



**Family of Christ Council Minutes
September 13, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Pastor John; Cheryl Hedstrom, Peggy Nelson, John Marsh, Chris Denton
Absent: Lance Knoedler and Lanny Johnson

Pastor John gave the devotion from Luke Chapter 15.

Minutes: August 9 minutes were read and approved (John/Peggy)

Pastor John's Report: The Boundaries Youth Trip and "God's Work Our Hands" went well. He reported the Mutual Ministries committee meeting with paid staff went well. The Mutual Ministries Committee provided feedback on Pr. John's strengths and weaknesses. Cheryl noted various committees have played a passive role and have let Pastor John take charge. PJ noted he would like the Council members to hold him accountable in his effort to ask people to assist. He would like to see his role as providing guidance with overseeing committees to make sure the members have resources and permission to develop. He sees asking congregants to assist as a positive approach. Worship, Properties and Stewardship are areas to be strengthened.

Revamping of the Care Teams within Fellowship were discussed. Care team chairs are:

- Habitat & Jubilee – Peggy Buettner;
- Funerals – Nona Svoboda and Joyce Alberts;
- Meals to ill, new babies, etc. - Cindy Grabenstein and Barb Laursen;
- Lenten and Advent Pot lucks – Jane David, Sandy Tacha, Barbara Sitzman;
- Social Events – Lois Adamson;
- Ministry Coordinator: Barb Laursen.

There will be 7-10 care teams that rotate when needed. Barb outlined the process. She finds out the details, approximate number and the number of the Care Team that is next on the list and calls the chairs with the information who in turn call those care team members.

Barb provided the Job Description for the Web Resources Person.

Barb asked for clarification of total work hours for Ministries Coordinator. Peggy noted budget records show 10 hours per week (40 hours/month) for Ministries Coordinator and 4 hours per week for Web Resources.

Financial Report:

Peggy reviewed the financial report with the Council. Total expenses were \$10,282.29 and net income in the General Fund on August 16 was \$3,101.19.

Capital Campaign funds are deposited in the Mission Investment Fund at the end of each month.

Peggy noted Pastor John will need to review his health plan options. She will bring information to the October meeting.

The question was raised as to whether Comfort Care funds are deposited in the general fund or a separate account. After discussion Pastor John (John M) made the motion to establish accounts for Comfort Care and Hole in the Roof Gang on the "Balance Sheet by Class". Motion carried.

Old Business: Nominees to the Stewardship and Budget committees were tabled from the August meeting. Names were suggested for Stewardship and Budget and individuals contacted regarding willingness to serve. PJ asked for the names of the members of last year's nominating committee. Connie will review past minutes to find the individuals who served. He noted congregational representatives to the synod meeting also needs to take place. It was the consensus to drop the trial of Right Now Ministries series.

It was noted Sunday School starts up again September 18. The Council rep for Education, Lance Knoedler, has noted the committee is planning to redevelop the structure to include family participation.

Motion to adjourn was made (PJ/John) at 8:20.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Fie
Recording Secretary

**PRAYER GARDEN DEDICATION &
DESSERT/POTATO BAR CELEBRATION**

During worship on the weekend of October 15th and 16th, we'll have a dedication of the (continually growing) *Prayer Garden* to the west of the church garage. The bricks have been laid (thanks, Wednesday Weeders!) and the mural painted (thanks Dave, Cindy, Bob, Kristin). Still to be added: a pergola and prayer statue (approx. cost: \$1500 each).

There will be a **dessert reception** following the Saturday evening service, and a **baked potato bar** after Sunday's 11 a.m. service. A free will offering will go towards the sculpture for the garden.

Also, a *craft table* will be available – if you happen to have a craft that you would like to share, bring it on in to the *Wednesday Weeders!*



Nebraska Children's Home Society Presents...



Please join us for a special event featuring talented quilt artist *Diane Gubbels* as she shares the work of her hands and unfolds the stories from her heart.

