



Family of Christ Lutheran Church
Minutes - January 10, 2017

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

Pastor John offered prayer before dinner preceding the meeting.

Minutes: Motion was made (Lanny/John) to approve the December 13 minutes. Approved

Treasurer's Report:

- Peggy reviewed the Financial Income and Expense Statement noting *net income in General Fund (Nov 16-Dec 16, 2016) of \$3,678.40. Total net income in General Fund for months of January 1-December 16, 2016 is \$40,759.35.* Peggy asked if Land and Building funds *received before the Capital Campaign should be held in operating checking. After council discussion, Pastor John/John M made the motion to keep those monies in operating checking.*
- Currently the Treasurer's report reflects January 1-December 31 records. Peggy inquired if Council would like to have Shonna help to revise the reporting from February 1-January 31 of each year. Council felt this would provide clarification and asked Peggy and Shonna to proceed with this.
- Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report (Pastor John/Lanny). Approved.
The proposed 2017 budget was distributed for review. Council felt it was clear and ready to be presented to the congregation.

Pastor's report: Hope is that new members will be introduced at the Congregational Meeting.

Ministries coordinator report: Barb noted she is working on the annual report as well as continuing work on the ICON program and a revised time and talent form.

New Business: The Harmon Park activity center is reserved for the congregational meeting January 29 at 10:00 a.m. The fellowship team will assist with set-up, getting chicken and table service. The congregation will bring salad/dessert/side dish. The meeting will be incorporated into the worship service. The nomination committee will be providing a bio and picture of nominees prior to the meeting. A spokesperson will be providing an update on building progress. Pastor John will present other items for discussion.

An adult forum is planned on January 22 between services to provide opportunity for in-depth discussion prior to the January 29 meeting.

Pastor John acknowledged the exiting council members and thanked them for their service.

Motion for adjournment was made (Lanny/Chris). Meeting was closed with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Fie
Recording Secretary

HEADS UP!
ASH WEDNESDAY IS COMING...

LENT...the season of 40 days in journeying with Jesus to the cross ... begins on **ASH WEDNESDAY**, which is (this year) on **March 1st**. We will begin midweek Lenten services (and fellowship suppers) during the Wednesdays before Easter, starting with the service of contrition (and imposition of ashes) that evening ...6:15 p.m.

DEACON/DEACONESS INTERNSHIP

At the congregational meeting, Pastor John began a proposal that *Family of Christ and Mosaic/Bethphage Village* enlist a Diaconal Intern (a deaconess/deacon student) from Wartburg Seminary during 2017. The idea is that a deacon/deaconess could

Gain valuable experience in work with Mosaic and serving ministries connected with Family of Christ, and

Assist in developing stronger congregation ties (Family of Christ and others) with Mosaic ministry

Enhance the congregational life of Family of Christ, and give the congregation a variety of leadership assistance

The internship would be 70 hours (about 3-4 months, 60 hour weeks), with 240 hours in congregational service and 460 hours of specialization (*in this case, with Mosaic*). ***This proposal is to share financial expenses (less than \$10,000) with Mosaic (about 60%), with Family of Christ (40%).*** Family of Christ could probably arrange housing, and perhaps reduce expenses.

The budget committee and church council wisely decided this should not be included in the annual budget until we had time to have deeper conversation as congregation over the proposal. **More information on the proposal, and explanations of 'deacons and deaconesses'** is available at the church as we prayerfully consider this ministry.

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 KGFW or NTV) as soon as possible. *We may not be able to change the church answering machine which lists the usual service times.*

HOLE-IN-THE-ROOF GANG

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.

