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Vision Statement

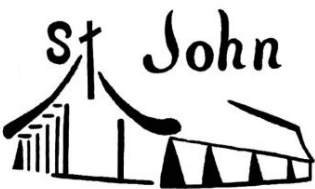
St. John is a welcoming family growing in faith and love.

Mission Statement

Enter to hear God's word and depart to share God's love

Core Values

- People matter to God.*
- Unity reflects God's will.*
- Every person is gifted by God.*
- All are called to use individual gifts for the work of ministry.*
- We are created to worship God.*
- Worship happens in community/relationship with others.*
- Worship equips people for service.*
- Unconditional acceptance reflects God's love.*
- Faith requires steadfast commitment.*



Lutheran Church

*"Enter to hear God's word
and depart to share God's love"*

Sunday
Communion
Worship

The St. John Epistle

December 2022



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From the Council President:

Just wanted to let everyone know that the Synod will be meeting with our Transition Coach next week to discuss finding us a Supply Pastor. We'll keep you informed as to the results. In the meantime, we are working with the Worship Team to provide weekly services of some sort to our congregation. We are trying to stick with a regular schedule as much as possible, but we'll all have to be a little flexible for a while.

God be with us as we go through this process.

Verdeen Pietron



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 15, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. by President Verdeen Pietron.

Prayer was given by President Verdeen Pietron and Gloria Leadbetter gave us a reading from a book.

The President called the roll. Present: Tim Buhmann, Vera Rowell, Gloria Leadbetter, Phil Hogan and Verdeen Pietron. Guest: Dan Moline. Absent : Jana Meyer.

President Verdeen Pietron declared a Quorum.

Phil Hogan made a motion to excuse Jana Meyer. Seconded by Gloria Leadbetter. Motion Carried.

Agenda

A motion to approve the Council Minutes was made by Gloria Leadbetter. Seconded by Vera Rowell. Motion Carried.

Gloria Leadbetter gave the Financial Report.

\$42,960.00 amount pledged
\$34,920.00 pledges received
\$-8,040.00 difference
81.28%

\$40,500.00 Amount Given by People that did not Pledge
\$75,420.00 Total Contributed for Date Range

Committee Reports

Worship: Gloria Leadbetter: November 13 Service we streamed Trinity Lutheran Church in Laramie on Line. We are all invited to attend services at St James Riverton Nov.20, 2022. During Advent we will hold services at St. John Riverton. Christmas Eve at St John and since Christmas Eve on Saturday NO SERVICE SUNDAY 25.

Congregational Life: Jana Meyer: Pot Luck Dinner for Pastor's last Sunday was well received

Outreach: Verdeen Pietron: Snacks going good and Trunk or Treat was a hit.

Property: Tim Buhmann: Received Nativity Set for Outside. Saturday after Thanksgiving we will be decorating the church for Advent.

Old Business

New Business

Gloria Leadbetter made a motion to make a donation to the Set Free Church \$300.00 a month for custodial duties. All in favor. Motion Carried.

December 11, 2022 President Verdeen Pietron was going to ask Pastor Amy from St. James in Riverton to do the Service at 2PM. Council will have a meal at 12:30 for whoever wants to come.

Synod Conversations:

Pastor Chris at Faith Lutheran in Lander is looking into Legalities of streaming their Service. Mainly worried about the music.

Pastor Libby, Liaison from the Synod is helping us get a Profile done.

Next meeting December 20, 2022

Phil Hogan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 P.M. Gloria Leadbetter seconded. Motion Carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Giving Update

Amount pledged through November 30	\$ 47,040.00
Pledges paid through October 31	\$ 38,160.00
Difference	\$ -8,880.00
Percent of pledges paid:	81.12%
Synod Benevolence	\$ 855.00
Riverton Help Center	\$ 895.00
Disaster Response	\$ 1,002.26
World Hunger	\$ 690.48



St. John's budget is based on the pledges made, and the operation of the church depends on the amount received. Thank you for keeping your giving current.

