

FEBRUARY 2022

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Mondays and Fridays
10:00 AM-3:00 PM

Sunday
Worship Service
10:00 am

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St. John Lutheran Church

St. John Lutheran Church comes together to love God and one another, serve others and share God's word. We do these things by God's Grace that comes through the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ

Crystal Epiphanies and the Glory of the Lord

Pastor Tim Swanson

(This is the season of Epiphany where we celebrate the Glory of God that was shone in Jesus Christ; therefore, the images of Jesus as the Light of the World. I wrote this piece after a camping trip in northern Quebec, Canada in 1985. As I was returning to our camper, I saw for the first time what would be called aurora borealis or the northern lights. Apparently, it can take on different forms. This is my vision of what I saw and wrote.)

**It was summer's August moment
far north in Canada's regions
near the flowing waters of the Saguenay
easterly from the shores of Lac Saint-Jean.**

**Walking beneath tall pine trees
where our camper lay nestled
I gazed upwardly where I was greeted
with a crystal haze of light across the sky.**

**No cities close enough ran through my mind
to cast this laser show of layered beams;
each orchestrated atop and next to another
in polygonal patterns.**

**This was the crystal epiphany of God's robe
filling the whole atmosphere as a temple;
evoking within me the litany, "Gory, Glory,
the whole sky is full of Glory".**

**The ascended Lord who had come in glory
sits on the throne of the heavens
filling the earth with the crystallized edges
of royal robes outlined in laser beams.**

**We are touched by the hem of the cloak
descending from the seat of power;
the Spirit's laser etching the glorious cross
on our baptismal brow.**

**And we too are filled with his glory
creating a sense of awe that the holy one
who lights up the skies of creation
can so touch us with his glorious Sun.**



*We thank each and every one of you for all the prayers, love, good thoughts, and visits during this very difficult time in our family.
Mut Buettner and Family
Mut also has a transport chair that needs a new home.
If interested, you may call him at 937-620-9119*

Women ^{of the} ELCA

WELCA January Meeting Minutes

The January meeting of St. John Women of the ELCA was held in the parish hall on January 12 with 7 members present.

The meeting was called to order by President Earla Donaldson. Topic and devotions were presented by Carolyn.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence: Thank you letter from Women of the ELCA for our thank offering of \$460.00 and another from ELCA in America for our gift of \$160.00 through their Good Gifts program.

Treasurer reported a balance of \$1,171.25. Kathy reported 22 cards were sent. She also reported she was sending bulletins to some of our shut-ins.

Carolyn reported Women's Council will meet in April but not have as many meetings as in the past. She also reported Common Good in Eaton will again be sponsoring April showers. The only thing needed is underwear of all sizes.

Rotary dinner were discussed to try to get more people involved.

The rest of the meeting was spent putting together the programs for this year.

Homeless meal will be provided this month by Becky and Darlene.

Meeting closed with the Missionary Benediction.

Refreshments were served by Becky.

All women of St. John are invited and welcome to attend meetings the second Thursday of each month.

Women of the ELCA seeks to be an instrument of Christian Mission in helping the Church to declare the Gospel of Jesus Christ through:

- *Learning of Christ and the mission of His church*
- *Witnessing in our daily lives to our Christian faith*
- *Serving the needs of others in the congregation and Community*
- *Supporting the total work of the church through prayers and offerings*