**Sunday, October 23
2:00-4:00 p.m.**

Prince of Peace Catholic Church
2407 W 56th St
Kearney, NE 68845

Refreshments

Silent Auction

♥ \$5 ♥

Purchase tickets at
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or call 402-898-7753
(or get your ticket at the door)



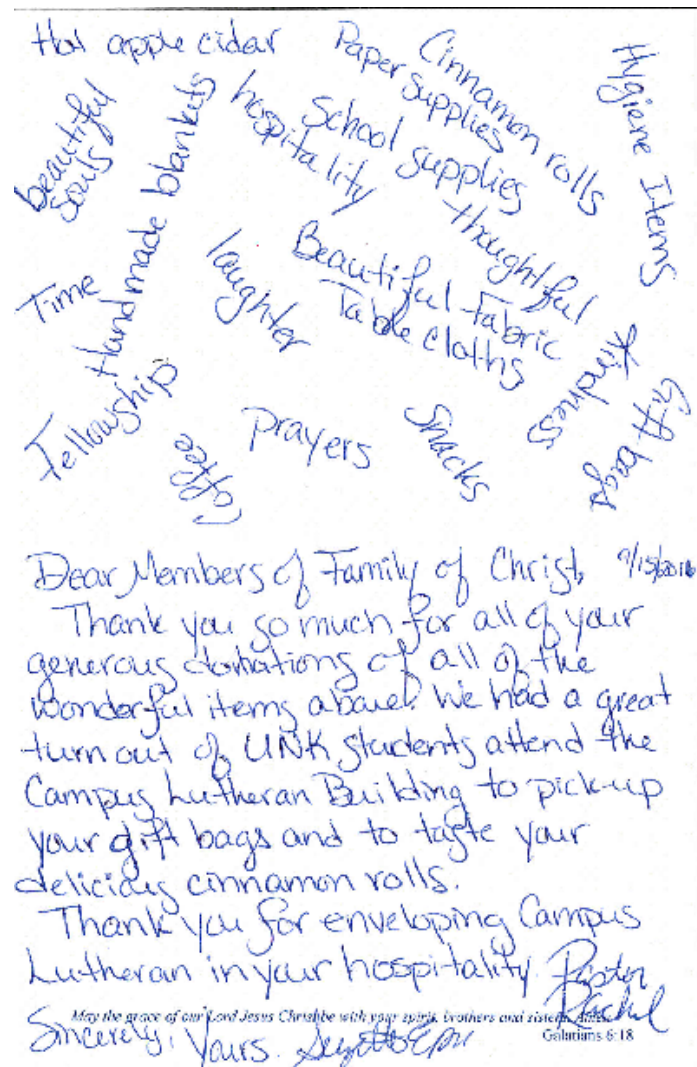
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Pastor	John Gosswein
Church Council	
<u>President</u>	Cheryl Hedstrom
<u>Vice President</u>	Lanny Johnson
<u>Secretary</u>	Connie Fie
<u>Treasurer</u>	Peggy Nelson
<u>Financial Secretary</u>	Jane David
<u>Members at Large</u>	Chris Denton John Marsh Lance Knoedler
Committee Chairs	
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



Thank you from Campus Lutheran
Article on Stories of Inspiration

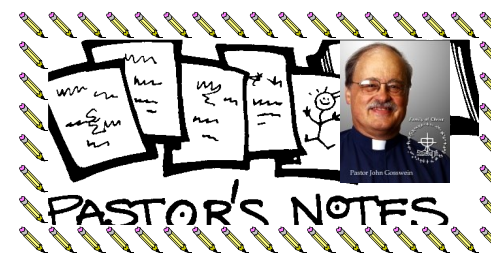
This card of appreciation came from Campus Lutheran, in gratitude for the Wednesday “Welcome to Kearney” day held by the Wednesday Weeders.

- 10/01 Brezlin Beeler
- 10/02 Dominique White
- 10/02 Miles McCoy
- 10/03 Jeremy Brill
- 10/04 Joel Tveit
- 10/08 Randy Buss
- 10/10 Shawna Plambeck
- 10/13 Michael Cernik
- 10/13 Judy Tschirren
- 10/14 Trenton Flies
- 10/14 Charles Wolfe
- 10/15 Anna Nelson
- 10/16 Jennifer Kotschwar
- 10/19 Jan Bystrom
- 10/20 Olyvia Sayre
- 10/21 Pat Journey
- 10/21 Jeanne May
- 10/22 Donna Voyek
- 10/23 Chad Byrne
- 10/23 Bernice Yates
- 10/29 Sandy Tacha
- 10/31 Emily Wagner



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

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:
TURN IN YOUR ARTICLES EARLY!
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DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES IS
October 15, 2016



ReFormation of “Saints and Sinners”

We are approaching a quincennial. That is a celebration of 500 years, just a little older than you and me. It’s a recognition that the Reformation got it’s running legs on October 31, 1517, when Dr. Martin Luther started a debate. On that Hallowed Eve, he didn’t claim to have ‘all the right doctrines’, nor did he promise a ‘perfect’ church. Instead, his posted articles of debate were a witness to his insights: **we are sinners only redeemed through Jesus’ merit.** Through his reading of Scripture (especially Romans), he re-stated the message: *we are justified by grace. By faith we cling to that promise.*

Luther pled with the Church to stop pretending we could buy our way to spiritual contentment – there isn’t enough money to buy eternal peace of mind, and you’d feel like you’re just deceitfully bribing God anyway.

