donna Bollinger
Pat Proehl
Bill Hall
Sandy Morgan
Donna Hansen
Nancy Schisler
Audrey Moehring

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