



LWML

The forerunner of St. John LWML, St. John Women's Missionary Endeavor, was organized October 7, 1937. A constitution was adopted and the following were the first officers: Mrs. Henry E. Meyer, President; Mrs. John Tonn, Secretary and Mrs. Charles Hausmann, Treasurer.

St. John's Endeavor was among the groups in North Dakota which helped to organize the North Dakota District Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) in January, 1944. Their purpose was threefold: Missionary Education, Missionary Inspiration and Missionary Service and these remain the objectives of the LWML in this centennial year of 1986.

In the beginning St. John Endeavor was divided into four groups. The groups met separately in the homes of members for two months. The third meeting of each quarter involved all groups; a unit meeting. All members were given Mite Boxes, and voluntary offerings were brought to each meeting. Early projects included sewing for the Red Cross, donations to Lutheran Child Welfare, medical kits for relief work, beautifying the church parlors and supplying kitchen utensils, caring for altar linens, and arranging for altar flowers at all services.

Present day activities are similar, and along with those mentioned above they also include helping with weekly devotions at the Nursing Home, sponsoring birthday parties at the Home and helping to supply furnishings there. Also devotional booklets and materials are supplied for all members of the congregation. The LWML ministers to sick and shut-ins by means of cards and calls, takes care of culinary arrangements for conventions, rallies, mission festivals and other church functions.

Officers of St. John LWML at the present time are Mrs. Walter Schlichtmann, President; Mrs. Palmer Kjensrud, Vice President; Mrs. Ralph Meyer, Secretary; and Mrs. Erwin Bohnsack, Treasurer.



Christian Fellowship Club

The first organization in the Congregation to be affiliated with the International Lutheran Laymen's League was the Hillsboro Men's Club. It was organized in 1933, and concerned itself with highway advertising, study and discussion of topics on church work, and enjoyment of Christian fellowship.

In 1946, the St. John LLL became one of the charter clubs of the North Dakota District LLL, organized in Bismarck.

On January 5, 1967, the Christian Fellowship Club was formed by the merger of the LLL club (Men's Club) and the Parent-Teachers League. The projects of the CFC include support of various mission projects, support of the ministries of the International LLL, and support of ministries in the local congregation.

Present officers of the CFC are Darrel Rotvold, President, Richard Schlichtmann, Vice-President, and Kay Rotvold, Secretary-Treasurer.



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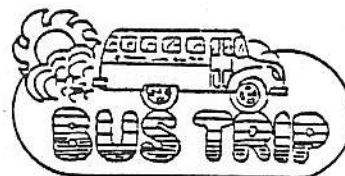
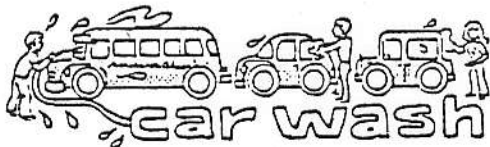
An organization for the youth of the church was first founded on February 11, 1930, under the name St. John Walther League. Over the years, it has remained active although the name has changed from Walther League to ACT (Active Christian Teens) to its present name, LYF (Lutheran Youth Fellowship).

During recent years, the organization has been involved in many activities. They have hosted zone rallies and witnessing weekends. Members of the group have attended LSV Bible Camp and the North Dakota District LYF convention.

On the local level, the LYF organization has raised money for district projects through various fund raising events. Annually, the group serves breakfast to the members of the congregation on Easter morning. They have also held a rock-a-thon in which members rocked in rocking chairs for eighteen hours to raise money.

Another project of the LYF is sponsoring the Dakota Boys Ranch in Minot, ND. They do so by selling honey that is produced at the ranch.

Present officers of St. John Lutheran Youth Fellowship are James Christopher, President; Barry McDonald, Vice-President; Melissa Oelrich, Secretary-Treasurer; and Dian Schlichtmann, Christian Growth Chairman.



Christian Education

Christian education is a continuing process from the cradle to the grave. The first classes were taught by the ministers and were generally limited to preparation for confirmation. However, other agencies for the spiritual welfare of the members have been added. These agencies now include Nursery Roll, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Confirmation Instruction and Bible Class, and are under the supervision of the Board of Education.

The Sunday School was reorganized in 1930, and meets weekly from September through May. Currently we have a membership of 58 students enrolled with a staff of 9 teachers. Brian Bohnsack serves as superintendent. A planned curriculum of Bible lessons and memory work from Luther's Small Catechism is followed.

In 1935, Vacation Bible School was added to the educational program of the church and continues today. Children from ages 3 through 8th grade attend 5 hours per day for one week in June. Additional lessons from the Bible, catechism, hymns and crafts are enjoyed.

A two year program of confirmation instruction is taught by the pastor. Bible class is held every Sunday morning and is taught by a lay person. An additional Bible class, taught by the pastor, is held on Tuesday morning. Both Bible classes are open to all adult members of the church.

