



October 2015



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BUILDING UPDATE #2

Where are we at in the building process on the land at 15th and M? In this month's update, We are setting Sunday, April 17th 2016 as our date to have a **capital campaign**.

The church council approved working with *Stewardship Key Leaders*, associated as an ELCA resource for *capital campaigns*. They will work with us in February through April as we work on the campaign together.

OUR goal would potentially be raising 3 year giving commitments totaling at least \$600,000. If you would like to assist in this vital component, contact Mike DeBoer (308-230-3458)

Our response in the capital campaign would give us wisdom (and confidence) to move on the next portions of the building. Our estimates are approaching \$2.5 million for finished building and land.

• The agency we would borrow from (for at least a 10 year loan) is *Mission Investment Fund*. Jane David **could definitely use willing assistants**, volunteers from the congregation to pull together information for the study which analyzes our congregational life, the community growth of Kearney, and potential ministry plans we have for the future. Contact Jane if you would like to assist in any of the teams: 293-2466

• Plans and ideas for the church building designed by architect David Wiebe are still in **the narthex**, and any comments or concerns are still being considered. In addition, we are using the Adult Forum on Sunday morning to study the *history of church buildings: why did church architecture develop into various styles?*

Your prayerful and generous support is appreciated. We will seek to give information regularly as to our progress, and hope we can address most questions: you can contact Mike DeBoer or Pastor John, or send an email to familyofchristkearney@gmail.com

BROWN BAG BOOK BUNCH

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RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

TURN IN YOUR ARTICLES EARLY!

RE M I N D E R :

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES IS

Oct 23, 2015

Family of Christ

Pastor	John Gosswein
Church Council	
President	Mike DeBoer
Vice President	Lanny Johnson
Secretary	Chris Denton
Treasurer	
Financial Secretary	Jane David
Members at Large	Cheryl Hedstrom Dave Wiebe Lance Knoedler
Committee Chairs	
Education	Judy Gosswein
Fellowship	Svoboda, Albers, Peterson
Evangelism	Julie Garaffa
New Properties	Brad Anderson
Church Properties	Lynn Tacha
Youth Group	Deb Middleton
Ministries Coordinator	Tamara Sanchez
Publication Secretary	Maury May
Stewardship	
Mutual Ministries	Vickie Schaepler
Worship	Iola Fougeron



October Birthday's

Brezlin Beeler	10/01
Dominique White	10/02
Jeremy Brill	10/03
Joel Tveit	10/04
Randy Buss	10/08
Shawna Plambeck	10/10
Michael Cernik	10/13
Judy Tschirren	10/13
Charles Wolfe	10/14
Anna Nelson	10/15
Jan Bystrom	10/19
Olyvia Sayre	10/20
Jeanne May	10/21
Pat Journey	10/21
Donna Voyek	10/22
Abby Bittman	10/23
Chad Byrne	10/23
Kaylee Reimers	10/28
Sandy Tacha	10/29
Emily Wagner	10/31



October Anniversaries

John & Elizabeth Roesler	10/13
Maury & Jeanne May	10/16
Jerry & Jill Milligan	10/21
Randy & Sue Sands-Buss	10/31



Women of the ELCA

How does a bowl or 2 of warm soup sound for lunch on Sunday, October 11th? While Lois Adamson, Barbara Laursen, and Judy Gosswein were returning home from the NE Women of the ELCA Convention in Lincoln, they planned our fall, quarterly meeting. The soup, beverages, and tableware will be provided and we ask other participants to please bring the sandwiches and desserts. A business session with an offering will be followed by highlights of the NSWOC Convention shared by our 3 musketeers. Join us in the basement on Sunday, October 11th, after the 11:00 a.m. service.

HOLE-IN-THE-ROOF GANG

It's a gaggle of guys gathering in the basement on 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 8 a.m. After the donuts and devotion, they would love to assist in some project at the home of somebody in need of a project completed... a single mom trying to get a room painted, widow with windows needing repair, a ramp for someone struggling to navigate stairs. Whatever it may be, if you know someone who could use some assistance (they don't need to be a member of the church!) – give a call to the church: 236-7704. We can assess if we can accomplish the task.

