



Family of Christ Council Minutes
August 9, 2016

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

President Hedstrom opened the meeting with a devotional on Obedience.

Minutes: July minutes were reviewed and motion made to approve (Lanny/John). Motion carried.

Finance Report: Peggy reported a check was issued to the Jubilee Center from Local Outreach funds. More funds will be coming in from participating churches for VBS. A comparison of the adopted budget for 2016 with Feb 1 to July 31 expenses showed favorable numbers for income and budget is on target or above in some areas. Motion was made to approve budget. (John/Lanny).

Pastor's Report: Cheryl read e-mail from Pastor John to the Council in his absence on Youth Trip. He asked FOC to accept the invitation from First Lutheran to participate in "God's Work Our Hands" September 11 event. Pastor DeFreese will give the morning's sermon followed by a pot luck and Pastor John conducting a worship with the congregation and Mosaic. It was suggested to extend FOC summer worship time another week with resuming regular worship times September 18. Motion (Lanny/John) was made to participate with First Lutheran on September 11 and extend summer hours to September 18. Motion carried.

Pastor John asked if two committees or one committee should be formed for budget and stewardship. After discussion Council felt there should be two separate committees. Motion was made (Lanny/Peggy) to keep stewardship separate from the budget committee. It was decided to table nominees to the budget committee until the September meeting.

Team A and B have met. Team B carried out discussion on how to bring people into the church. An Ice cream social event will be held at Hammer Park on August 19 to reach out to the southeast Kearney neighborhood. Other activities were also discussed for future dates. Pastor John asked that \$100 be budgeted for supplies for the event. Motion was made (Lanny/John) to use \$100 from outreach and evangelism. Motion carried. Team A has met and held discussion on building options and alternatives. There is nothing to report at this time.

Old Business: No decision on using the Right Now Ministries video materials viewed on July 22 has been made.

Lance reported he will be taking the church van to a dealership to find out a value. Money from the sale of the car will be used for Boundaries Waters vehicle rental expenses.

Peggy reported the Health insurance plan for Pastor John will be up for renewal. Peggy will discuss the plan with PJ and bring information to the October meeting.

Motion made for meeting to adjourn (John/Lanny). The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Fie
Recording Secretary

BUILDING UPDATE



We have formed two 'teams' as we prayerfully consider our ministry in south Kearney.

Team B is considering creative ministry outreach into SE Kearney, already having visited and having an ice cream social at Hammer Park (pictures here!), and discussing future ideas for more direct ministry.

Team A will be evaluating options for our building considerations, especially based on our finances. On the 15th and M site, we could 'phase' various building plans, or do simple storage.

All plans from Teams A & B come before the council for consideration. If you would like to participate in either team, call the church office!

- 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.

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

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Neal Parker	9/14
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Zachery Wulf	9/19
Joel Fie	9/22
John Zulkoski	9/22
Samantha Duennerman	9/23
Jack Fahnholz	9/23
Avery Collison	9/28
Ron Carey	9/30

YOUTH TREK 2016

The youth (and adults) took their trek to the Boundary Waters during the first week of August. The seven attendees (Matt, Brett, Evy, Julia, Joel, Jantha and Pr John; and their excellent guide, Lars Anderson is in front) had a wonderful 5 days out on the lakes of northern Minnesota – and made it out of the primitive experience with no injuries. Yes, everyone carried packs and canoes! They also had another opportunity to serve at Mary’s Place in Minneapolis on their way up.



CONGRATULATIONS

Abby (Bittman) & Steve Froom, married August 16th? In Colorado
Ben & Amy (Capulong) Middleton, married August 13th in Chicago
Ashley (Frye) & Zach Nielson, married in Kearney on August 6th

CONDOLENCES

To the family and friends of **Carol Williams**, who died August 23rd.



Ken & Patty Reifenrath	9/5
Ron & Nicole Carey	9/9
Mark & Coleen Brill	9/18
Dale & Amy Fahnholz	9/20
George & Lorna Lane	9/30

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BACK TO FALL SCHEDULE

*REMEMBER .. we have TWO more 10 a.m. Worship –
September 4 and 11!*

**THEN ... we’re back to the REGULAR SCHEDULE
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES at 8:30 a.m.
and 11 a.m.**

*Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth and Adult fo-
rums at 9:45 a.m.*
Saturday worship remains at 6 p.m. (and is interpreted)

IMAGINE

The Huskers enter the field, running with pride to the bench, primed to get the ball down the field. The coaches have spent months prepping their respective defensive, offensive and special teams. They have rehearsed and practiced the drills together, learning the calls and strategies.

But it’s in the middle of one offensive maneuver that “Clyde” registers confusion. You see, “Clyde” wanted to play foot- ball, and he came to the first practice, but he didn’t care for lectures, or memorizing plays, or listening to coaches tell him stuff he felt he already knew. “Clyde” knew he could rely on stuff he learned about the game by watching it on TV, or from his backyard experience.

