



Harbor's Beacon

July 2019

Anchored in the Word

Growing through Worship and Prayer

Sharing the Joy of God's Love for All

Harbor of Joy Lutheran Church

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Charly's 2 Cents

July 2019

Cling to Me as Your Lifeline. You need my help continually, and I am eager to provide it. Don't be anxious about your inability to obey My voice perfectly. The most important commandment is to love Me with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. Although you can do this only imperfectly, I nonetheless delight in your love—as a mother delights in a crumpled flower brought lovingly by her child. Moreover, I rejoice in your obedience, though it is flawed, and in your desire to obey Me. Instead of worrying about the ways you fall short, focus on doing what you can—out of love for Me. Your awareness of your inadequacy can actually be a blessing: It protects you from self-righteousness. It also trains you to depend on Me more and more.

When you relate to Me as your Lifeline, I am pleased. Since I am your Life, looking to Me for help is the wisest way to live. I created you as a dependent being, and if you don't cling to Me you will grasp onto other things. This can lead to addictions, destructive relationships, and other forms of idolatry. So the more you hold onto Me, the better your life will be. I realize you are weak and your faith-muscles easily tire. When you feel as if your about to lose your grip, cry out to Me! For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.

That you may love the Lord your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and length of your days...Deuteronomy 30:20

Sarah Young Devotional

Harbor of Joy Lutheran Church Council Communication

June 11, 2019

The Council Meeting of Harbor of Joy Lutheran Church was held on May 14, 2019. President Denny Struck called the meeting to order at 7 pm. The following members were present: President Denny Struck, Vice President Dean Ramsey, Secretary Linda Johnson, Treasurer Karen Sunde, financial Secretary Kristi Peck, and Council members Dale Gehrels, Barb Rohlf, Scott Berry, Angie Lickhart, Steve Moore, and Pastor Tim Voth.

Devotions and prayer by Steve moore.

The Secretary's minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

Treasurer's report and financial report were approved as read.

- Review of financial practices and procedures for new pastor and new council members
- Health insurance for Pastor Tim Voth and Sharon being finalized

Pastor Call Committee Report

- Pastor Tim Voth discussed how happy he is to be with HOJ and went over a few ideas for future consideration.
 - * Confirmation class discussion-Possible summer fast track program where students would meet for a time period during summers only. We could start the last Sunday of June and continue through the summer/follow-up with net summer before confirmation. This would be 7th and 8th graders.
 - * New member instruction and induction discussion.
 - * Importance of making our church noticeable to folks passing by.
 - * Ask new people out for lunch!
 - * Ideas that council felt could be turned over to property committee.
1. Digital sign (example online Stewart Sign from Florida) Computer generated sign that would attract newcomers and people vacationing or looking for a church
 2. Welcoming people as they enter-first three minutes after entering- what do they see? How are they treated?
 3. Mirror location in foyer.
 4. Good microphones with no static or on/off happenings is crucial.

Property Committee

- ADA bathroom remodel approved at annual meeting with \$13,000 limit. Doors have been ordered and should arrive Thursday (Tom Luers)
- New Sound system approved at the annual meeting with \$24,000 limit. Church computers will also be upgraded .(Steve Letcher) Many thanks to Steve Letcher for repairing our 70 inch TV and also building a new stand for it! Looks great and will be used often!
- Parking lot resolution-blacktop Service contacted with pictures showing our puddles and low spots. We will wait for feedback from them.
- Jason Sargent will look at trees and trim shrubs.
- Air conditioning units need checking and one needs repair.

Staff Support

- Thanks to Bob and Charly for 9 months of work above and beyond. Special thanks to all members who filled in with services.

Mission/Benevolence Team:

- Discussion and approval of Mission Committee funding recommendations. (See sheet Mission Meeting 5 attached) Angie made a motion that council accept disbursement of funds for mission fund. Steve seconded motion. Motion carried.

