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Joy will be preparing and serving a noon meal to 250-300 homeless people in Minneapolis on **Tuesday, August 3rd**. We need people to help with the serving, people to make Jell-O in ice cream pails (10 buckets-each made from 3 Lg. Boxes), people to make cakes (15-20) and people to drive. There is a sign up sheet on the Joy bulletin board. Thanks for your help. All donations need to be at the church by 9:00 am the morning of serving. People will be leaving the church that day at 9:30 am and returning between 1:30 and 2:00 pm.

ALSO, if you can help on **Monday, August 2nd** prepare the food come at 9:00am. This will be a great help to Kelly. If you would like to give a monetary donation there is a stew pot on the table in the narthex.

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Bloodmobile at Joy Lutheran Church

Monday, August 23, 1:00pm - 7:00pm.

Watch for information on how
you can make an appointment!

From Your Pastor's Desk

Summer memories of Joy Member Silvy Horken, age ** hit the Breaking News of her local paper (see the full article posted on the bulletin board). She shared memories of her family playing games such as tiddle-de-winks, mumble-de-peg, horseshoes, and marbles. Games played, parades attended, watermelon eaten, and fireworks all family summer memories. Some of my favorite summer memories were Vacation Bible School. One of the games played was Annie, Annie I Over. We would come home and eat mulberries in the summer sun. Joy has tent camping trips, camp fires, VBS, potlucks, summer worship, play at the park, and weeks at church camp all events forming summer memories. What memories do you have of spending time with your family? What are your summer church memories? What memories about church are you creating for your children and grandchildren?

Sometimes when summer worship is a bit slim, some may wonder what kind of impact the church makes. On Sunday, July 4, when many were out of town, a young mom and her infant son came to worship. She marked her card as a visitor and requested a call from the Pastor. I called her the next week and she shared that she had a great time at worship. She was really welcomed, several people had talked with her, and she wanted to come back. She has been back, several time, and gave me permission to share her story. Church is not just about you, it is about all those who are looking for a church home, wanting, hoping to be welcomed when they come to worship. You are needed to be that person to welcome a new neighbor to Joy. Come create memories of welcome, joy, and God's grace that last a lifetime!

Pastor Amy Fondroy Eich

CONGRATULATIONS

On Your Baptism

July 18, 2010

Jordan Anthony Timmins

Parents: Tony & Melissa Timmins

Sponsors: Cain Cushion & LeAnn Hayes

Our Condolences to:

...Anita & Mark Huber on the death of Anita's mother, Connie Lillevik.

...Sue Hood, Tony & Shannon Hood on the death of their niece/cousin, Jessica Hartung.

...The Barnhart family on the death of Alice Barnhart, member of Joy Lutheran.

† ***May the God of Hope comfort and sustain you always. Our prayers are with you and your families.***

Memorial Committee News

Memorials and Gifts

We are grateful to receive the following memorials and gifts in memory or honor of those listed; for Christ's work through our congregation.

2010 Memorial

In memory of Alice Barnhart
Hymnal-Dick & Emilie Horken

Your Help is Needed to Keep Joy Clean!!

We are looking for volunteer individuals or families to clean our church. Cleaning should be done once a week. You can sign up for the weeks of your choice.

What needs to be done?

Fellowship room: Wet mop as needed, dry mop.

Kitchen: Wet mop floor and wash counter top.

Narthex: Vacuum.

Sanctuary: Vacuum, pick up garbage and old bulletins.

Bathrooms: Clean (don't forget the nursery).

Fireside room: Vacuum and dust as needed.

If you are willing to spend time cleaning Joy, please call Dick Horken at 715-262-4728 or Bill Satchell at 612-382-2729

We are happy to announce the arrival of a new pastor at St. Joseph's. Father Sengol Rajan arrived on Monday and is quickly stepping into the overwhelming life of a pastor! (Actually, he's doing quite well.) Father Rajan is originally from India, but has served for 4 years in the Los Angeles, CA diocese. He has been here in the La Crosse diocese for several weeks. We hope you'll be able to make his acquaintance soon.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
Prescott

Please call the church office with your prayer concerns. Hospitals do not call churches with names of members who are hospitalized.