So, here in the first quarter, “Clyde” heard a strange set of numbers uttered by the quarterback (the posi- tion *he* was jealous he wasn’t considered for), and he glanced around to discern where to go. Not that it made much difference. As soon as the ball was hiked, he ate grass, unprepared for the tackle from the opposing line. And it was here that the first glimmer of awareness struck Clyde’s noggin: “I shoulda been at practice.”

O.k. We certainly don’t anticipate that someone would be allowed to do that to our beloved Huskers. But how about *Christians* on the front line of life? There are some fun and practical parallels here. We clergy are amazed at how people assume that *faith comes without practice*.

Through baptism, we enroll our children on Christ’s team. We then encourage parents to help their new player find their position in the squadron of disciples. Sponsors (fellow players) are asked to assist in teaching the team rules and to put the playbook (yup, the Bible) into their hands, and to bring them to practice regularly (ah, that would be worship and Sunday School). We look forward to their spiritual confidence as they get onto the field of life.

So here we are at the fall inception of our education programs. The predominant focus is to *learn the playbook*. For example, the disciples *Peter* and *Matthew* will be sharing that play of *forgiving others* – a remarka- bly difficult maneuver requiring several handoffs. Later in the season, we’ll be challenged to *live a generous life* in the face of greed and fear seeking to tackle us. Oh, and we’ll certainly be practicing the victory chants that en- courage the whole team spirit.

I had a football player say “the Bible is hard to understand. I don’t think I can comprehend it.” Later, as he showed me his football playbook, which was filled with X’s and O’s and lines and squiggles. I asked, “How did you learn this stuff?” He credited his coach and teammates, along with diligent practice. He didn’t finish telling me before he caught the analogy, and we had fun discussing *Moses* coming into the game with a new plan Coach Yahweh had revealed, and *David* needing to go back to the humble drawing board.

So let’s see those young’uns at practice. Oh, you older players could use some refreshers, too!

9:45 for Sunday School and adult class,
Regular worship times of 6 p.m. Sat, resuming 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday on September 18th;
Confirmation classes, prayer groups, choir, youth, fellowships –

Share joy in Christ!
Pr. John

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

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!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY have their Bible studies in three gatherings during the second week of the month: Monday evening at 7 p.m.

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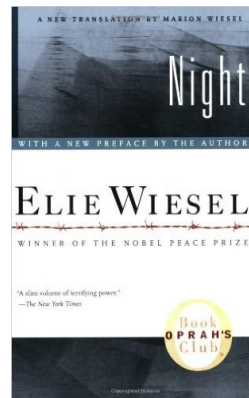
ANNE LAMOTT

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SOME THOUGHTS ON FAITH

BY THE AUTHOR OF *BIRD BY BIRD*

"Anne Lamott is nothing great, but a person can be both wonderful and tremendous in the same lifetime. Sometimes even in the same breath."
—*New Yorker* *Lesander and Chronicle*

**THURSDAY** evenings

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!

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Returned Service Requested

Worship Workers for Sept 2016

Peggy Nelson



September 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 6:00pm Worship
4 10:00am Worship	5	6	7 9:00am Wed Weeders 5:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Youth 7:30pm Choir	8 7:00pm Bible Study	9	10 8:00am Hole in Roof 9:00am Comforters 6:00pm Worship
11 10:00am Worship 12:00pm Potluck at First Lutheran	12 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	13 7:00pm Council Meeting	14 9:00am Wed Weeders 12:00pm Book Bunch 5:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Youth 7:30pm Choir	15 7:00pm Bible Study	16	17 6:00pm Worship
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ALL IN THE FAMILY

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EXTENDING THE SUMMER ONE MORE SUNDAY!!!



Sunday, September 11th
We will keep our summer service hours for ONE MORE SUNDAY in September – the 11th. We'll resume with 8:30 and 11 a.m. services on September 18th.

Here's the deal! We are invited to participate with First Lutheran in a special Sunday of *God's Work; Our Hands* -- an Evangelical Lutheran Church in America invitation to serve in the local communities. After our worship at Family of Christ, we're invited to bring potluck items to First Lutheran, share in lunch together, and then participate in a *Mosaic Worship service* with individuals from Axtell and Kearney (about 1:15 p.m.)

You may decide to stay and help with a park cleanup activity with some Mosaic individuals from Kearney.

Pastor Davd deFreese will be preaching at First on that Sunday (8:45 and 11 a.m.), and you are invited (no...Pr John won't be offended!)

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(Mon, Wed, Fri 9:30am-12:30pm)

WORSHIP SERVICES:

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

Sunday: 10:00am Worship

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