December Service Volunteers: If you would like to help, sign-up sheets are in the entryway.

	December 4	December 11	December 18	December 24
Worship Assistant				
Communion Assistant		Darlene Jones	Darlene Jones	
Lector	Kathy Moline	Gloria Leadbetter		
Organist	Karyn Ervin	Karyn Ervin	Karyn Ervin	Karyn Ervin
Worship & Music Tech	Kyle Jones		Kyle Jones	Kyle Jones
Coffee Host/Hostess				

December Altar Guild:
December Care Team:

Darlene Jones
Vera Rowell 307-850-6074

Please pray for:

- *The Council of St. John*
- *The men & women serving in the military.*



We also pray for:

Don Meyer
 Kurt Jones
 Carole Weber
 Brandi (Eleanor's Granddaughter)
 Jeri Maulik
 James & Carol Blomquist

Rio Caballero
 Bev Horyza
 Cary Leadbetter
 Mark Olsen
 Eleanor Cantrell
 Vera Rowell

for prayer chain requests call: Verdeen Pietron 856-4067



Women's Breakfast
Saturday, Dec. 3
9:00 am at the
Sundowner

ATTENTION MEN:

Come for the men's

MEN'S
Breakfast

fellowship
 breakfast every
 Wednesday at 8:00
 am at the
 Sundowner



All non-perishable items are really appreciated to fill up the FoodCart to be shared with our neighbors in need. Also remember December 27 we will be providing a meal for Eagles Hope residents. Please sign up to provide a main dish, salad or dessert.



We are studying “Jeremiah Daring to Hope in an Unstable World” by Melissa Spoelstra. Please come at 10:00 on Tuesdays.



Sunday, December 4 is the first Sunday. Special offerings will go to Lutheran World Hunger through May 31. December 18 is Synod Sunday.

Remember, we will be providing fruit/veggie snacks for the Library after-school program on Wednesday, Verdeen Pietron wil give an update on the December dates after she confirms the library’s schedule December.



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December Worship Schedule:

December 4: Regular worship at St. John 9:30 a.m.

December 11: Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. folowed by worship service at 2:00 p.m. Note that this service will not be live streamed.

December 18: Regular worship at St. John 9:30 a.m.

December 24: Christmas Eve Service at St. John 7:00 p.m. - No service on Sunday, December 25.

The annual congregational meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2023. Please start planning now for your year-end reports. They will need to be turned in to the office by January 22.



In the cafeteria at the local Catholic school, Sister Bertha had placed a sign in front of a pile of apples that read, "Only take one, God is watching." Further down the table was a box of donuts with a sign written by one of the students, "Take as many as you want, God is watching the apples."



Let's celebrate:

Kyle Jones	December 1
Eleanor Cantrell	December 3
Jennifer Leadbetter	December 13
Natalie (Lymburner) Kolsen	December 22



Also, a Happy Anniversary to Lee and Penny Hanson on December 27.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 9:00 am Women's Breakfast @Sundowner
4 9:30 am Worship at Church Live Streaming YouTube Service	5	6 10:00 am Mid-Week Bible Study	7 8:00 am Men's Breakfast @Sundowner	8	9	10
11 12:30 pm Congregational Luncheon 2:00 Worship at Church	12	13 10:00 am Mid-Week Bible Study 11:30 am Hymn Selection	14 8:00 am Men's Breakfast @Sundowner 3:00 pm Library Snacks	15	16	17
18 9:30 am Worship at Church Live Streaming YouTube Service Synod Sunday	19	20 10:00 am Mid-Week Bible Study 5:00 PM Council Meeting	21 8:00 am Men's Breakfast @Sundowner	22	23	24 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Live Streaming YouTube Service
25 No Church Service <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26	27 10:00 am Mid-Week Bible Study 4:30 Eagles Hope Dinner	28 8:00 am Men's Breakfast @Sundowner 3:00 pm Library Snacks	29	30	31