JOY YOUTH & EDUCATION

Join Us August 11th for a family event at Joy!

Kids, parents, teens, grandparents... everyone is invited to a time of fun and fellowship at Joy on Wednesday, August 11th, 6:30-8:30pm. We will have a fire and outside games for everyone.

Mark Your Calendar for Sunday, August 29

At the 8:15 & 10:00 a.m. Worship services we will be offering a special prayer and blessing of the pencils for students, teachers, and school staff. Prayer is a great way to start off the school year!

Sunday School Teacher Training Wednesday, September 8th.

We are still in need for a few teachers and substitutes!! Call Christy Canfield or Jenny Wazlawik if you would like to help. Watch bulletin for training time.

Rally Day for Sunday School Sunday, September 12, 10:00 a.m.

Registration information is available in the narthex.

Confirmation Starts on

Wednesday, September 15, 6:15 p.m.

This is for parents and students 8th & 9th grade.

Attention 4th graders and Families

1st Communion will be Sunday, October 24th at 11:30a.m. Schedule for educational class to be announced at a later date.

9th grade Confirmation Retreat

Saturday, November 6 - Monday, November 8.

Retreat takes place at the Roen's cabin near Rice Lake, WI.

SERVING AT JOY

GREETERS

August 1:

8:15 Curt, Sharon & Cathy Aaseng
10:00 Steve Kaufman

August 8:

8:15 John & Rosie Culhane
10:00 Judy Hamann

August 15:

8:15 Norm & Shirley Johnson
10:00 Chris & Kristi Blanchard

August 22:

8:15 Ken & Loretta Knight
10:00 Tascha Kinney

August 29:

8:15 Darrell & Rosemary Alexander
10:00 Erica Keezer

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

August 1:

8:15 Curt & Cathy Aaseng
Phyllis Hoffmann
10:00 Steve Kaufman
Joe Rohl

August 15:

8:15 Jim & Bobbie Flatz
Tom Peterson
10:00 Chris Blanchard
Hope & Erik Olson

READERS

August 1:

8:15 Curt Aaseng
10:00 Steve Kaufman

August 8:

8:15 Robyn Keyport
10:00 Kathy Sommer

August 15:

8:15 Paul Steger
10:00 Chris Blanchard

August 22:

8:15 Tom Peterson
10:00 Lisa Kleinschmidt

August 29:

8:15 Sharyn Calton
10:00 John Carroll

THANK YOU

Many Thanks to

Michele Heinze for making the beautiful Baptismal napkins these past few years.

If you would like to help her with this project please call the church office.

Dear Pastor Amy and Church,

Thank you so much for allowing Teen Challenge to be a part of your Sunday Morning service! We were so blessed to come share our hearts and testimonies of what God has done! Thank you for your kindness, generosity, and prayers toward our students and ministry!

Blessings,
Samantha and Deborah
Church Relations

Women of Joy,

Thank you for your donation of clothing, money, soap, paper towels, toilet paper, and hygiene products.

Your generosity and kindness is greatly appreciated!

The Turning Point Staff

To the Members of the Joy Lutheran Church

We wish to sincerely thank you for your support. We are grateful for all the help we receive in aiding those in need. We hope you find peace and joy throughout the year and send our best wishes.

God Bless,
Turning Point Advocates

~PROPERTY AND GROUNDS NEWS~

The Joy Property and Grounds Committee is in the process of soliciting and reviewing bids for the replacement of the furnaces serving the 1974 portion of the building. We, to date, have requested bids (including one for geothermal) from four local HVAC contractors and have had discussions with a couple Joy members who have expressed an interest in or have the ability to help with this project.

