

Voice of One In Faith Parish



April 2021

St. Paul..... 8:30 a.m.
Hope..... 10:30 a.m.

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Greetings Dear Beloved Community:

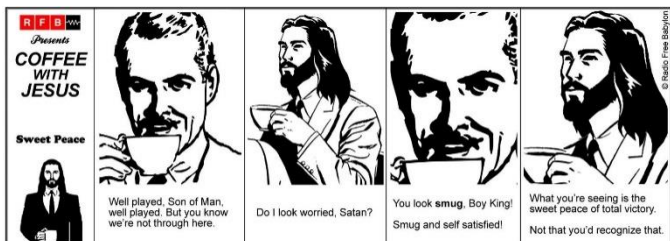
Today is the first day of spring! It's time to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord – the renewal of the earth – the renewal of our hearts and minds – the renewal of our church! For something new and different, here's a piece from RFB (Radio Free Babylon) that gives us a fun, sassy look at the Resurrection:

from racism, sexism and ageism in the church and in the rest of our society! People are recognizing and tending to the needs of their neighbors. There's good stuff ahead!

As we emerge from the tomb of the pandemic, let us not be too quick to retrieve all the old ways of doing things without first reflecting on whether they were needful and helpful. There's good stuff ahead. The good news is that we can step into a future with confidence and hope that God is doing new things. God is doing new and amazing things in your heart, in the earth, in the church and around our globe.

Blessings as you look for, find and take part in all the good stuff ahead!

In Christ,
Pastor Margaret



This Easter Season may we all celebrate those scientists and researchers who have developed a vaccine that is bringing a huge sigh of relief to all of us and a hope for better days in our communities and around our globe. This Easter Season may we all celebrate that we as the people of God in the midst of a pandemic have continued to worship, to pray, to bury our dead, to baptize and celebrate Holy Communion, to study and learn and grow in faith. May we all celebrate in the victory over the finality of sin, death and separation from God that our Lord and Savior Jesus brought in his own resurrection from death!

As we emerge from out of the stone-cold tomb of this last year's grip of fear of disease and death, let's remember that Satan no longer has power over us! As we look to the future with hope, let us continue to be vigilant (wear our masks and socially distant – and GET OUR VACCINES!) while at the same time let us be mindful of how we as the church can emerge from the tomb. We should mourn the loss of loved ones but then we can open our eyes to the activity of God in our world. People are seeing and talking about the need to emerge



St. John

The regular meeting of St. John Lutheran Church Council was held Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at 6:30 pm. Present: Marcia Rueber, Doug Nus, Jeri Watson, Pastor Margaret, and Deatra ODell. Absent: Joyce Knickerbocker, Cassie Gruman, and Penny Handke.

President Marcia Rueber called the meeting to order. Pastor Margaret led devotions based on John 1:35-42 concerning discipleship. The secretary's minutes were reviewed, Jeri moved to accept the secretary's minutes, Doug seconded, motion carried. The February and March treasurer's report was given. In February there was income of \$13,435.34 and expenses of \$5,225.36. A CD came due, but with the low interest rates it was renewed for only one year. In March there was income of \$4,090.00 and expenses of \$4,995.33. The QSS account has a balance of \$1,619.78. In March, we only needed to make one half of the Parish Payment. Joyce Knickerbocker and Kelli Knickerbocker will audit the 2020 St. John's Financial Records. Doug moved to accept the treasurer's report, Jeri seconded, approved.

Pastor Margaret gave highlights of her report. Soon Pastor Clark and Pastor Margaret will be able to begin visiting our shut-ins. The first communion classes have begun. Youth are signed up for the Youthworks Servant Trip this summer and will be holding a pie auction at Hope, St. John, and St. Paul on Palm Sunday to begin raising funds. Pastor Margaret is involved in much online continuing education in March.

Committee Reports:

Parish Education: EWALU will hold its annual meeting via Zoom Saturday, March 20.

Worship: There will be a change in our communion service. We will be ushered to the front of the church as families, bread will be distributed by a Pastor, and wine (in plastic cups) will be picked up by the participant from a communion tray sitting on the small altar in front of the church. A communion assistant will be available to provide assistance if a participant is unable to grasp the wine cup. Remaining self-contained communion cups will be used by the visitation team. Singing was discussed and tabled. Judy Meisner has volunteered to help with Sunday offering when needed, and Bonnie Nus said she could help if needed.