He invited us to be honest with ourselves – none of us is perfect. When we live with pretense, we either become arrogantly self righteous over each other, or live in despair similar to human damnation.

Luther, imperfect as he was (and there are plenty of evidences of that!), recognized that *it wasn’t about him, or about you and me.* It is about Jesus and grace, giving us the daily re-newal and re-formation to live as God’s people.

Fifteen hundred years earlier, the Apostle Paul (who learned the same lesson about ‘grace’ and ‘life’) shared it this way in Ephesians 2:

“But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

We’ll sing of this especially on this Reformation Weekend (Oct 29/30). That weekend, we’ll be engaging four 9th graders on their *affirmation of baptismal promises* (a.k.a. ‘Confirmation’): *Avery Collison, Brian Fahnholz, Skyler Krull and Allison Uptagrove.* In fact, one of them may receive *verse 8* above as their confirmation text. It’s not that they are perfect (far from it) or understand all doctrine fully (whoever does can explain the Trinity to me); instead, they are claimed by God as holy (‘saints’) in the midst of their earthly struggles (‘sinners’). As we celebrate with them, we appreciate God’s invitation to all of us to be part of this ongoing re-formation and re-newal.

Joy in Christ!
Pr John

SUNDAY DISCIPLES

Sunday 9:45 a.m.

Gatherings for Ages 3-Elementary school, Confirmation, High School, and Adult!

We are engaging in Sunday Discipleship time – with disciples from 3 years old to 103 (and even older, if we have them!).

Especially for the young: it’s not ‘classroom’. Instead, our young “Sunday School” time will be using *music, drama, game, art and service projects* as we start up this fall, built around a theme of *the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost.* We’re planning for a **field trip on October 23rd to the Kearney Jubilee Center.**

Come and share in this joyful Disciples (another word for ‘students!!) group: at 9:45-ish!

CONGRATULATIONS

To **Grace Larsen & Chris Matheny**, married on Saturday, October 1

SMALL GROUPS TO CONSIDER VISITING...

(you can contact the church office for any more information!)

Aside from the Sunday School, Youth, and Adult forums on Sunday morning, there are other times you may want to consider connecting in your faith growth>

WEDNESDAY WEEDERS They meet every Wednesday morning at 9 a.m., and take up tasks around the church (once in awhile they take a field trip, too!), and then gather for prayer and devotion at 10:30 in the basement. Oh, it's not only 'open', they appreciate anyone coming to share!

HOLE IN THE ROOF The guys continue meeting on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 8 a.m. If you know of anyone (single mom, widow, handicapped, senior) who could use some assistance with a project around the house – give a call to the church: 236-7704. The guys will be assisting at Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, Oct 8th, but are some other types of projects.

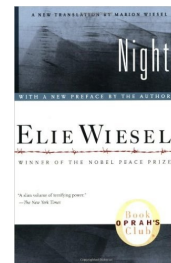
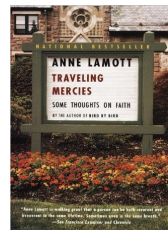
Special thanks to the Hole-in-the-roofers for helping me paint our house. Several times. Yes, "we love that color". Pr. John

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY have their Bible study the second week of the month: Monday evening at 7 p.m. all are welcome.

COMFORT CARE uses their sewing skills to make *prayer blankets, baptismal banners and new banners for the sanctuary* (among other things!). They meet on the 2nd Saturdays at 9 in the morning (sometimes coming in early enough to share with Hole-in-the-roofers discussion and donuts!).

BROWN BAG

You're always invited to share in the *(2nd and 4th)* Wednesday noontime discussion group studying some book of religious import. The book bunch meets during the lunch hour (12-12:45), some bringing their lunch, some just drinking the coffee available. We're entering into two books: first, Annie Lamott's *Traveling Mercies*, sharing her lively (and irreverent) faith walk. Later, we'll engage with Elie Wiesel's masterpiece *Night*, an autobiographical account of his teenage survival in the Nazi death camps. We are ordering the books soon, in preparation for our September 14th meeting. If you want more information, contact Kelly Hauff (293-1756) or Pr. John (293-5201).



