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1 Corinthians 13:8-10

Between the dusk and the dawning comes the grip of the long, dark night—
Hours that pray with deep longing for rays of the first morning light.
Then when the earth-dark has ended and shadows are lifted away,
The hand that folded the darkness will bring of immortal day.
Then there will be no more sadness; then there will be no more tears—
Walking and talking 'mid roses God has been growing for years.
May this be your strength and comfort, His promises be your stay,
That He'll dry your tears with His sunshine and darkness will vanish away.

I wept as I prepared the lines of the poem for the memorial service, for I had grown to love the man who was kind to animals but looked with disdain on the human race. I don't remember ever seeing the 85-year-old man smile. "You're always smiling," he said to me once. "Most Christians look like they're going to a funeral!" Tomorrow is Lloyd's own funeral—without my finding a way to share the Source of my joy. More reference to my faith than he had made would have cut him off. I can only find comfort in prayer that the little things I did found a home in his heart .

My husband and I knew little about him except that he forgave us for being Christians—actually took a liking to us! George won him over first by pruning his roses (a task he deplores). I prayed for him and put his name on my prayer chain the sad day that I learned he was a victim of cancer.

It is up to God to weigh and measure. How has He used you to minister to persons who reject a strong approach? If we can't say it, we can pray it! ~June Masters Bacher~

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

September 4, 2017

Your Church Council would like to keep you informed as to what is going on at our meetings. We appreciate our church family and want to stay connected to you.

The Council Meeting of Harbor of Joy Lutheran Church was held on September 4, 2017 at 7:00 pm. President Denny Struck called the meeting to order. The following members were present: President Denny Struck, Vice President Barbara Rohlf, Secretary Linda Johnson (arrived late), Treasurer Becky Roe, Financial Secretary Kristi Peck and council members Elmer Lubinus, Scott Berry, Lynne Koelling, and Pastor Tim Nappe. Absent council members were Adam Clausen and Dale Gehrels. Devotions by Kristi Peck.

The Secretary's minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Financial Report/ Treasurer Report

Note: New accounting sheet due to Audit

2018 Budget was covered in new business

August Sunday offerings \$14,479.25

Average weekly giving \$ 3,619.87

August Expenses \$13,356.45

Fund Balances as of September 4, 2017

General Fund \$2,621.42

Building Improvement Fund \$74,942.90

Memorial Fund \$10,583.69

Youth Ministry \$ 1,833.44

Treasurer's report and Financial report were approved.

Pastor's Report

Ghana trip will be September 11-26th pulpit supply on the 17th is Greg Jorgensen. Dialog is continuing on facilities use. Gary Lambert will preach the 24th.

Pastor Lee Laavig will be doing emergencies etc for Pastor Tim.

Gary Lambert and Greg Jorgensen will be filling in for Pastor Tim.

Don Bierle seminar for Saturday September 30 and preaching on Sunday October 1st.

LCMC Convention is scheduled for October 8-11th in Minneapolis with Pastor and Bev delegates.

We received \$1,070.00 in our special offering for Hurricane Harvey.

Board Reports

Board of Administration:

Property Committee

Big thank you to Steve and Nancy Letcher for landscaping the East side.

Lawn care for September and October is being done by volunteers. Thank you to Brady Clausen for mowing the lawn in the past as a volunteer project.

Annual furnace and AC inspection with Lakes Plumbing

A Remodel team consisting of Steve Letcher, Tom Luhrs, Nancy Taylor, and Denny Struck will meet this month to assess priorities, costs, and options.

Stained Glass window project

Dale Gehrels has finished the frames and delivered them to the church. Thank you Dale!
Bogenreif will install windows.

Mission Team- Team will meet after 2018 budget is finalized and funds are available.
It was discussed and noted that it will cost \$7 per box to ship a shoe box for Samaritan's Purse.

BOARD OF SPIRITUAL OVERSIGHT

Shift or re-emphasis programs and activities to include more mature members
Review: worship and activity schedule and times so more can attend, field trips, concerts, dinners, ride sharing, work projects to help elderly. These all require focusing on others thereby helping to renew our energy.
Recommend Worship and Adult Discipleship Team (and Bob Floss) meet together to brainstorm how to better attract and serve retirees, etc.
Karen Dokken volunteered to be our church nurse and look in on shut-ins.

Parish Ed

We will need more volunteers for the start of Joy Kids/ Joy Us starting September 20th.
Joy Us is now a separate program headed by Dean, Patti, and Pastor
Joy Kids budget for 2018 passed by committee.