FINANCIAL		REPORT	DECEMBER		2021
ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, INGOMAR					
CURRENT EXPENSE FUND					
BALANCE ON HAND 12.1.2021			24784.04		
RECEIPTS		DECEMBER	8596.46		
TOTAL IN CURRENT FUND			33380.5		
CURRENT EXPENSES					
JANITOR/SUPPLIES			300.00		
COPIER			73.00		
DPL		10/17-11/15	160.55	24 MO CD-12/18-\$11,134.70	
KNOX ENERGY		10/11-11/13	196.84		
SPECTRUM			171.46		
GIFT CARD-CAROL			205.95		
WINE			46.27		
SERV KEEP/MY COMP			69.89	AMERIPRISE-\$3333,795	
RUMPKE			57.65	12.31.21	+5163
STOCKSLAGERS-POINSETTIAS			125.75		
CHRIS INGRAM-P.WORKER			1106.00	CURRENT OFFERING	
BROOKVILLE FLOWER SHOP			140.00	Dec 20- 8873.56	
TIM SWANSON, INTERIM			3500.00	Dec 21-8596.46	
PIANO/ORGANIST			240.00	Jan-Dec 20-97,347.20	
TWIN VALLEY BANK-Pr gift from		donations	600.00	Jan-Dec-21-98,829.91	
TRANSFER TO ACCRUED			15000.00		
CASH FLOW					
RECEIPTS- 8596.46					
EXPENSES- 6993.36					
+1603.10					
TOTAL EXPENSES					
			21993.36		
BALANCE IN CURRENT FUND			11387.14		
BENEVOLENCE		MEMORIAL	DISCRETIONAR	W/HUNGER	STEPHEN
BEG. BAL	0	10216	151.55	0	1527.03
RECEIPTS	3300	0	0	125	0
PAID OUT	3300	0	0	125	0
END. BAL	0	10216	151.55	0	1527.03
Disaster-2060					
S.SCHOOL		YOUTH TRIP	ACCRUED	MISSIONARY	ORGAN
BEG BAL	43.49	1964.87	31302.70	624	16315.33
RECEIPTS	30.00	0	15000.00	25	400.00
PAID OUT	0	0	0	200	345.00
END. BAL	73.49	1964.87	46302.70	449	16370.33
BENEVOLENCE PLEDGE		5754	G/WORKS PLEDGE		0
PAID OUT		1240			0
UNPAID PLEDGE		4048			0



MEETING MINUTES

COUNCIL MINUTES FOR JANUARY 12, 2022

Present: Randy Ingram, president (2023), Melissa Collins (2022), Scott Hittle (2023), Janette Hittle (2024), Fred Boebel (2024), Interim pastor, Tim Swanson, and Secretary, Chris Ingram. Absent, due to illness were Stephanie Cotterman (treasurer 2023) and Mandy Arnett (2023)

Pastor Tim's devotion came from Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Education for council members was on "The Church as an Organic Word" and drew from Romans 12:1-21 for scriptural meaning.

Minutes from council's last meeting (October 13, 2021) were emailed by secretary one week prior to this meeting for their perusal. Minutes accepted by council members.

Secretary's report/correspondence was also emailed one week prior to this meeting. Report was accepted.

Treasurer report had one inquiry about the transfer of \$15,000 to accrued fund.

Committees: Sleep Mat Project disbanding due to lack of crocheters. Still "plarn" in basement that can be used. **Correction:** Sleep Mat Project will meet on February 19 from 9-11:00 am.

Property: found UV bulbs for water filtration system.

Pastor Tim's report: reminded council his interim contract will be coming up for renewal. Council will need to meet in February to approve.

Pastor also spoke of the aspects of council education; creation of a Vision Team and Witness Team; confirmation ministry; starting a new adult Bible study on January 17 on the book of Revelation.

In the worship area, Pastor also talked about midweek Lenten series with weekly faith healing.

Pastor would also like to complete the Parochial Membership listing so St John for accuracy for the parochial report.

Need for council Vice President was tabled. Members present agreed all members should be present to decide this position.

Need for "Property Team" also tabled until more information gathered.

A short meeting in mid-February (2/13/22) after worship is needed to approve renewing Pastor Tim's contract and to name council VP. The meeting will be announced starting 2 weeks before.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Ingram

Secretary

Council members to gather February 13 after worship for a brief meeting.

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**When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit—
Rest if you must, but do not quit. Author unknown**