The next Property and Grounds meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 9, 2010 at 6PM. If you would like input on this project or if you would just like to be better informed about the process, please plan to attend this meeting. We appreciate your interest in your church!

The following pastors have offered to be available for emergencies or funerals while I am on vacation. Please feel free to contact the Pastors and also contact a council member with your pastoral needs. Pastor Bill Wilson, Tabor Lutheran and Svea Lutheran Hager City. Pastor John Sutherland, Our Savior's Lutheran. Pastor Matt Schneider-Adams, St. John, UCC. All numbers are available from Joy's Church office, Joy Council members, and printed in the church bulletins.

We hope 2010 is going well for all of you so far. Financially for Joy Lutheran Church, so far it has been a year of ups and downs.

Ups and Downs

We had a slow start and had some cash flow issues in January, but once we asked people to help out, we made it through. Then we held the 2nd Annual Plant Market and were able to nearly double last year's amount! We also signed the agreement with the Prescott High School and will start receiving income for rent of the basement during the week. Then we needed money to replace the failing furnaces and were blown away with the response. We received more than enough to replace them. Actually, we received 2/3 of the budgeted amount we needed to do all of this year's building maintenance. Many other needs have been filled with very generous specific gifts.

Currently, we are falling short to cover our cash flow needs. In the short term, we are asking that people help us fill our current cash flow need with one of the following: 1) early payment of your existing pledges, 2) additional contributions to either general or building funds or 3) new contributions from people who haven't given previously. We feel that if this later category could contribute even a \$1 or \$2 each week, it would make up a significant portion of the shortfall.

Other Good News

Beyond the financial aspects, Joy has been growing in size and involvement. We have added over 42 new members in 2010 and have had numerous baptisms. Many new families have joined and been baptized as a group. We even had one child baptized while holding onto a lollipop in each hand. This may be a first for Joy. This year, we are sending 14 kids to Luther Park Bible Camp, which is more than we have in many years. People are getting involved in new areas and trying new activities. Committees are getting formed and persistent issues are getting addressed directly. Hopefully, you have seen that Joy is filled with life and has the kinds of activities you want to be a part of. If not, please let someone on church council know so it can be addressed. The Spring Fling results could never have been achieved without the involvement of so many people from Joy and from the community.

Mid-Year Financial Condition Statement

We are pleased to be able to provide a mid-year financial statement to help you understand the current state of Joy's finances. We recognize that these can be confusing, especially when we only talk about them once a year at the annual meeting. We are investigating alternatives to improve our cash flow such as refinancing our mortgage and reducing expenses even further where we can. Please let anyone on church council know if you have questions about the current financial condition.

Budget Versus Actual

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Operating Income			
Building Fund Offerings	\$48,222	\$32,365	- \$15,857
General Fund Offerings	\$134,593	\$148,970	\$14,377
Total	\$182,815	\$181,335	- \$1,480
Operating Expenses			
Total	\$207,053	\$180,927	\$26,126
Capital Improvement Income (Spring Fling)	\$15,274	\$22,396	\$7,122

So we will trust that the Lord will lead us through these lean times and help us find the best way to keep His work going. Thanks for all you do at Joy!

MORE from your STEWARDSHIP GROUP...

Joy's List

With the success of the Spring Fling fundraiser, the Stewardship Committee is exploring other fundraising options for Joy Lutheran Church.

Do you have some items around your home that have outlived their usefulness for you and wish you could find somebody else who needs one?

Here's your chance!

We are starting a new bulletin board in the church hallway called **Joy's List** (sound familiar?) where items can be listed for purchase from you with the understanding that at least 25% of the proceeds will be donated to Joy's general fund. Please keep the item in your possession until the sale is complete. Index cards will be available near the bulletin board to fill in the following information:

Item Description:

Seller Name:

Seller Phone Number:

Date Posted:

Suggested Purchase Price:

Attach a picture of item if possible.