Evangelism: The 2021 Assignments list was corrected. A stack of them will be placed at the back of the church for members to add to the directory in place of the present list.

Building and Grounds: Doug will talk to Bob Berry about replacing our air conditioner. One existing air conditioner near the handicapped ramp can be used, and we would only need a new inside unit. Doug moved to hire Greg Downer to cut down the tree by the mailboxes at the price of \$800. Mike Knickerbocker would take the wood. Doug and Randy would provide equipment for the tree debris and other church members will be asked to assist. Jeri seconded the motion, carried.

The food pantry has seen little activity and is well stocked.

Social Concerns: Dean Puffett has been at Mayo Clinic for an extended time. Connie Puffett has been staying in a motel there. Doug moved that \$500 be given to Dean and Connie to help with expenses during this time. Jeri seconded; motion carried.

Parish Board: Tracy Yelden is making sure the church email is changed. Tuesday, March 16, Hawkeye Telephone will be installing our telephone with long distance being 12 cents per minute and 100 MG Internet. Marcia will be placing notes on the phones in the church informing users of the long-distance charge. The PPP loan was forgiven. Nancy Yelden is the new Parish Board President.

Unfinished Business: Marcia has finished painting the women's basement bathroom. We thank her as it is a job well done. As far as the Quit Claim Deed on the triangular lot, a lawyer will be consulted. Once this has been clarified, a special congregational meeting will be scheduled.

New Business: Jeri moved that we appoint Kelli Knickerbocker as St. John's Treasurer to fill the unexpired term of Dennis Nus, Doug seconded, motion carried. On March 18 there will be two meetings held at Pizza Ranch in Oelwein about solar power. Marcia will ask Kris to put a note in the bulletin for any/all interested person/persons. A carillon is being considered as a memorial for Dennis Nus.

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 6:30pm. Doug moved to adjourn, Jeri seconded, motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Deatra ODell, Church Council Secretary

Please Help – YOU Make the Difference

St. John WELCA will be filling shut-in bags in May. There is a red box in the kitchen to put your donated items in. We usually fill about 20 bags. Suggested items are: individual packaged snacks (crackers, cookies, bars etc.), popcorn, candy, pop tarts, soups, fruit and Jello cups, etc.



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PERSONAL CARE KITS

May 1st is the date we will be taking items to Decorah for shipment this spring. If you'd like to help out drop items in the box in the Narthex by April 24, so we have time to bundle them up. There is a list of items needed on the table in the Narthex. Pick one up so you have a shopping list.

Hope Council

The Hope Council met March 21 following the 10:30 worship. Attending: Pastor Margaret, Jamie Burgin, Joddy Roys, John Hunt, Lori Fannon, Richard Thurn, Ron Kuehl and Joyce Thurn.

The president called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.. Minutes of the previous meeting and treasurer's report were read and approved. Income for the month was \$3,260. Expenses were \$1,882. One payment to the Parish had been forgiven.

Pastor Margaret presented her report. Some excerpts: She will be able to start visiting nursing home residents. BYOB studies will begin again after Easter. Pastor Clark taught the Wed. Night Education group about Ash Wednesday and Lent. Pastor Margaret will be teaching a class in April. The Youthworks Servant Trip to Duluth is schedule for July 18-24. The youth will hold a pie auction on Palm Sunday and will begin flamingo flocking after Easter.

An evangelism idea: There is a bowl of marbles in the Narthex. Each time one does a deed of evangelism, take a marble from the bowl and place it in the now empty bowl. On-line devotions continue to be well received.

Old Business:

The biennial report to the state for tax exemption has. been completed.

Thank you to Janet Butikofer for replenishing the oil supply for the candles.

The date of April 7 was set to show the movie "I Could only Imagine." It will be shown in Hope's Narthex at 6:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

There will be no auction at Hope this year, but is scheduled for early March of 2022,

The delegates to the Conference Assembly reported on the meeting. Emphasis was on the upcoming election for bishop of the Synod at the Synod Assembly June 11. This will be a Zoom meeting. Two voting delegates are needed.

New Business:

In lieu of an Easter Breakfast, everyone is invited to the fellowship room following the 6:30 sunrise service to pick up a bakery treat.

Hope will hold its annual homemade ice cream social July 11, serving homemade ice cream and pie.

