## St Nicholas Cemetery Meeting August 29, 2023

Present: Doug Caskey, Ken Lutgen, Judi Schreiner, Mike Lutgen, Jeff Theis, Elmer Neu,

Anita Neu, Elmer Frank. Guests: Allen Lutgen

Doug opened the meeting with a prayer.

Mike Lutgen had taken some pictures with a drone, upon the request of Doug Caskey of a few surrounding cemeteries including St Nicholas. The reason for doing this was to get ideas as to what we could do to orderly expand our cemetery. Our existing cemetery has access to 11 unsold burial sites. By removing the north fence west of the "hole" we would gain access to an additional 40 burial sites.

Upon being informed of "numerous" unborn infant burials along the north fence, there was much conversation as to what to do with the existing fence line. The goal was to make a friendly access for the vault trucks, while still protecting this sacred ground.

After further discussion, with input from all, it was agreed to remove the entire north fence. This is to be done in the fall of 2023. A class 5 access road will be built just north of the existing fence. With its southern shoulder protecting the sacred ground. This to be done in the summer of 2024. In the spring of 2024, another lot of arborvitae trees will be planted in-line with the existing ones on the north side of the expansion area. In the spring of 2025, the north tree line of arborvitaes will be completed. A gated entrance will be constructed on the east/ front of the new expansion. This open design will establish our cemetery for many generations as we develop the new area from the east to the west.

Meeting was adjourned.

Anita Neu