



**Family of Christ Church Council Minutes  
May 10, 2016**

Present: Pastor John Gosswein, Cheryl Hedstrom, Peggy Nelson, Lanny Johnson, John Marsh, Connie Fie. Absent: Lance Knoedler and Chris Denton

The meeting was called to order by Cheryl and prayer and devotions were given by Pastor John with reading from the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter of Revelations.

April minutes were reviewed. Motion was made for approval (Lanny/John). Minutes carried.

The Financial Report was reviewed and approved. It was reported funeral check was distributed with half to First Lutheran church and half to the FOC Fellowship fund. A check for \$1100 will be issued to Mike Meier from the building fund and payment to the Mission Investment Fund will be made. The Capital Campaign total expenditures are approximately \$10,000.

PJ report: There are 16 members in the Inquirer's group. They will be meeting over a two month period. Barb has coordinated the suppers.

Ministries Coordinator Report for April was distributed. Barb thanked those who have helped throughout the past month. There is an urgent need for volunteers from the congregation to help with the Care Team. She would also welcome assistance with transporting items to and from functions. Report was approved.

Lanny reported on his meeting with Mission Builders. The tentative date for beginning construction was Summer of 2017. The option of building in phases was discussed and a need to have a resource team look into options as well as projected construction costs.

Pastor John offered a 2-point proposal:

Form a committee to look into creative ways to reach out to the southeast Kearney neighborhood with Wednesday evening programming and outreach activities.

Restructuring of the Capital Campaign committee to consider feasible options going forth with building.

Pastor John offered to forward names to Cheryl who will send e-mails inquiring about serving on the committees.

Lanny/John made the motion to go forth with the proposal. Motion carried.

Discussion on the Land and Building Fund/Capital Campaign was discussed. Question has been asked if land and building are the same as the capital campaign. Peggy asked if further clarification needs to be made so the congregation knows the Land and Building fund donations are designated for Capital Campaign.

PJ made the motion that all offerings designated henceforward through building or building and land or Capital Campaign will be gathered in a (restricted) account for the Growing and Building in Faith. Motion carried.

PJ asked if a tent could be purchased for use at outdoor activities. PJ will look into purchasing and/or renting.

Meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Fie  
Recording Secretary

**(Not just) YOUTH TRIP TO  
MINNESOTA BOUNDARY WATERS**

Family of Christ (and St. Luke's Episcopal) youth are planning a trip to the northern Minnesota Boundary Waters. It's a phenomenal experience in God's creation, canoeing and portaging through the lakes and forests. BUT ... *it's not just for youth.*



We can bring 16 people (altogether) to take the excursion in canoes with 2 guides – and we want to open it to any other adults for the experience.

We leave *Friday August 5<sup>th</sup>*, stay at a church overnight Friday and Saturday in *Minneapolis/St. Paul*, and arrive at Lutheran Camp Vermillion Sunday afternoon. They escort us into the *Boundary Waters Canoe Area* Monday morning through Friday noon.

Our return trip will include an overnight stay in southern Minnesota, returning to Kearney on Saturday evening, August 13<sup>th</sup>.

**\$500** *pays for everything: Voyageurs Canoe experience (outfitting and guide), travel, food (with snack and quick lunch exceptions on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup>).*

If you are interested, talk with Pr. John quick!



**PRAYERS:** for our representatives (Pastor John, Lois Adamson, Gary Straatmann) to the Nebraska Synod assembly on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>; they participate with our other 240 congregations in the state.