There will be an all-parish worship May 30.

Holy Communion using tongs for the bread and individual filled glasses is going well.

Anyone planning to attend Camp EWALU this summer should contact Brad Bockenstedt about a campership.

Some loose siding on the side of the church building has been repaired.

The next meeting will be April 25 following worship. The meeting adjourned, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Thurn, secretary

St. Sebald Council -

St. Sebald Council met March 11, 2021. Present: Bill Hunt, Nancy Yelden, Pastor Margaret, Kris Morarend, Wayne Yelden, Jerry Harvey, and Tracy Kregel. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm and Pastor led devotions followed by her report.

Kris moved to approve the February minutes, 2nd by Jerry, motion carried. The year-to-date ending balance is -\$2070.63; there were many onetime bills that came due at the same time.

Kris continues to send out monthly kids packets for Sunday School age children. A reminder the Parish email is changing to oneinfaith2005@gmail.com. Bill will look into lawn mowing bids. Jerry will talk to John Keppler about tree removal in the cemetery near the fence. The council discussed repairs to Jake's Shed by the cemetery and Bill will talk with Mark about tin for the roof.

Bill moved to help sponsor youth to attend EWALU if the family will pay \$100 of the registration fee, the church will cover the rest. Jerry seconded, motion passed. All campership requests for 2021 should be submitted to Nancy Yelden.

March 27th is the church cleanup day, starting at 9am. April 10 is the backup date in of rain. Wayne moved to adjourn, second by Kris, meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:05pm.



OUTDOOR SPRING CLEANUP AT ST. SEBALD

Due to wet weather, yard and cemetery cleanup work at St. Sebald, has been moved to 9 am Saturday, April 10 (weather permitting).

Hope WELCA

The Hope WELCA met March 4 for Bible study and a business meeting. President Annette Dahling called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. She led the Bible study on comforting, encouraging, protecting angels, as we continue discussing "Journeys with Angels."

Business:

Minutes and the treasurer's report were read and approved. Gifts have been purchased for the 2021 high school graduates.

The Little Flock Spring Gathering has been cancelled and will be held in April of 2022 at St. Peter, Garnavillo.

The Clayton County Food Shelf is constantly in need of food items and monetary gifts.

We will once again be collecting personal care items. There is an increased need this year. Items needed for the kits are bath towel, soap, toothbrush, nail clipper and wide tooth comb.

The meeting adjourned, followed by the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be April 1 (no April Fool's joke) at 9:30 a.m.



We extend our sympathy to the family of Clarence Groth. to Annette Dahling for her sister, Jean

Harmon, in Idaho who passed away, and to the family of Daryl Baade..

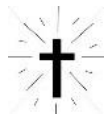


A movie, "If I Could Only Imagine," will be shown in the Narthex at Hope on Wed. Night, April 7 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

SAVE THE DATE!! What you have been waiting for! Hope's annual homemade ice cream social is back on schedule for July 11, 2021

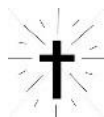
Serving in April at Hope

AcolytesConfirmation Students
 Ushers:
 April 4..... Lynette Flage, Gary & Brian Williams
 April 11..... Kenny & Joddy Roys
 April 18.....Lynette Flage, Gary & Brian Willams
 April 25..... Kenny & Joddy Roys
 Communion Assistant..... Joddy Roys
 Altar Comm.: Verna Lenth, Jamie Burgin,
 Marlene Gould
 Church CleaningEveryone
 Special Offering..... EWALU



Serving in April at St. Sebald

Acolyte..... Usher
 Usher(s):
 April 4..... Gary & Nancy Klingman
 April 11..... Tracy Kregel
 April 18..... Jessica Haynes
 April 25..... Fuzz & Barb Brown
 Reader(s):
 April 4..... Kris Morarend
 April 11..... Jessica Haynes
 April 18..... Wayne & Nancy Yelden
 April 25..... Les & Elaine Peterson
 Church Cleaning Week of:
 April 4..... Summer Zwanziger Elsinger
 April 11..... Wayne & Nancy Yelden
 April 18..... Jessica Haynes
 April 25..... Fuzz & Barb Brown



Serving in April at St. Paul

Acolyte.....Braden Taylor
 Ushers Carrie Taylor & Patty Klingman

Serving in April at St. John

UshersRandy & Joyce Knickerbocker
 Altar Guild..... Kim & Meri Ann Klocke
 FlowersSharon Reed
 Communion Assistant..... Joyce Knickerbocker
 Readers:
 April 4 Sharon Reed
 April 11Debbie Watson
 April 18 Carter Schnell
 April 25 Tia Shaffer



(Please contact the church office when family members and friends can be removed from the Prayer List.)

