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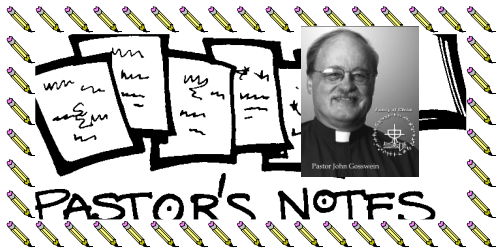
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Oct 11th WELCA Minutes

A seasonal soup and sandwich luncheon was enjoyed by the few of us present. Though our attendance was low, we ended up with an unexpected purpose. Kandy Pflaster, former Synodical Welca President, was in Kearney and attended our church service. Kandy also accepted our invitation for lunch. In hindsight, Kandy was experiencing a difficult time with the changes in her personal and church life. Kandy’s FOC sisters listened and joined her in prayer for healing and a forgiven/renewed mindset to trust God to help her family and show her how to serve the church/Welca in the future. God be praised!

Next, in September, Lois Adamson, Barbara Laursen, and Judy Gosswein attended the Synodical Conference at 1st Lutheran in Lincoln, NE. Lois was our delegate and shared her delights and responsibilities in the business/decision making portions of the convention. The election results were shared, resulting in a new Synodical President, new board members, and new delegates to the next Triennial in Minnesota. Barbara and Judy supported Lois with comments and enjoyments of their own. Lois was grateful for the experience of being a delegate to the 2015 Welca Synodical Convention.

For an update on leadership changes, Elizabeth declined the invitation to be the Coordinator for 2016. Lois Adamson agreed to remain our Coordinator for one more year. Though Barbara Laursen has become the Volunteer Coordinator for FOC, she is still willing to be our Treasurer. Judy Gosswein is continuing on as Secretary. A Co-Coordinator should be added. However, the group could vote to accept the 3 leaders (4 leaders may be too many to sustain in a small congregation).



The next FOC Welca luncheon is January 17th, 2016, after the 11:00 a.m. Sunday service.

Submitted by Judy Gosswein,
FOC Welca Secretary

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.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR DISCIPLESHIP GROWTH

(This list is by no means complete ... but maybe you would like to consider trying one of these adventures!)

BROWN BAG BOOK BUNCH The Book Bunch meets on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays over lunch (12-12:45) in the church basement. They are just starting *Celebration of Discipline* by Richard Foster – reading the first 4 chapters for **January 13th**. Copies are available at the church. Come join us!

WEDNESDAY WEEDERS This faithful group meets almost every Wednesday, gathering at 9 a.m., and then breaking at 10:30 for coffee, fellowship and prayers. Yes, they are ‘weeder’s’ during the appropriate season, but they have so many other ‘hands on’ tasks they enjoy doing around the church – and taking an excursion once in a while. Consider just dropping in to see what they are about!

WOODWORKING CLUSTER O.K., we haven’t come up with a snappy name...but we’ve got several people interested in an idea and desire that Gayle Miller has developed. He has (and needs) old lumber that he turns into toys – cute toys to give away. He would love to let this ministry mature – if you may be interested, contact the church office or call Gayle directly! (402)376-5621.

EXODUS BIBLE STUDY will be resuming on Thursday evenings in the new year. We meet in the sanctuary from 7 to 8 p.m. (many times sharing a snack after our discussion and prayer), and are, as the name implies, currently in the second book of the Bible. What will we do when we finish Exodus??

HOLE IN THE ROOF Men meet the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at the church at 8a.m. with a mission to lend a hand with projects for those in need or things needing repair around church. Sunday Scripture is often discussed. Sometimes we work with Habitat for Humanity.

COMFORT CARE GROUP meets on the 2nd Sat. of the month to make handmade blankets for those who are sick or in need of comfort.