We are giving this a try, and hopefully it will benefit everyone involved. We do plan to limit the size and duration of postings to keep it looking nice. So start posting and selling!!



Apples, Apples, Apples!!

We have been given an opportunity to raise money for Joy and participate in a great fall tradition. Apples!!! Rudy Jungwirth has offered to share the proceeds from an apple orchard he has leased. **But we need people who are willing to help** lead and organize some events to take advantage of this gift. We have a few ideas so far: picking fests, apple markets, apple events (bobbing for apples, caramel apples, other games), partnering with JW/ELCA's pies baking, or even having a church service out at the orchard. Also, if you plan to buy apples this fall, keep this in mind, as we will benefit Joy by buying our apples here as well. If you are interested in helping to organize or participate in these activities, please contact Craig Orf at 715-426-9626.

OTHER ~IMPORTANT~ NEWS!!

A Finance Committee has been formed as a subcommittee of the Executive Committee of the Council to serve as a support resource to those who are responsible for working with Joy's finances, to develop financial policy and procedure, and to improve financial communication to the congregation. The Finance Committee members are Kariin Pepin (Council President), Tom Peterson (Council Vice President), Sue Hood (Treasurer), Pastor Amy Fondroy Eich, Craig Orf (Stewardship), Jim Flatz, Kathy Benson, and Peter Gray. Any questions or comments regarding finance can be posed to any of these people, as well as any member of Council.

Our church started out as a steadily growing smaller congregation and in recent years we have grown into the "larger congregation" category. The committee, in looking for methods more appropriate to our size, is working with the Treasurer and Council to implement controls and procedures following the guidelines made available to all congregations by the Office of the Treasurer of the ELCA. We have spoken to financial people in other similar-size and larger congregations, and we have had an introductory session with a Certified Public Accountant (CPA).

The committee is beginning to implement new financial processes at Joy. We have made some changes in how the offering is handled. We have helped describe a disbursement policy for the Treasurer. Our Administrative Assistant, Tracie Lee, has requested that she no longer work with finances. The congregation owes Tracie its gratitude and appreciation for her willingness to undertake this difficult work after Dwight Kimber moved out of the area. With the approval of the Council, Sue Hood has taken on those duties.

Tom Peterson, Chair

Caring Ministries

A group has met on July 14 to set goals for caring ministries at Joy. If you are interested in expressing care to members at Joy, or helping with prayer ministry, please gather on Wednesday, August 25 at 4:00 PM. Thanks! Pastor Amy

Baptism is a gift of grace and forgiveness from God. If you are interested in baptism, please contact the church office to set up a meeting with myself. Baptisms are offered approximately one Sunday a month at each service. If you are expecting, I recommend you meet before your child is born; after the birth is always a busy time. The congregation eagerly awaits welcoming new saints through baptism! Pastor Amy Fondroy Eich

Looking for opportunities to connect faith with daily life? Here are some simple ideas. Take the Celebrate insert home with you. Tuck it in your billfold, planner or car. Re-read the scripture and prayers from Sunday or read the scripture for the next week at noted on the bottom. Check out www.EnterTheBible.org a free, comprehensive resource about scripture written by Luther Seminary faculty. Take the prayer list from the Weekly Announcements and pray over the names. Pray over the activities and events for the week. Check out the ELCA website; there are stories about how Joy is connected to ministry that is making a difference around the world! Sign up to receive God Pause e-mail devotions that are short, meaningful reflections of the following Sunday's lessons and gospel. www.luthersem.edu/email/email.asp or find out more via www.luthersem.edu/godpause Look around and ask, what can I thank God for today! God is with us every day, good and bad days.