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:  
**TURN IN  
YOUR ARTICLES  
EARLY!**  
R E M I N D E R :  
**DEADLINE FOR  
NEWSLETTER  
ARTICLES IS**  
**June 23, 2016**

Family of Christ	
Pastor	John Gosswein
<b>Church Council</b>	
<u>President</u>	Cheryl Hedstrom
<u>Vice President</u>	Lanny Johnson
<u>Secretary</u>	Connie Fie
<u>Treasurer</u>	Peggy Nelson
<u>Financial Secretary</u>	Jane David
<u>Members at Large</u>	Chris Denton
	John Marsh
	Lance Knoedler
<b>Committee Chairs</b>	
Education	Judy Gosswein
Fellowship	Svoboda, Albers, Peterson
Evangelism	Julie Garaffa
New Properties	Brad Anderson
Church Properties	Lynn Tacha
Web Resources	Joni Weed
Youth Group	Deb Middleton
<u>Ministries Coordinator</u>	Barbara Laursen
<u>Publication Secretary</u>	Maury May
Stewardship	
Mutual Ministries	
Worship	Pr Harold Laursen



### June Birthday's

Shelly Hove	6/1
Vickie Schaepler	6/1
Jasmin Wagner	6/2
Brad Driml	6/2
Katherine Reynolds	6/03
Jesse Keel	6/3
Ashlea Denton	6/3
Stephanie Straatmann	6/01
Vickie Schaepler	6/01
Elliana Salinas	6/05
Gabriel Salinas	6/07
Amy Wolfe	6/09
Lorma Wiebe +	6/9
Brooke Anderson	6/10
Barbara Sitzman	6/13
Randy Straatmann	6/13
Abigail Carey	6/14
Dan Kossmann	6/15
John Gosswein	6/16
Bryan Fahnholz	6/18
Joni Weed	6/20
Jayden Hove	6/21
Nathan Byrne	6/27
Jeremy Sanchez	6/30



### June Anniversaries

Jesse & Erica Keel	6/13
Mark & Winona Svoboda	6/13
Ken & Polly Petersen	6/12
Chris & Jill Peterson	6/23
Gary & Stephanie Straatmann	6/22
David & Lorma+ Wiebe	6/23

### SUMMER MIDWEEK WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY!

Wednesday evenings

Church Sanctuary Study 7:00 p.m.

For 2016: We'll tackle a Gospel – *the story of Jesus told by Mark!*

Mark, possibly the first gospel written, invites us into discipleship with Jesus, constantly asking the question “*Who is this One...who calms the sea, heals the blind, raises the dead, and invites us to take a cross and follow him?*” That is a question for ALL ages and disciples!



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!

### 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.

Comfort care group will not be meeting from May to Sept. Thank You, Lois



### Our Family in Christ: Growing and Building in Faith

1. Thanks to all who have shared commitments – we are above \$300,000 in our total 3 year promise! And we have received individual gifts that have significantly increased that figure.
2. You may still fill out a commitment card – place it in the offering or mail it to the church.
3. **Offering envelopes** for families who prepared a commitment card will be available in the entry area. *Our apologies – the envelopes have taken longer than we anticipated to print.*
4. For those who are enrolled in *Simply Giving*, you may take one of the forms in the entry area, fill it out with adjustments, and turn it in to the church office. *Anyone is welcome to enroll in Simply Giving, using the same form.*
5. Please note: All offerings designated henceforward through **building** or **building and land** or **Capital Campaign (CC)** will be gathered in a (restricted) account for the **Growing and Building in Faith**.

### PATIO PAVERS NEEDED

The Wednesday Weeders are planning to construct a *prayer garden* by the Rose of Sharon shrub (SE corner of church). BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP! If you have any spare patio pavers – any size, shape or color!—we would love to use them to build the patio area. We are collecting them on the cement pad north of the church front steps. Thanks for your support in this project!! *Wed. Weeders*

### EXPEDITION NORWAY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL .. June 20 -23, 6:00 – 8:30p.m. with kids' meal 5:30 – 6:00p.m.

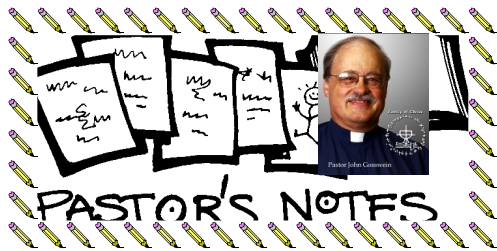
Family of Christ is the host church this year. Judy Gosswein (FOC), Libby Clark (St.Lukes) and Julie Tye (First Presbyterian) are planning our 2016 VBS. Yes, we have a third Kearney congregation joining us! Last year we enjoyed crossing over into Thailand. This year we have travel *Cross Culture VBS, NORWAY!*



The online registration option will soon be available for parents to use.