Adult Discipleship/Small groups

Women's Tuesday morning group has started with great attendance. It is a Beth Moore study of Daniel.
"Singles Small Groups" are planning Sunday afternoon meetings.
Thursday noon and Sunday AM small groups are meeting. Sunday PM will get started.
Martin Luther- 500 years since the 95 thesis; Pastor has videos and study material. It has eight sessions with 15-20 minute videos starting the second week in October.

Community Outreach

Visitation team with Pastor to visit those who have stopped attending.
Suggestion was that we have greeters next to main door with everyone greeting and helping out when we notice new faces.

Staff Support Team

Denny passed out copies of first draft of Employee Handbook
Holidays and dates will be discussed at future time.

Worship Team

Calendar: Thanksgiving eve service 7pm Wednesday night
Christmas eve worship will be planned at next council meeting.
Fall Musical is October 8th.
500 Reformation Celebration will be November 12th. We will have Elmer's son talk about his trip to Germany.
Barb will share experiences at German Potluck dinner.
Annual Meeting will be October 29

New Business

Items for budgeting due next month for approval in October are salaries for staff, missions, and Joy Kids budget.
It was made a motion that HOJ no longer pay for recharges for youth. This was moved by Kristi and seconded by Lynne with unanimous vote from council.
Business for the good of the order.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting will be October 10, 2017 at 7 pm with Devotions by Becky.

Linda Johnson Secretary

Dear members of Harbor of Joy,

Seven years ago we started something new- a group of Christians setting out on our own with no idea if we would survive as a congregation. We had a little organization, an unemployed Pastor willing to take on a challenge, and nowhere to meet, but we had the comfort that our Lord would lead us to do his will.

Now the Lord has blessed us with a building, some stability, and a bit more organization, but we have new challenges in serving the King. The purpose of life is to worship God and support each other. It's easy to get complacent and expect something exciting every week as a spectator. That's human nature.

I ask you to think of how Harbor of Joy can better support all our members and visitors. Please tell a council member if there is a program, Bible study, need for help, or better way our church can spread the love of Jesus. But don't wait for an organized program. People are strengthened in their faith by one on one interaction. Kind words and caring acts to each other and our neighbors are how we witness the love of our Lord.

We have adopted a vision and goals for Harbor of Joy. Our short term goals are : 1. Follow up on visitors and lost members. 2. Coffee / snack bar / welcome center in the entry. 3. Guest speakers and more testimonials. 4. Improve social media use – witness. We've made progress on these but are not finished. If you know someone who has stopped attending, please ask them why. Maybe it's something we can improve. We are having two great guest speakers while Tim is in Africa, and Dr. Bierle on Sept 30- Oct 1 is an amazing apologist. Check out our new web site.

Our long term challenges, which we will go into more detail at the annual meeting Oct. 29 are to plan the future of Harbor of Joy in regards to membership, remodeling, adding of worship services, the sharing of facilities, and leadership. Every member is needed to keep this church in existence. You may not get a written "thank you" but your contribution in time or resources is very much appreciated and needed.

Denny Struck, pres.

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you for your generous donations to this project! If you have not had a chance to donate, we are requesting additional personal care items for the boxes.

Suggestions include: Comb, brush, wash cloth, bar soap, band-aids, non-liquid lip balm, flashlight (solar powered or include batteries), nail clipper and file, stick deodorant, and reusable plastic containers such as cups, water bottles, bowl or blunt edged utensils. We can no longer include toothpaste, and we have an adequate supply of toothbrushes. Please place the items in the shopping cart located in the narthex.

We are still accepting the other items we have collected over the past few months-school supplies, toys, craft and activity items.

Please bring your donations to church as soon as possible as we will be packing the shoe boxes in late October or early November. (?)

Property Committee

We met briefly in the library after church on Sunday September 17th. The furnaces have been inspected and we are waiting on report. Snow removal was discussed. New rugs will be bought for the south entry and any others that need replacing. A big thank you goes out to Brady Claussen for mowing the church yard this summer! We also want to thank the volunteers that will finish up the years lawn mowing. We will meet again Sunday October 15 right after the service. If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact any of our team members! In Christ, Terry and the rest of the property committee.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study is in the 4th week of our *Daniel* study. 17 ladies gather together every Tuesday at 9 AM to watch a DVD by Beth Moore and complete the viewer's guide. The lessons show that God is in control, whether it is in a roaring furnace, or in our everyday lives. We all live in a current Babylon, filled with hate, fear, unrest, self-centeredness, pride, and excessive desires.

The study is showing us how to become people of integrity, meaning the love of God we have on the inside is obvious from the outside. And we need to work to keep the outside from coming in. We may not realize it, but everyday we are being indoctrinated by our culture. Being in God's Word, and studying it, helps us to resist worldly indoctrination.

Daniel is also a book of prophesy and through "Old Neb's" dreams, we learn not only of events that happened in the Old Testament, but also prophecies of the second coming of Christ. Beth Moore has completed a vast amount of research for this Bible study, and it is all backed up by the Word of God.