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, but we're moving it back to our Thursday time. We are completing the Gospel of Mark – easy for you to catch up!!

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Worship Workers for Oct 2016

Oct. 1/2

Worship Assist

Sat: Joyce Albers
Sun: 8:30 Jane David
11:00 – Barbara Sitzman

Lector:

Sat: Laura Buehner
Sun: 8:30 Jane David
11:00 Bob Grabenstein

Greeters:

Sun: 8:30
11:00 Bob & Cindy Grabenstein

Communion Assist:

Sat: Laura Buehner
Sun: 8:30 Jane David
11:00 Deb Middleton

Communion Prep:

Sat: Bryan Sall
Sun: Fougersons & Sue

Offering Counter:

Layne Knuedler

Oct. 8/9

Worship Assist:

Sat: Kelly Hauff
Sun: 8:30 Jane David
11:00 Layne Knuedler

Lector:

Sat: Kelly Huff
Sun: 8:30 Vicki Schaepler
11:00 Nancy DeBoer

Greeters:

Sat:
Sun: 8:30
11:00 Mike & Nancy De Boer

Communion Assist:

Sat: Ken Petersen
Sun: 8:30 Jane David
11:00 Nancy DeBoer

Communion Prep:

Sat: Bryan Sall
Sun: 8:30
11:00 Fougersons & Sue

Offering Counter:

Lois Adamson

Oct. 15/16

Worship Assist:

Sat: Joyce Albers
Sun: 8:30- Jane David
11:00 – Barb Sitzman

Lector:

Sat: Dan Kossmann
Sun: 8:30 -Linda Peterson
11:00 Mitzi Gifford

Greeters:

Sun: 11:00 Lois Adamson

Communion Assist:

Sat: Dan Kossmann
Sun: 8:30 Linda Peterson
11:00 Lois Adamson

Communion Prep:

Sat: Bryan Sall
Sun: 8:30 Barbara Bowers
11:00 Fougersons & Sue

Offering Counters:

Rod & Jane Behrhorst

Oct. 22/23

Worship Assist:

Sat: Kelly Hauff
Sun: 8:30 Jane David
11:00 Barbara Laursen

Lector:

Sat: Kelly Hauff
Sun: 8:30 Marshall Nelson
11:00 Ken Reifenrath

Greeters:

Sun: Gayle Miller

Communion Assist:

Sat: Kelly Hauff
Sun: 8:30 Peggy Nelson
11:00 Ken Reifenrath

Communion Prep:

Sat: Bryan Sall
Sun: Fougersons & Sue

Offering Counter:

Peggy Nelson

Oct. 29/30

Worship Assist:

Sat: Joyce Albers
Sun: 8:30 Jane David
11:00 -Harold Laursen

Lector: Oct. 29/30

Sat: Joyce Albers
Sun: 8:30 Jane David
11:00 Tami Frye

Greeters

Sun: 11:00 Chuck & Tami Frye

Communion Asst.

Sat: Ken Petersen
Sun: 8:30 :Jane David

Communion Prep:

Sun: 8:30 & 11:00
Fougersons & Sue

Communion Prep:

Sat: Bryan Sall
Sun: 8:30 & 11:00
Fougersons & Sue



October 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 6:00pm Worship
2 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday Disciples 11:00am Worship	3	4	5 9:00am Wed Weeders 5:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Youth 7:30pm Choir	6 7:00pm Bible Study	7	8 8:00am Hole in Roof 9:00am Comforters Family of Christ Serve Habitat Lunch 6:00pm Worship
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ALL IN THE FAMILY

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October Women's Luncheon
Ladies, please mark your calendars for October 9th @ 12:15 p.m. It's time to gather for lunch, an activity, and Welca updates. The activity will be to introduce the making of our Communion Bread. Voting in a new 'Planning Team' will be part of our kneaded updates.

Kneading the Bread of Life theme, the planning team will provide hot soup, butter, and tea/coffee. We ask you to bring the bread. So get those bread machines dusted off or visit a bakery. We hope to have fun tasting a variety of breads. Who can make Bread Pudding?! C U soon!

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(Office Tu,W, F Afternoons)
Publications Secretary: Maury May
(Office: Tu, We, Thur 1:30-3:00pm)
Ministries Coordinator: Barbara Laursen
(Mon, Wed, Fri 9:30am-12:30pm)

WORSHIP SERVICES:

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

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

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