Prayer Requests may be phoned to (563) 633-3885/563-419-5329 or emailed to the One in Faith office – oneinfaith2005@gmail.com

In our prayers: Vivian Glass, Kelly Bolsinger; Dean Puffett, Kathy Pierce, Bob Leibold; Sanata and Cathy Lau; Marilyn Shaffer; Ruth Kamper; Judy Schnurstein; Les and Elaine Peterson; Dorothy and Art Eckheart; Lynda Burgin; Dick Clemen; Danielle Pape; Jeremy Walz; Mary Lou Coonfare; Greg Shaw; Pastor Jerome Godson; Jane Godson; Bob Blue, Merlin Goedken, Daryl Baade, David Opperman, Luther Pugh, Lawrence Kuehl; Joyce Erickson; Brenda Landis; Brian and Becky Meisgeier; Bernice Fletcher; Kent Klingman; Amanda Peterson; Charley Daisy; Adeline Andreae; Lucas Baker; Barb Garms; Jim Miller; Wayne Coonfare; Luke Baade.

Service people: Josef Von Handorf; Justin Minger; Patrick Pryer; Justin Pryer; Jesse Gossett; Tabitha Lambert; and other service men and women.

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St. John Birthdays

- April 3 Mark Smith, SueAnne Opperman
Penny Lane, Isadora Simms
- April 4 Ursula Cordes
- April 7 Nancy Harkin
- April 9 Kristin Hamlett
Alex Knickerbocker, Jim Myers
- April 11 Roberta Smith, Dean Gamm, Kira Evans
- April 13 Chuck Hamlett
- April 14 Marga Squires, Doug Nus, Dennis Nus
- April 16 Larry Fliehler, Mary Olson
- April 18 Troy Northrop
- April 19 Karl Klocke
- April 20 Kinsley Becker
- April 22 Tess Knickerbocker
- April 23 Andrew Harkin
- April 26 Cory Glass, Clara Pleis
- April 27 Caleb Wieland
- April 28 David Beck
- April 30 Linda Franks

St. Sebald & St. Paul Birthdays

- April 1 Angela Schnurstein
- April 2 Morgan Pritchard
- April 4 Karly Romig, Holly Jones
- April 5 Anja Fchleich
- April 11 Ryan Gouldin
- April 12 Ruth Coonfare
- April 13 Faye Faust, Marjorie Lewis
- April 14 Les Peterson
- April 17 Summer Zwanziger Elsinger
- April 18 Darin Erickson
- April 19 Tracy Kregel
- April 23 Margaret Harvey
- April 24 Steven Haynes
- April 26 Nicole Howard
- April 27 Carolyn Faust
- April 29 Brian Hummel

Hope Birthdays

- April 1 Eleanor Bolsinger
- April 2 Lori Fannon
- April 4 Joyce Thurn
- April 5 Kim Dahling
- April 6 Samantha Tucker
- April 8 Loyal Amsden, Alvin Maier
- April 9 Ethan Amsden, Carter Kline
- April 10 Trevor Hunt
- April 11 Lester Groth,
Marlene Gould, Jenna Hamann
- April 14 Sadie Abitz
- April 16 Verna Lenth
- April 17 Sandra Refle
- April 24 Dorothy Hansel
- April 27 Annette Refle
- April 28 Darrell Jaster, Justin Haight,
Tracy Thurn



St. John Anniversaries

- April 6 Darby & Linda Jellings
- April 12 Dean & Judy Meisner
- April 18 Mark & Jenny Hamlett
- April 19 Larry & Karen Glass
- April 20 Toby & Shannon Bachtell
- April 20 Brent & Kari Herrig
- April 22 Alan & LouAnn Shaffer

Hope Anniversaries

- April 8 Monte & Paula Casper
- April 16 Jim & Laurie Herman
- April 26 Gary & Nancy Thurn

St. Sebald St. Paul Anniversaries

- April 2 Anja & Greg Fchleich

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