Blessings! Pastor Amy

All Women Are Invited to the St. Croix Conference W/ELCA Summer Retreat in River Falls on August 17th

All women of the St. Croix Conference W/ELCA are invited to attend the Summer Retreat to be held on Tuesday, August 17 at Ezekiel Lutheran Church, 202 S. Second Street in River Falls from 8:30 A.M. – Noon. Women from Joy Lutheran who would like to car pool should meet at the church parking lot at 8:00 A.M. The registration fee is \$5.00 which will be collected that day. No pre-registration is required. An offering will also be taken to support projects in our Companion Synod of Malawi and for Project Comfort which provides the money for Lutheran World Relief to ship items overseas. Morning coffee and refreshments will be served by the women of Ezekiel Lutheran Church, but no lunch will be provided. The keynote speaker for the Summer Retreat is Michele Hermansen. Michele and her husband reside in New Richmond, Wisconsin. She is a parent to two grown daughters. She returned from her seventh trip to Africa in November, 2009. In 2005, Michele began a journey which changed her life. As a vice executive. She maintained strict, almost obsessive control of her life and emotions, until African villagers helped her burst from the armor with which surrounded herself. Michele was drawn to Tanzania to help members of a small village improve day to day life. The book she authored, *“Unexpected Journeys: The Extraordinary Capacity of Every Day People,”* is the candid account of a life changed. It is the story of the incredible potential that exists within each of us.

Michele’s book will be available for purchase at our Retreat. The agenda for the morning retreat also includes devotions by Pastor Kathy Tulman of Christ Lutheran Church in Somerset, several musical selections by our own Joy Handbell Choir, and updates on the work of our churchwide W/ELCA, including the upcoming Triennial Convention next summer in Spokane, by Avalene Swanson, President of the Synod Women’s Organization, Phyllis Beaström, the SWO Representative from St. Croix Conference. And Roberta Bittler, SWO Triennial Promoter. The Global Made Store, located in River Falls, will also have a table with items for sale.

Do join us for this informational and inspirational retreat. Your participation is important to the ongoing mission and work of the Women of the ELCA! The St. Croix Conference leadership team is hoping that each congregation will be well represented at this Summer Retreat. If you have any questions about the Conference Summer Retreat, contact Marcia Lindseth at 715-262-3498 or note the poster on the JW/ELCA Bulletin Board at church.

New Joy Women Directory Being Compiled

Several women met at the end of July to revise and update our JW/ELCA annual directory. Be looking for this to come to your home within a month or so and please peruse it for a schedule of activities being planned for the 2010-2011 year. If you can help on any of the ongoing JW/ELCA Committees, please contact a member of our JW/ELCA Steering Committee or call the church office. Also, if you are on one of our Prayer Chains, and do NOT want to continue with that, please call the church office and inform Tracie of that. If you’d like to be included on one of our Prayer Chains and are not presently on one, please let Tracie know of that also. We have a Daytime Prayer Chain, an Evening Prayer Chain, and an E-Mail Prayer Chain. We have an exciting year coming up so please mark your calendar with the dates of our upcoming activities when you receive your Directory!

More JW/ELCA NEWS

WELCA-worthy . . .

- ✦ Thank you to Joan Schaack for sewing a beautiful crib quilt to be donated to the quilt auction at Luther Park Bible Camp on August 15th.
- ✦ If you would like to purchase dish cloths, they are available on the small table in the narthex. They are \$1.00 for one or four for \$3.75. Envelopes are provided for your donation. JW/ELCA cookbooks are also available for sale for \$15.00. They are also on that table.
- ✦ Be sure to note the July 2010 St. Croix Valley Conference W/ELCA Newsletter which is hanging on the JW/ELCA bulletin board in the education wing hallway. It contains news of the upcoming Summer Retreat and small bios on your Conference W/ELCA Officers.
- ✦ Note also on the bulletin board information about the Eighth Triennial Gathering of the Women of the ELCA, to be held July 14-17, 2011 in Spokane, Washington. Registration opens September 15, 2010 at a cost of \$299. (The fee will go up to \$325 on January 1, 2011.) Our Northwest Wisconsin Synod offers two \$100 scholarships. If interested in applying for one of the Synod Scholarships, contact Marcia Lindseth for the application form or look in the Synod's June *Northwester Newsletter* which is also hanging on the bulletin board. Scholarship applications are due on October 30th. The blessings of attending a Triennial Gathering are many – among them the opportunity to hear superb, nationally-known speakers, sing fun and inspirational music, be inspired by uplifting worship services, learn at a myriad of workshop sessions, study the Bible, and meet hundreds of wonderful women from all over the U.S. For more specific Triennial Gathering information, check out this web site: www.womenoftheelca.org/triennial. You may also contact our Northwest WI Synod Triennial Gathering Promoter, Roberta Bitler, at 715-349-5908 or email her at edbert@sirentel.net.
- ✦ Our JW/ELCA gave \$200 in scholarships for the recent Middle School Camping Trip at Willow River. They also have scholarships available for students attending Luther Park Bible Camp this summer. Contact Christy Canfield if you are in need of a JW/ELCA scholarship for Luther Park.