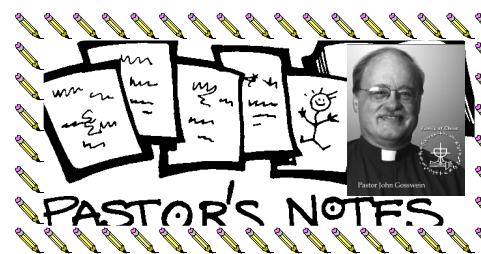
NOISY OFFERING

For the next two months, our *Noisy Offering* will be supporting *TeamMates* – the mentoring program founded in Nebraska by Tom and Nancy Osborne in 1991, supporting and encouraging school aged youth. Bryan Kuntz explains in a video interview: *The goal of the program is to see youth graduate from high school and pursue post-secondary education. To reach this goal, youth meet one hour per week with a caring adult who serves as a mentor. Mentors are volunteers from the community who have dedicated themselves to making a difference in the life of a young person. The TeamMates Mentoring Program currently provides a mentor for over 7,000 youth across Nebraska, Iowa, as well as California.*

Kearney has a very strong program but as always, there are unmet needs. There are a few ways you can get involved if interested.

1. Volunteer to mentor a young person for one hour a week.
2. Register to walk in the TeamMates one hour walk fundraiser coming up in October.
3. Contribute to the noisy offering in October and the church will designate those funds to the local TeamMates program.

THANKS for your generous donations over the summer to the *wheelchairs and sewing machines* being donated to Moshi Tanzania. We'll announce the amount collected in the Sunday insert!



Gifted People

The gifts that he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ... (Ephesians 4:11)

Yes, as Ron and Tamara Sanchez move to Alaska, we find that we have several positions that are in transition. Ron served as council treasurer, and Tamara **continued** to develop the position of Ministries Coordinator (formerly *Volunteer Coordinator*) and as Sunday teacher/leader for confirmation age. They did wonderful things in helping us as the Body of Christ.

Now we give thanks to God that the Spirit continues to gift us.

- **Barbara Laursen** will be serving as the *Ministries Coordinator*. She will be arranging the volunteer ministries, keeping and updating our records and contacts, and arranging to meet with members and friends of the congregation to help all volunteer in various areas and interests. We are still navigating the hours she will be serving during the week, but she will be in the office several mornings.
- We've realized that we are more reliant on the internet: web pages, Facebook and Instagram, emails and texts. **Joni Weed** will be our web resource person (I kind of like 'web angel'!), sharing several hours during each week to help us develop the larger electronic community.
- **Peggy Nelson** comes with skills and experience in working with finances. She graciously welcomed the appointment to church council as the treasurer of Family of Christ.
- **Maury May** continues to be our publication secretary (bulletins and newsletters), working from 1:30-3 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- And I continue to pastor...

We are certainly blessed with gifts, and we thank God, as well as those who step forward to assist us in the combined ministries we do!

Oh...and we still could use some leaders/teachers with the confirmation group on Sunday. I have my eye on a couple of you...

Grace and peace!

Pr John

CONDOLENCES

To Abby Bittman (and Steve Fromm) at the death of her (future) mother-in-law, Ann Froom, Sept. 25th

CONGRATULATIONS

To Hannah Straatmann on the birth of *Briar Rose* on Saturday, Sept 5th

BIBLE STUDY MOVES ...!

THURSDAY evenings

Church Sanctuary 7:00 p.m.

Come when you can ... don't worry about 'intruding'. The prayers and the study are intended to give us opportunity for fellowship and growth, and are informal!

During the summer, we met on Wednesday evenings. As we finish the book of Genesis (we're entering the stories of Joseph – and his amazing dreamcoat), you're invited into this delicious story of God and family!

NOISY OFFERING!

For the summer – our noisy offering will be designated through Mosaic International, specifically to assist in purchasing in ministries visited by Cheryl and Lois on their recent trips. The funds will buy *sewing machines* for home industries among the families in Moshi Tanzania, and wheel chairs for children.