This study will continue for another 8 weeks, then we will take a break

Harbor's Library

There is a need for certain books that would complete some of the book series we have in the library. Following is a list:

Bodie and Brock Thoene
A Light In Zion
Jerusalem Vigil
Thunder From Jerusalem
Jerusalem's Heart
Stones of Jerusalem

Karen Kingsbury
Chasing Sunsets
Brush of Wings
In This Moment

We have some books from the following popular writers, but we are missing these titles:

Chris Fabrey
Dogwood
The Promise of Jesse Woods

Francine Rivers
The Atonement Child
A Lineage of Faith

If you would like to donate some of these books to the library, it would be greatly appreciated!



PARISH ED MINUTES—September 6, 2017, 5:30pm

Opened with prayer.

Six members present.

Submit Volunteer Applications if working with children.

Summer Street Bible School report: Had 15 children the first two nights, July 26 & August 2nd, 11 on August 9th, and 6 on August 16th. Thank you to everyone who made Summer Street Bible School possible. Everyone did a great job!!

JoyKids & JoyUs: September 20th is the first afternoon for the program. The theme is Celebrate Jesus and will lead up to Christmas. The JoyKids will have the same format as last year, but will have lunch in the Fireside room with food on each table to take less time for lunch. The bus will not transport the children this year. We will be walking from the school.

This year the JoyKids (K-4th grade) and JoyUs (5th-High School) will be split.

JoyUs will have a different format: Kids will arrive, have lunch and devotional. They will then go to different life skills or learning sessions. Folks from HOJ will share their hobbies, jobs, life stories or any other interest with the kids.

Patti handed out room assignments for the JoyKids children and leaders. Leaders in each room will contact the children in their room to get them registered and permission forms signed by parents.

JoyKids & JoyUs Christmas Program: Think about this and discuss later.

Grandparent flip books have sold well. Patti ordered 25 and 23 have sold.

Trunk or Treat: Would like to see more advertising within the church to let everyone know about this exciting event and to get more trunks in the parking lot.

The JoyUs Program Needs You!

Relationships and life skills are two aspects important to healthy lives. Add to these Christ's love and the Word of God and you have a glimpse of what the middle school after school program at Harbor of Joy will look like this Fall. All of us have something to share with the young people that come to the church on Wednesdays. Could you teach 2 or 4 students how to crochet? Would you be willing to be part of a foosball tournament for one week? How would you like to teach some students how to cook a meal, use a grill, go on a nature walk? What skill do you have that you are willing to share? Please talk to Dean Ramsey, Patti Griffiths or Pastor Tim about how you want to be involved! You determine the number of students, number of weeks and what you want to do with these adolescents.

The afternoon will start with snack time then devotions. Next, students will move into an activity they choose from the choices we, as a congregation, give them. The opportunities are endless. Let's allow God to work through us so that every child in the middle school wants to come to Harbor of Joy on Wednesdays because we invest in the youth and love with Christ's love!

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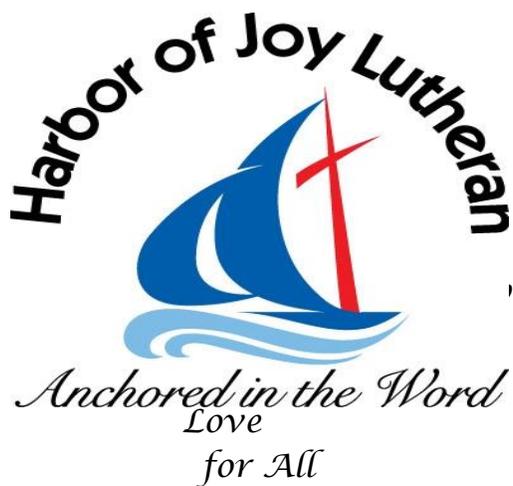
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Prayers:

Brian Peck, Nick-Shirley Berry's grandson, Bud Zimmer, Kristi Peck's dad cancer, Sandi McIntire HOJ: Purpose and direction. Tim and Bev, JoyKids/JoyUs. Al Holmen, healing from heart bypass, Dave Thayer, healing from Knee surgery, Cheryl Mier, healing from eye surgery. Tim and Bev's travels to home.

Please Notify Pastor Tim or church office of any shut-ins or anyone ill who would appreciate a visit.

➤ **Gratitude and Praise:**

First Sat. of the month: Men's Breakfast at Sunshine Foods. 7:30 AM.