Paper-registration forms are available in the church office.





### A Sabbath Summer

The schools close for the season, the pools open, the vacations get planned, and Kindle’s get loaded with good reading – all with the anticipation of getting some well deserved summer rest and recreation. Remember, we want *recreation*, not *wreck-reation*.

Actually, may you have a summer of re-creation, one of the original intents of the word. While the popular meaning of recreation implies swimming and hiking and other events, we’ve come to assume Sabbath means *doing nothing*. In fact, it’s the opposite: to take Sabbath is to deliberately do *something* allowing our lives to have some *re-creation* in the divine image and joy. It is intended to re-ignite us in our sense of purpose and life, and move us from perceiving ourselves in ‘slavery’ to work and culture.

Sabbath opportunities to re-create our mind are the prayer and study activities happening through the summer:

1. the Wednesday night Prayer and Bible group, 7 – 8 p.m. will be studying the Gospel of Mark, a *remarkable* (hmm, pun in there?) and challenging introduction to Jesus, and an invitation to discipleship.
2. *Hole in the Roof* and *Wednesday Weeders* all offer ‘Sabbath’ re-creation times of their own for fellowship, service and reflection.
3. The Brown Bag Book Bunch (mentioned in the newsletter) will brown bag it on alternate (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>) Wednesdays at noon.
4. Naturally, the weekend worship times are a primary re-creation center.
5. And we can’t forget the re-energizing time of Vacation Bible School – the June 20<sup>th</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup> *here at Family of Christ*, along with First Presbyterian and St. Luke’s Episcopal. We are “going” to *Norway*, remembering that all things are possible in God’s love!

It is my ongoing hope and prayer that this summer be a time of rejuvenation, revival and recreation for you (and your family).

Grace and peace!  
Pastor John

### OUR CONDOLENCES to

- **Bob (Nick) Nicklasson** on the death of his wife, **Sandy**, *Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>*.
- **Dr. David Wiebe** on the death of his wife, **Lorma**, *Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>*.

To the family (especially sons Marc and Patrick) of **Lupe (Lou) Carranza**, who died *Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>*.

*Thanks to everyone who assisted in the funeral preparations and the meals*

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### Returned Service Requested

## Worship Workers for June 2016

**June 4 / 6**  
**Sat. 6:00 pm**  
Communion Prep: Bryan Sall  
Communion Asst: Ken Petersen  
Worship Asst: Kelly Hauff  
Lector: Dan Kossmann  
Greeters:

**Sun. 10:00 am**  
Communion Prep: Lois Adamson  
Communion Asst: Lois Adamson  
Worship Asst: Barbara Sitzman  
Lector: Tammy Frye  
Greeters: Chuck & Tammy Frye  
Counter: Lois Adamson

**June 11/12**  
**Sat. 6:00 pm**  
Communion Prep: Bryan Sall  
Communion Asst: Joyce Albers  
Worship Asst: Joyce Albers  
Lector: Joyce Albers  
Greeters:



**Sun. 10:00 am**  
Communion Prep: Fougersons  
Communion Asst: Ken Reifenrath  
Worship Asst: Harold Laursen  
Lector: Patty Reifenrath  
Greeters: Ken & Patty Riefenrath  
Counter: Layne Knoedler