Women of the **EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**



THE NEXT FOC GATHERING will be **October 11th following the 11:00 service.** We ask each of our women to prayerfully consider volunteering for a leadership position (see below) or volunteering to plan this fall gathering around your concerns or interests. If you have any questions, give Lois Adamson a call. BTW, lots of helpers are available.

July 12, 2015 Quarterly Notes

All participants were welcomed. A thank you was expressed that the picnic had been moved to the church basement due to extreme heat. Grace was shared & picnic lunches were eaten along with lots of personal updates regarding family and friends.

THE BUSINESS began with the reading of an invitational letter from Midland College. The letter challenged us to assist with their goal of \$1 million to provide a Perpetual Chair for a Campus Pastor position. The college had to recently give up their campus pastoral presence due to survival budget cuts. We agreed to send \$25.00, plus half of today’s offering. Peggy will ask our FOC Treasurer to prepare a check and she will complete the donation form and send it to Midland College as soon as possible.

The 2015 NSWO Biennial Convention is at 1st Lutheran Church in Lincoln on Sept. 18-20. The theme and keynote speaker, plus more information is available in “Expressions,” the NSWO newsletter which has been placed in the Welca display. Barbara Laursen, one of our PMAs, shared that she usually goes at her own expense. Lois Adamson is interested in being our delegate. We decided to pay the registration fee of \$90 for a delegate. Lois is interested and will keep us posted on her availability.

The October gathering will include an election of new volunteer leaders. Lois Adamson and Elizabeth Laursen Roesler have been Co-Coordinator. We thanked Lois for being the sole coordinator when Elizabeth was out of town. Barbara Laursen did offer to take a leadership role in 2016. She will be contacted before the Oct. gathering. *For clarification, 3 positions need to be filled. A Coordinator position for 1-year, and an Assistant-Coordinator and Treasurer for 2-years. The Assistant-Coordinator moves into the Coordinator position her second year.*

THE NEW CHURCH was the program topic by Jane David. Jane shared her Council President experience organizing the Council and Building Committees for Phase 1 decisions. She circulated a listing of 19 meetings and site visits that were necessary to buy land south of Highway 30. Final Closing on the land was July, 2013.

Jane shared that we are yet in Phase 2. Last year 4 teams were formed: Planning & Vision, Communications, Finances, and Site Building. The Church & Community Self Study has been divided into 4 parts and 4 leaders have been chosen to facilitate each topic: Community Study- Vickie Schaepler, Congregational Study- Stephanie Straatmann, Maps & Demographics- Brad Anderson, and Influential Relationships- RaNae Cernik. She printed out a summary of Phase 2, the leaders on the Teams and the Self Study, and key questions. In closing, Jane strongly encouraged each of us to get involved if we truly want a new church: Talk to the council members, ask to participate on the Capital Campaign team, and/or be more proactive in one of the Church & Community Self Study groups.

A closing prayer adjourned our July 2015 gathering.
Submitted by Judy Gosswein
FOC WELCA Secretary

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Returned Service Requested

Worship Workers for October 2015

Oct 3-4	Communion Prep	Communion Asst.	Worship Asst.	Lector	Acolyte	Counter
Sat 6pm	Bryan Sall	Joyce Albers	Joyce Albers	Joyce Albers		
Sun8:30am	Iola Fougerson	Jane David	???????	Henny Larson		
Sun 11am	Sue Buss-Sands	Lois Adamson	Harold Larsen	Nancy DeBoer		Lois Adamson
Oct 10-11	Communion Prep	Communion Asst.	Worship Asst.	Lector	Acolyte	Counter
Sat 6pm	Bryan Sall	Kelly Huaff	Kelly Huaff	Dan Kossman		
Sun8:30am	Barb Bowers	Linda Peterson	Jane David	Linda Peterson		
Sun 11am	Sue Buss-Sands	Barb Larsen	Layne Knodler	Connie Fie	Gabby Salinas	Layne Knodler
Oct 17-18	Communion Prep	Communion Asst.	Worship Asst.	Lector	Acolyte	Counter
Sat 6pm	Bryan Sall	Kelly Huaff	Kelly Huaff	Kelly Huaff		
Sun8:30am	Iola Fougerson		Jane David	Vickie Schaepler		
Sun 11am	Sue Buss-Sands	Nona Svoboda	Barb Larsen	Jantha Jamison		Rod & Jane Behrhorst
Oct 24-25	Communion Prep	Communion Asst.	Worship Asst.	Lector	Acolyte	Counter
Sat 6pm	Bryan Sall	Ken Peterson	Joyce Albers	Joyce Albers		
Sun8:30am	Iola Fougerson	Cheryl Hedstrom				
Sun 11am	Sue Buss-Sands	Nancy DeBoer	?????????	Mitzi Gifford	Brooke Anderson	
Oct 31-Nov 1	Communion Prep	Communion Asst.	Worship Asst.	Lector	Acolyte	Counter
Sat 6pm	Bryan Sall	Joyce Albers	Kelly Huaff	Dan Kossman		
Sun8:30am	Iola Fougerson	Linda Peterson	?????????	Linda Peterson		
Sun 11am	Sue Buss-Sands	Barb Larsen	Harold Laursen	Connie Fie		