What is an Active WELCA Unit?

To accomplish the purpose of W/ELCA, women shall commit themselves to:

- ✦ Come together for study, support, and action.
- ✦ Participate in the ministry of W/ELCA beyond the congregation.
- ✦ Support financially the total program of W/ELCA; and
- ✦ Designate leadership that shall be in communication with the synodical and churchwide women's organizations.

As we approach the coming of the fall season of activity, why not commit to helping our Joy Lutheran Church Women become a really active W/ELCA unit? All women of our church are members of W/ELCA. We have lots to offer so please do join us for our

CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

The Church Council meeting was held on July 20, 2010. Following are highlights from that meeting.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Amy Fondroy Eich reported that she'd performed one funeral and one baptism in July. She also participated in some continuing education opportunities. At the recent Synod Assembly, Pastor Amy was elected to be a Rostered Clergy voting member at the ELCA National Assembly in 2011. Joy will benefit from her experience at the Assembly and she will work to share about the event with the congregation. She thanked the Executive Committee and the Finance Committee for their extensive meetings and work in the past months. Pastor Amy reviewed the Sexual Misconduct Workshop to be held at Joy on August 1 and reported on the first meeting of people involved with the caring ministries at Joy. She thanked Bill Satchell for making a video inventory of the church for insurance purposes.

Christy Canfield's Report: Christy reported that the High School Youth gathered at Joy for a campout on June 30-July 1 and the Middle School students took a camping trip to Willow River State Park July 11-13. Students had fun while spending time in God's Word, hiking, fishing worshipping, playing and praying. Vacation Bible School will be held at Joy from July 25-30 with the UCC churches joining in. Everyone is invited to a community potluck on July 28th, 5-8 P.M. Fourteen youth will be attending Luther Park Bible Camp in August.

Council Affairs: Becky Denn was announced as the new Outreach Committee Chair, replacing Steve Kaufmann who resigned from the Council. The following Building Use Requests were approved: Cross Country Team from Prescott High School to use our land for practice and one meet; Flying P Football Booster Club to use our kitchen from 2:00 – 6:30 P.M. for football dinners for players on September 2, 16, 23, October 14; and Joan Schaack to use our Music Room from 3:00 – 6:30 P.M. on Wednesdays from September through May for piano lessons (to be coordinated with Ken Carlson and Kids' Choir Rehearsals).

Treasurer's Report: Sue Hood reported that we are current in payment of bills through the end of June. Expenditures, however, remain "tight."

Finance Committee: Peter Gray was present to report that the Finance Committee is looking into refinancing our present church mortgage with Thrivent Financial. A discussion was held on the advantages of recommending this to the congregation. A motion was approved to authorize the Financial Committee to pursue refinancing and communicate their recommendations at a congregational meeting to be tentatively scheduled for September 19.

Outreach Committee: This committee will be investigating the church's having a float in the Prescott Daze Parade in September.