Promotion/Media: (Barb)

- Thank you to Barb for keeping us in the shopper with ads on worship dates.
- Vacation Bible School
- Article introducing Pastor Tim Voth will be in Dickinson County paper this net week.
- Discussion on using large digital advertising sign next to Subway to let people know that we have a new pastor and are welcoming them into our community.

Parish Education for Youth

- Summer street Bible School will be July 29-August 1st, 5:30-7:30 pm. Please sign up for helping with Bible story readers, crafts, and game leaders. \$184.00 was spent for materials for theme “Roar Life is Wild-God is Good!” See Dena if you can help out.
- Lessons on 10 Commandments for JoyKids/JoyUs will be considered for curriculum for this fall.

Adult Discipleship/Small Groups

- Bible study groups with leaders Patti Thayer and Patt Gehrels meet on Tuesdays at 9 am in Fireside Room. It is “Seamless” by Angie Smith.
- Pastor Tim is looking forward to visiting people in their homes and getting to know all of us.
- Thursday noon sack lunch group is on again- “Lunch with the Bunch.”

Prayer Team

- Patt Gehrels continues to lead our powerful prayer warriors.
- Prayer team meets Tuesday mornings after Bible study.
- Pray for guidance and revitalization as we open a new chapter of Harbor of Joy!

Community Outreach

Fellowship Team

- Dean will continue Wednesday night monthly suppers/special events on 4th Wednesday at 6 pm.
- Kitchen teams are going well.

Team 1 will be first half of alphabet with leaders, Bobbi Berry & Linda Johnson

Team 2 will be last half of alphabet with leaders, Bev Nappe & Karen Sunde.

Note: Your team leader will call and ask for volunteers for Sunday treats or for funerals.

Worship Team

- Thanks for all who helped with Pastor's installation and meal.
- Meet with Pastor and Bob to plan worship services.

Old Business

- Council re-election dates.

New Business

- July 25th is Pioneer Days. Dale will talk to Property Committee for a plan for next year to get a float or some kind of light house that could be put in the back of a pickup or on a golf trailer so we can have out church/JoyKids in the parade next year.
- Next meeting is July 9, 2019 at 7 pm. Devotion: Linda

The meeting closed with Lord's Prayer.

Linda Johnson, Secretary

Church Council contact information

COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION

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Council

Barb Rohlf	712-330-5137
Angie Lickhart	712-324-1922
Steve Moore	712-330-1679
Scott Berry	815-540-7714
Dale Gehrels	712-330-0285
Pastor Tim Voth	701-690-3701

Harbor of Joy Library

Summer is here! Time for mowing the lawn, planting the garden, pulling weeds, trimming bushes, fishing, boating, and entertaining guests (because everyone comes to see us “lake people” in the summer). But hopefully, you will have time to relax with a glass of ice tea and a good book. And the HOJ library has many great books. Some of the new ones we received are listed below.

Thank you so much to everyone who donated these books this month.

Remember: Not only do we have books, but many Christian movies, CD's, Bible Studies, magazines, and childrens books (in the upstairs library).

New:

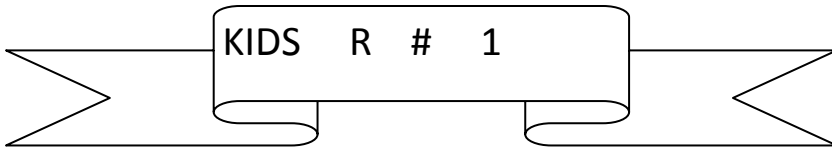
Fiction: From a Distance by Tamara Alexander
 Within My Heart by Tamara Alexander
 Beyond This Moment by Tamara Alexander
 Journey to the Cross by Avery Hitch
 The Reason by William Sirls
 Unlikely Angel by Ashley Smith
 The Way of Women by Lauraine Snelling
 The Red Door Inn by Liz Johnson

Christian Living:

 The Case for Faith by Lee Strobel
 Once in a Million by Pricilla Shirer
 Wounded By God's People by Anne Graham Lotz
 Believing God by Beth Moore

Missions: Tell Them I Know Them by Name by Rodney & Melinda Hinrichs

Have a wonderful summer!