➤ **Every Tuesday is Nursing Home Ministry with Shirley Berry**

➤ **2nd Sunday of each month: Legion Breakfast at the Legion**

• **2nd & 4th Thursday nights of every month is Community Table dinners. 5:30-7:00PM at Bible Conference Community Center. No cost to you. Everyone welcome.**

• **4th Wednesday of every month is Wednesday Night Fellowship. October 25th, 6:00 PM**

➤ **November is the next month we deliver meal-on-wheels. Keep in mind as I will be calling you to help.**

• **3rd Sunday of every month property Committee meets after church in Library**

• **Every Tuesday Prayer Group at 11:00 AM.**

➤ **All communications for newsletter are due on third Friday of each month (Oct. 20)**

➤ **Next board and council meeting is Oct. 10th .7:00 PM**

➤ **Dr. Don Bierle Will be here on Sat. Sept 30th from 9:00-11:30 in Fellowship Hall and then again on Sunday Oct. 1st for worship.**

➤ **Fall Musical will be on October 8th at HOJ and Sibley Churches.**

New Collection envelopes are in so come pick one up. Changes this year. You will need to put your name on the envelope as they no longer have a number as in previous years.



A Word from Pastor Tim

We had a day of travel today. We were in Tamale last night and are now in Wa on the western side of Ghana. It was about a 5-6 hour ride, but the roads were good. Our driver, Sampson, managed to miss most of the potholes in the road. But there were a few that were unavoidable!

Our road today took us by the biggest National Park and Wildlife Refuge in Ghana. It is called Mole, 2 syllables, Mo-lay. And since we had some time, we took a little detour. We went into the park and took a guided tour with one of the Ghana park rangers. He spoke English very well and took us back into the dirt roads of the park.

If you google Mole National Park of Ghana, you will learn a little bit about the park. It is a wildlife refuge for many of Africa's animals. We didn't see any, and they are rarely seen, but there are lions, leopards, warthogs, a dozen different kinds of antelope, and many other creatures. Safaris are available and for those who have a few days and a few dollars, they will take you back into the bush to seek out some of the animals.

We did see a couple different kinds of monkeys, baboons, Kob (Africa's version of a deer), warthogs, and elephants! We got pictures of most of them. But, since we only had an hour, the guide took us to a water hole. We got out and quietly walked up through the jungle. We came to a clearing and there were 6 elephants in the water. As we came up, the guide kept walking us closer and closer. (He was carrying a rifle, just in case there was danger.) He stopped us at a safe distance and we watched for a while, taking pictures and video that we will post when we get home. Bev has posted some of the pictures on facebook already. It was pretty amazing and inspiring. These were not zoo animals or in a circus. They were wild, savannah elephants, in their natural habitat!

The guide explained that there are two types of elephants in Ghana. The forest elephant that lives further south and stays in very thick jungle and the savannah elephants of the north. These were savannah elephants. They are bigger than the forest elephants, but they are not as aggressive.

One of the elephants began to walk toward us and the guide suggested that we had probably been there long enough. We headed back to the car.

Every time we come back from Africa, there are people who ask us if we saw any animals. Up to now, we had only seen a couple of monkeys. But now, we have had the opportunity to see some of the majestic animals that God has created! The scenery, the animals, the birds, the people, they all testify to the glory of God and the miracle of life. God is good!

It has been a good day. Even though we had a long ride, we were able to enjoy a little side trip that we will never forget. We arrived in Wa about 4:00 PM. We ate supper and now we have been resting, reading emails and news, and relaxing. Tomorrow, the next conference will begin at 8:00 AM. Some of the missionaries are arriving tonight, many will arrive early in the morning. We look forward to seeing them and having another busy two days.

Continue to pray that our teaching and fellowship is productive. We will be here now for two nights, heading back out on the road on Friday afternoon. The plan, if you are following our travels on a map, is that we will spend Friday night in Techiman. And then travel on to Accra on Saturday or Sunday. Sometime, we need to sit down with Ahmed for a few hours to make future plans. We will have to see when and where that happens.

We are thankful to God that we are healthy and safe. The travel has been good and we have enjoyed good weather. No snags along the way. Pray that it stays that way. Safety on the roads, no sickness, good communication, and God's blessing on our conference.

Please know that we are praying for you back in the states. Sounds like another hurricane is heading toward the US! Keep your eyes focused on God!

We love you!

Can't wait to tell you more and show you the pictures! Tim and Bev

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Oct 1 9:30 Sunday Worship Service 10:45 Education Hour 6:30p Faith Lutheran, Sibley Worship	2	3 9 Daniel Bible Study 11 Prayers Warriors meet 1p Hawkeye Nursing Home Ministry Team	4 3:30p JoyKids/Us 5:15p Parish Ed Meeting 7p AA Meeting Fireside Room 7p Choir Practice	5 9 Choir-	6 3p AA Meeting, Library	7 9 Choir practice
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