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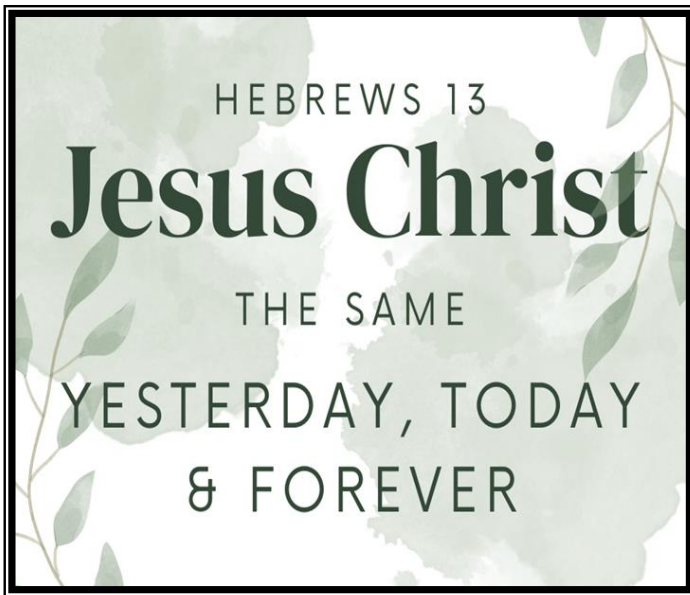
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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

Today's service differs from the norm because our Christian Day School students will be presenting a Reformation Service entitled, "*Jesus Christ the*

Same Yesterday, Today, and Forever." Our hope and prayer is that their message of sin and grace, Law and Gospel, life and death, will bless you in your Christian life.

St. John's started its Day School in 1995, in recognition of the church's centennial. Our students are blessed to not only receive an excellent education, but to daily learn how to apply the message of God's Word to their lives. Not only do they learn English, Math, Art, Music, and the Sciences, they learn these subjects from a Christian perspective. Instead of viewing the world as the product of accidental, by-chance evolution over the course of billions of years, they are taught the truth: God created this world in six normal days. His perfect world was ruined by man's sin. God resolved the problem of sin by coming to our earth to live and die as our Substitute.

In an age where it is hard for small, rural congregations to remain viable, we feel especially blessed to have a school. Our conviction is that, even if only one soul is kept in the faith as the result of the Gospel heard in our school, it is worth every penny that was spent and every ounce of energy that was poured into it.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience.



NOON MEAL All are welcome to join us for the meal that will follow today's service. The dinner will begin shortly after the service.

SCHEDULE There will **NOT** be a regular Sunday morning service next Sunday. The choir will practice at 2:30 PM, SS/BC at 3:30 PM, and Pastor Rodebaugh's installation is at 4:00 PM, with a potluck following.

Pastor John Hein will be preaching and Pastor Joe Naumann will conduct the liturgy. There will likely be plenty of guests attending. Please plan accordingly.

THANK YOU Dear Members of St. Johns: Words cannot really convey the debt of thanks we owe to you for the Christian love that you've shown to

our family during the past 26 years, and, in a special way again last Sunday. We are deeply touched by your kindness.

It was a very emotional day for us for obvious reasons, but it was also a very special day that we will not forget. Thank you for the privilege of serving here and for all of your support. May the Lord bless your relationship with the Rodebaugh family as He has so richly blessed ours! The Albrechts.

PARSONAGE A special thanks to those who worked hard to update the parsonage prior to the arrival of the Rodebaughs. There was only a small window of time available but much was accomplished.

Thank you as well to those who helped with moving the Rodebaugh family, helping unload the truck, and providing food and household goods.

QUARTERLY MEETING The following were addressed and/or approved at the October 24 meeting:

1. **Membership.** Christine Bass was released from membership as a result of her leaving her family and moving to Florida. She excluded herself from admonition by refusing to speak with the pastor and/or Elders. Mike De-Wall was released at his request. The Kent Rozelle family also requested a release (They live in the Oklahoma City area).

2. **Trustees.** The upstairs carpeting in the parsonage will be replaced at a cost of \$5,000. New kitchen appliances will be purchased, including a stove, refrigerator, and dishwasher.

3. **Treasurer's Report.** While there is about \$14,000 in the General Fund, we are currently behind on our Cooperative Budget Plan projection (the amount we give for synodical purposes) by \$1,700. We will need to start paying property tax on the teacherage at the cost of \$1,900 per year.

4. **Fall Schedule.** The Thanksgiving Service will be held at 9:30 a.m. on November 25. There will be three midweek Advent Services. The Children's Christmas Eve Service will be held at 6:30 p.m. The Christmas Day Festival Service will be held at 9:30 a.m. A New Year's Eve Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. The Election Meeting will be held on December 8. Officers will be installed on Sunday, January 5. The Annual Meeting will be held on January 19. Adapted from the official minutes, Bruce Eigenberg, Secretary

CLC NEWS Pastor Frank Gantt, Atlanta, GA has the call to Manchester, MO. Teacher Collette Krause has announced her retirement at the end of this academic year.

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USHERS 11/03 Kendall B., Larry B.
11/10 Phil S., Nathan V., Anthony F., Daniel R.
11/17 Trevor B., Tim Z., Joshua E., Christian K., David R.

CLEANING (Wk. 3) The Strikes
D. Ling, C. Rovere, D. Sumeiy



1st Grade ~ Lylyan Legg

3rd Grade ~ Ella Dingee, Remie Stowe

5th Grade ~ Aubrey Dingee, Ava Stowe

6th Grade ~ Isaac Eigenberg, Paxtyn Hendel, Trysten Hendel, Katelyn Roddy

7th Grade ~ Amy Ruthenbeck, Verrick Stowe

Accompanist ~ Mrs. Kathy Lueck

Teachers ~ Mrs. Ruth Eigenberg and Mrs. Lana Strike