If minutes were not valuable at the time at time for publication. It will we be at in the Narthex.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DISCIPLES

9:45-10:45

October 4:

"Regular" Sunday format: Spark classrooms for youngest; confirmands and HS in groups. Adult forum would be **SECOND** of a series on *building churches through the ages* - focus on various aspects of church architecture, the theology represented, and opportunity for discussion on our building plans.

October 11

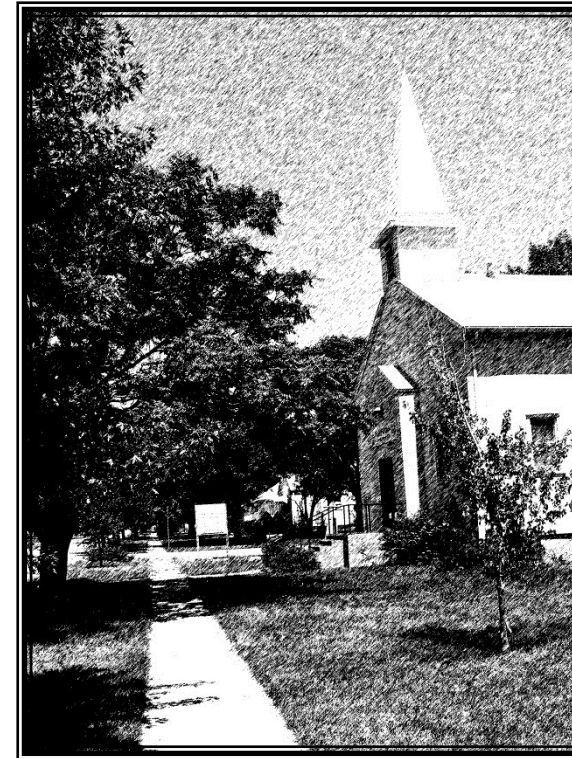


Another *Breakfast Bible Experience!* This time, start getting your pictures of your PETS together; you can send them on Facebook, Instagram, or just bring them in to our **STEWARDSHIP ON THE ARK** experience. During the discipleship hour, we'll have a *blessing of the animals* after we all share 'life on Noah's Ark. **We invite you to send us pictures of your pets - email, Facebook or Instagram. You can even send pictures from your phone to 308-293-5201.** (Who's dog has

been over among the goats??)

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 (Office: Tu, We, Thur 1:30-3:30pm)
 Ministries Coordinator: Tamara Sanchez
 (Tues & Thur 10:00am-1:00pm)

WORSHIP SERVICES:

Saturday: 6:00p.m. Evening Worship
 (signed for the Hearing Impaired)

Sunday: 8:30am Worship
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

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All in The Family

INQUIRER'S SESSIONS

are offered each 6 months – 4 gatherings around a dinner – to talk about faith, our beliefs, the church, church life and disciples' lives. This is also the opportunity to learn about Family of Christ and consider joining with us in discipleship. We meet at 6 p.m. around a supper, and finish our discussions by 8 p.m. If you are interested, give a call to the church. (By the way, we can make child care available – just give us a call: 236-7704).

First session: Sunday, October 25th, 6 p.m.

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