BUILDING UPDATE #5

Where are we at in the building process on the land at 15th and M? In this month’s update, The council is focusing on the regular processes of the congregational life. We are **developing the budget and nomination committees for our January 2016 congregational meeting**. You can be a part of that discussion – contact Pr. John or Mike DeBoer.

We are setting *Sunday, April 17th 2016* as our date to have a **capital campaign**. 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)*

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. **Material for study came in from SKL for our 7 congregational leaders – who will start setting up the process in February.**

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 budget committee approached the council with concerns about our needs for 2016: we need to clarify our stewardship with the congregation on our financial needs — not just for building, but also for maintaining program. The council decided to discuss this with the congregation during the budget conversations (in January) AND to use our **Stewardship Campaign** as a time to increase all around stewardship growth in the congregation.

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 familyofchrist-kearney@gmail.com

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Worship Workers for February 2016

Family of Christ Council Meeting Minutes....January 12, 2016

The church council meeting was called to order by President Mike DeBoer and opened with devotions by Pastor John. The minutes of the last meeting were approved and the treasurer's report was read and approved.

Pastor Report:

- Pastor John proposes monthly reports to the congregation regarding stewardship efforts.
- There will be a preliminary discussion regarding the proposed 2016 budget at the adult forum on 01/24/2016.
- Agenda items for the upcoming (01/31/2016) congregational meeting:
- The annual congregational meeting will include an election (3 seats). The election committee includes: Barbara Laursen, Lois Adamson, and Trudy Kotschwar.
- The proposed budget for 2016 will be shared with the congregation.
- Information updates will be shared regarding capital campaign.
- A male and female representative will be elected for the synod assembly.
- A nominating committee will be appointed.
- Set up and take down teams need to be appointed for the meeting
- The county needs proof of the use of our land for non-profit purposes.
- We need to identify 8 people to be on the SLK stewardship team. Pastor John shared a number of possible candidates, including: Bob Grabenstein, Jantha Jamison, Mike DeBoer, Bryan Kuntz, Gary Bohner, Marian Kotas, Gary Straatmann, and Dave Wiebe.

Ministries Coordinator report: None at this time.

New Business: The church council proposed and agreed to sell the car.

Old Business:

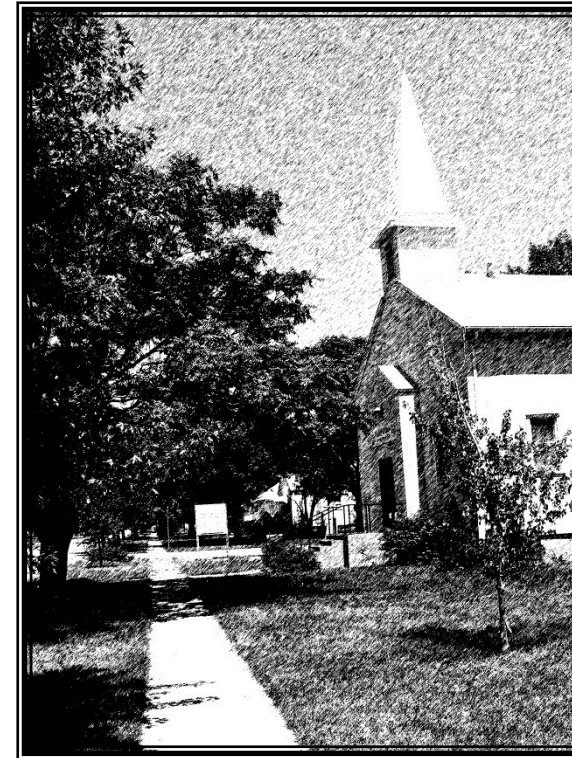
The Council Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Denton

Inclement Weather Policy

We all know how snow or ice can defeat the weatherman's predictions. If we must cancel worship services or activities because of a storm, we will post it on the weather postings (found for example on KGFV or NTV) as soon as possible. *We may not be able to change the church answering machine which lists the usual service times.*



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(Mon,Wed,Fri 9:30am-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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