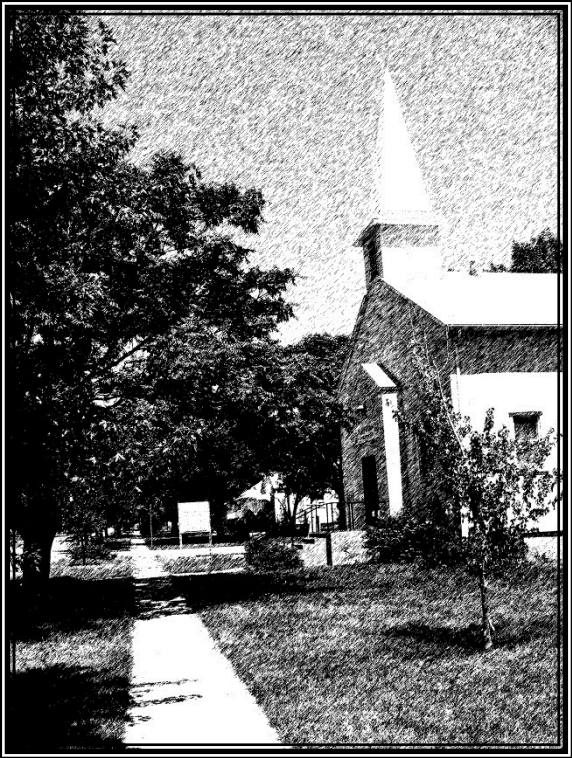
**June 18/19**  
**Sat. 6:00 pm**  
Communion Prep: Bryan Sall  
Communion Asst: Ken Petersen  
Worship Asst: Kelly Hauff  
Lector: Kelly Hauff  
Greeters:

**Sun. 10:00 am**  
Communion Prep: Fougersons  
Communion Asst: Deb Middleton  
Worship Asst: Layne Knoedler  
Lector: Jantha Jamison  
Greeters: Bob & Cindy Grabenstein  
Counter: Rod & Jane Behrhorst

**June 25/26**  
**Sat. 6:00 pm.**  
Communion Prep: Bryan Sall  
Communion Asst: Kelly Hauff  
Worship Asst: Joyce Albers  
Lector: Joyce Albers  
Greeters:

**Sun. 10:00 am**  
Communion Prep: Fougersons  
Communion Asst: Nancy DeBoer  
Worship Asst: Barbara Sitzman  
Lector: Nancy DeBoer  
Greeters: Mike & Nancy DeBoer  
Counter: Lois Adamson

<div>  <h1>June 2016</h1>  </div>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:00am Wed Weeders 7:00 p.m. Bible Study	2	3	4 6:00pm Worship
5 10:00am Worship	6	7	8 9:00am Wed Weeders 12:00pm Book Bunch 7:00pm Bible Study	9	10	11 8:00am Hole in Roof 6:00pm Worship
12 10:00am Worship 6:00 pm Inquirers	13 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	14 7:00pm Council Meeting	15 9:00am Wed Weeders 7:00 pm Bible Study	16	17	18 6:00pm Worship Serve Habitat Lunch
19 10:00am Worship	20 VBS 5:30 Supper 6-8:30 in Norway	21 VBS 5:30 Supper 6-8:30 in Norway	22 9:00am Wed Weeders 12:00pm Book Bunch 7:00pm Bible Study VBS 5:30 Supper 6-8:30 in Norway	23 VBS 5:30 Supper 6-8:30 in Norway	24	25 8:00am Hole in Roof 6:00pm Worship
26 10:00am Worship Confirmation Camp all week	27 Confirmation Camp all week	28 Confirmation Camp all week	29 Confirmation Camp all week 9:00am Wed Weeders 7:00 pm Bible Study	30 Confirmation Camp all week		



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Publications Secretary: Maury May  
(Office:Tu,We,Thur 1:30-3:30pm)  
Ministries Coordinator: Barb Laursen  
(Mon,Wed,Fri 9:30am-12:30pm)

#### WORSHIP SERVICES:

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

**Sunday: 10:00 am Worship Service**

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## All in The Family

**SWING TO SUMMER SCHEDULE**  
*REMEMBER .. we change the service times from Memorial Weekend through Labor Day Weekend!*

Saturday worship remains at 6 p.m. (and is interpreted)  
But **SUNDAY MORNING** will be at **10 a.m.** during the summer Sundays!  
(We don't have Sunday School, but we'll be having the 'children's church' during the one service )

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