PARISH ED MINUTES—June 5, 2019, 5:15pm

Opened with prayer.

Four members present.

Vacation Bible School: dates are Monday, July 29-Thursdays, August 1st, 5:30-7:30 pm. Dean will also have an adult Bible Study during this time. Dena ordered materials for 20 kids from Cokesbury.com because they had a lower price. Cost for all crafts, DVDs and lessons is \$184.56. The theme is ROAR—Life is Wild—God is Good!

VBS needs:

Director to coordinate and to welcome kids each day

Person to register kids

Craft Leader & helpers

Games Leader & helpers

Leader to read lesson each day

Music Leader—Bev (she has agreed)

Person to play DVDs for skits & music

Food preparers—Dena has some fun recipes for safari theme desserts—Marianne (she agreed). Cynthia has agreed to make safari theme desserts.

Parish Ed Committee approved a budget of up to \$500.00 for Bible School which includes all materials and food.

JoyUs: Pastor Tim is in charge of confirmation and Dean will help.

JoyKids: Patti is looking at 10 Commandments curriculum for next Fall. Start date in September to be determined.

Patti texted parents of Joy Kids about installation of Pastor Tim. Some parents expressed an interest.

Next meeting: **July 3, 2019, 5:15pm.**



Prayers: Harbor Of Joy, Our next chapter

Kristina, Deb Hayenga's daughter, Henry Meyer, Barb & Jim Rohlf's grandson, Verne Hansen, Merle Johnston, Shirley Berry & family, Kevin Berry, Nick (granddaughter's husband). Travelers.

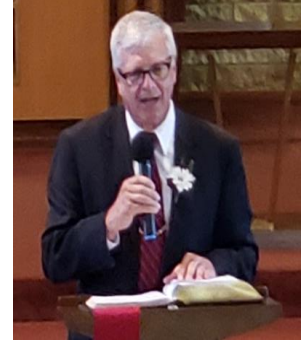
Please Notify church office of any shut-ins or anyone ill who would appreciate a visit.

- **Gratitude and Praise: God's great wisdom.**
 - **First Sat.** of the month: **Men's Breakfast** at Perkins at 7:30 AM.
 - **Every Tuesday is Nursing Home Ministry** with Nancy Letcher and Linda Johnson
 - **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.
 - **3rd Sunday of every month property Committee meets after church in Library**
 - **Every Tuesday Prayer Group at 10:30 AM**
 - **All communications for newsletter are due on July 24th.**
 - **July 9th,** Board And Council Meeting, 7PM

Christmas in June? Not exactly, but it is time to start thinking about collecting items for our Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts. Begin by looking around your home for extra items you might have such as pens, pencils, erasers, note pads, bars of soap, toothbrushes, combs, brushes, gently used stuffed animals or toys or anything that would be appropriate for children ages 2-14. You may place the items on the wire shelving in Charly's old office. Thank you for helping us get started on this important outreach project that reaches children all over the world and shares the Good News of Jesus our Savior. We will fill boxes in early November.

Camp goings on—Okoboji Check calendar in Narthex for times

Pastor Tim's Thoughts



My first newsletter article to the HOJ family!

Life is full of changes but I often go to Hebrews 13:8, where it says, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” In other words, God never changes but He is with us when we go through changes. Some people say, “change is good,” but those who say this aren’t dealing with change. I realize that when a church gets new pastor and a pastor becomes responsible of a new church there will be changes along the way. One thing that I have learned over the years is that a trust has to be earned between the congregation and the pastor. This takes time and I hope that this trust will develop in a good way in the days ahead. I thank the Lord for all of you as we start a new chapter in the life of HOJ. God has used so many of you in our lives that I can’t name everyone here, but know who you are.

I am a different “duck” when it comes to ministering to people. I like to do things that surprise people and be who I am. What you see is what you get. I’m just a common “country boy” that loves Jesus and wants others to know Him too! Please be gracious and patient, as I adjust to a new community and church. I am really happy to be your pastor and look forward to serving you and the Lord together in the days ahead.