Stewardship Committee: Craig Orf reported on discussions with Rudy Jungwirth regarding the church's involvement with Rudy's apple orchard and its financial benefit to the congregation.

Property and Grounds Committee: Peter Kleinschmidt reported that bids are coming in for the replacement and repair of the church furnaces.

Worship and Music Committee: Lee Northouse reported that Julie Wood, Chair of the Altar Guild, has resigned that position and a new person will be sought for that position. This Committee will meet next on July 29th.

Education Committee: Jenny Wazlawik reported that a few teachers are still needed for Sunday School classes. Teacher training is scheduled for September 8 at 6:30 P.M. Needs for VBS were discussed. 3rd Graders will receive their Bibles on October 10th, First Communion will be October 24th, and the Christmas Program is scheduled for December 12th with rehearsal on December 11th.

Youth Committee: Bill Satchell reported that plans are being made for the Community Potluck during VBS on July 28th. On August 11th the Middle School will have an event from 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. Youth Committee is grateful for the Willow River Camping Trip Scholarships given by JW/ELCA.

JW/ELCA: Marcia Lindseth reported that the 2010-2011 Planning Meeting will be held on July 27th. The Summer Bible Study will be held on Saturday, July 31st with PACA churches invited to attend. The Conference Summer Retreat will be held on Tuesday, August 17th at Ezekiel Lutheran Church in River Falls from 8:30 A.M. – Noon. All women are invited to attend any of these activities.

Constitution Committee: This Committee, made up of Doug Keyport, Tom Peterson, Marcia Lindseth, and Pastor Amy, will meet on July 27th to begin work on constitutional revisions if needed.

Old Business: Joy Lutheran Church will host the Red Cross Bloodmobile on Monday, August 23rd from 1-7 P.M. Two volunteers are needed – one to greet persons and one to act as a canteen worker to give out snacks. A new Building Use Agreement Form was discussed. Revisions are being made. It was approved to charge a fee of \$20 to persons who make a building request less than 45 days before their requested event.

New Business: After discussion, a motion was passed to authorize the Executive Council to post a vacancy notice for a part-time bookkeeper position, and then to interview, and hire someone who would work approximately 2-4 hours/week at a rate of \$15-\$20 per hour.

The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, August 17 at 7:00 P.M. Healthy Start meeting will be August 10 at 6:00 P.M. The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Report submitted by Marcia Lindseth

AN EVENT COMING UP FOR JOY...

Silence is Not the Answer: An open conversation about sexual misconduct in congregations.

Barbara Keller the ELCA consultant for the prevention of sexual misconduct will be leading two workshops. Have you ever watched the news and wondered how a leader could engage in sexual abuse of a child or an adult? Have you ever been made sexually uncomfortable by a leader and wondered what to do? All the questions you have wanted to ask and didn't know if you could dare ask them in a church will be welcome at these events. It is estimated that 1 in 10 congregations have sexual misconduct in their church history. These events are traumatic for the individual and the congregation. Often times they are kept silent and the ripple effect can not be healed. You, your family member or your neighbor have been in a congregation impacted by these experiences. "Safe Connections, What Parishioners Can Do to Understand and Prevent Clergy Sexual Abuse" an ELCA publication available on the ELCA website outlines what you can do to prevent clergy sexual abuse. Number one is education, for everybody – laity, clergy, church leaders, and community.

Barbara Keller provides education for Bishops, clergy and congregations. She also works individually with congregation leaders, congregations and survivors of sexual misconduct. The sexual misconduct is across denominations and impacts a whole community. Other denominations are invited to attend. This event is sponsored by ELCA Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, St. Croix Valley Conference, and Joy Lutheran Church.

Sunday, August 1 Barbara will be Presenting at Joy Lutheran in Prescott Wisconsin. Pastors and staff only session I from 2 – 5 PM. Congregation members, Pastors and staff session II from 5:45- 8:30 PM. Any questions about the event please contact Pastor Amy Fondroy Eich at Joy Lutheran or e-mail at pastoramy@centurytel.net. Barbara Keller's consultation time is paid for by Mission Support Dollars that are given by congregations through our Synod. The expense of her hotel nights and ground transportation will be covered by donations from the St. Croix Valley Conference, congregations, and a suggested \$10 per congregation fee. There will be a meal available for an additional \$5, please RSVP if you are planning to eat that day.

Registration to Joy Lutheran Church 1435 St Croix Street, Prescott WI 54021, 715-262-5800, joychurch@centurytel.net.

Congregation name and address:

Session Attending: Session I Pastors and Staff and/or Session II Congregation members, Pastors and Staff.

Names of those attending:

Congregational suggested donation: \$10

Meal (\$5/ per person additional for the meal)

Please make checks out to Joy Lutheran Church.

Community ~ Regional

News, Events & Resources

LUTHER PARK "HEART FOR THE PARK" EVENT

We are excited to announce that Luther Park will host **Heart for the Park** on Sunday, August 15 starting at 10:00 a.m. at Luther Park. We invite you to join us in this annual event to celebrate the ministry and mission of Luther Park and raise funds to support future programs and enhance the ministry here. You are encouraged to donate handcrafted items, quilts, and silent auction items.

New this year!! Farmer's Market - Our summer theme is "Keepers of the Earth" and throughout the summer, campers and staff will be exploring what it means to care for God's creation. Please encourage gardeners you know to plant some extra produce this spring and donate it to Luther Park on August 15.

With any questions, contact Diana at 715-859-2215 or Diana@LutherPark.org or Becky@LutherPark.org.

We are pleased to be working with Dr. Diane Jacobson and members of the Book of Faith Leadership Team on a travel seminar to the Holy Land for ELCA members church-wide. All are welcome!

Book of Faith Pre-Lenten Journey to the Holy Land

February 14 - 26, 2011 Inspired by the ELCA's Book of Faith Initiative, this 13-day travel seminar offers an encounter with scripture in the land where the Word first dwelled. Comprehensive program includes international airfare from Newark, a carefully planned and paced schedule of sites, accommodations, most meals, activities and educational programming. The leadership team on this journey of faith is Lutheran Theologian, Dr. Diane Jacobson, Professor Emeritus of Old Testament at Luther Seminary and Director of the Book of Faith Initiative, and Dr. Mark Gravrock, pastor, spiritual director and educator in Montana Synod. Visit Galilee, Petra in Jordan, Dead Sea, Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Contact Dr. Jacobson, DJacobso@luthersem.edu or Dr. Gravrock, amhrang@gmail.com. Registration is open with space limited to 26 registrations. Download brochure: www.crossingborders.com & click Tours.

This is second in a series of Book of Faith travel seminars. The first travel seminar departs on October 11, 2010 for Turkey. Space is still available. Download brochure for Turkey: Crossroads of Our Faith seminar: www.crossingborders.com & click Tours.

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SAFE DRUG DISPOSAL FOR PRESCOTT!!

The Prescott Police Department and Prescott Emergency Medical Services are teaming up to collect unused or out-of-date prescription medications from city residents.

"Out-of date or unused prescription medications are a safety hazard and should not be stored at home beyond the length of an illness or other medical considerations," said EMS and Fire Chief Bill Dravis. "Some medications can become more powerful over time, while others lose their potency. It is not a good practice the keep them, especially for a long time."

Police Chief Mike R. Bondarenko said unused or out-of-date prescription medications also represent a potential for misuse of drugs. "We have had young people tell us that they took medications that their parents or relatives stored in their homes and ingested them to "get high," chief Bondarenko said. (See the bulletin board for more information.)

City residents can bring containers of out-of-date prescription medications or over-the-counter medications to the Police Department during office hours; Monday-Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm. A police officer will take possession of the drugs and the medications will be properly disposed of in a safe manner with no adverse environmental impact. You are asked to keep the medication in the original container and mark out your name and personal information.