	<u>Family of Christ</u>
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

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

R E M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS**

Febr 21, 2017



- 2/02 Jeff Eckhout
- 2/03 Marilyn Kile
- 2/04 Rod Behrhorst
- 2/06 Kelly Hauff
- 2/09 Dorann Bartels
- 2/09 Barbara Bowers
- 2/09 Kolden Linner
- 2/11 Matthew Culler
- 2/11 Jody Sheldon
- 2/12 Polly Petersen
- 2/14 Val Skiles
- 2/15 Ashley Byrne
- 2/16 Marian Kotas
- 2/17 Carman Einspahr
- 2/18 Deb Middleton
- 2/22 Gary McCracken
- 2/23 Jill Milligan
- 2/24 Elaine Anderson
- 2/24 James Jacobs
- 2/27 Jason Albers
- 2/27 Gavyn Knoedler



- 2/5 Neal & Glenda Parker
- 2/14 Dave & Wendy Nickel
- 2/16 Dave & Linda George
- 2/24 Dennis & JoAnn DeJonge



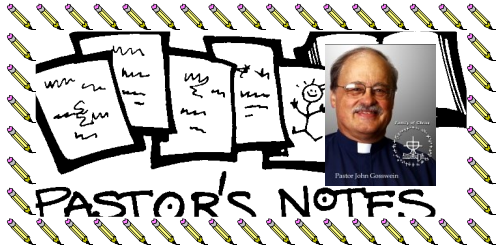
FOC WOMEN, come together on. . .
Feb. 13th, 7:00 p.m. Gather Bible study: “Christian Faith and Freedom.”
Bibles, Gather magazines and a hot beverage will be available.
Apr. 2nd, 12:15 p.m. Women’s Salad and Sandwich Luncheon & Welca news.
Apr. 22nd, Spring Gathering 2017 at Grace Lutheran in Hebron.
(More information on April events will be in our March newsletter.)

“I went to the Winter Retreat in January and it was Awesome! “
The car pool with Carol Bosshardt and Sister Ruth Rebelein was relaxing with my travel mug of tea near. The Planning Committee and St. Paul Lutheran in Grand Island gave us a wonderful Saturday. “Mary, Martha, and Me” was the theme of the Winter Retreat and Dr. Heather Goertz was an amazing advocate and guest speaker. Heather is a member of St. John’s Lutheran in Benington, NE, a wife, a mother of 10, a foster and adoptive parent, and a Doctor of Occupational Therapy. Along with family stories and key data about foster and adoptive parenting, Heather included her faith journey which inspired us to be as active as Martha and also listen to Jesus like Mary did in Luke 10: 38-48. We met Pastor Pastor Marsha Dorn in the communion service and Gwen Edwards, the Churchwide voice during the reports. More brief reports on Welca opportunities, displays, a hilarious skit, and a delicious lunch filled in and made it a very inspiring day with 95 fellow sisters of our congregations in Nebraska. Shared with you by Judy Gosswein.

**HERBERGER’S
COMMUNITY DAY SALE!**

For several years, our confirmation class has had the opportunity to sell *Herberger’s Community Day Sale* booklets – in the fall and spring -- raising monies for them to attend camp in the summer. They have been blessed from the proceeds from the fall, and **want to invite other members of the congregation to assist during the sales this February (dates are listed below). They would like to share the proceeds with the church building fund.** If you can assist (and it’s very possible that a confirmation student will help you out!), contact Sue Buss: (308) 293-2813, sign up at the church.

Our registered sale times:
Saturdays: Feb 25
Sundays: Feb 5 (4-6); Feb 12 (4-6) Feb 19
The sale is Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 23rd-25th.



Team “Salt of the Earth”

Before you go further, take a moment to open the Bible and read Matthew 5:1-12. It’s familiarly called *the sermon on the mount* because Jesus, the teacher, sits down with his disciples at a mount. Go ahead and read it; I’ll wait. (And be reminded that we’ll be looking at the whole *Sermon on the Mount* in the Sunday adult forum this month).

O.k. This is the beginning of a teaching Jesus provides his disciples, announcing that God isn’t looking for spectators of the faith He is inviting us into the game itself. Jesus is seeking a team, and the crop of disciples he’s chosen already have experience on the field with *poverty of spirit, meekness and suffering, and carrying wounded and struggles*.

What is Jesus’ game about? If the game were to compete with the world in selfishness, arrogance, or power trips – then this team won’t score! In fact, as Jesus goes into his *sermon* (actually like a playbook), he offer strategies for all of us *Salt of the Earth* disciples players:

If we combat anger with more anger, what we receive is...more anger—and nobody wins. Violence with retribution just makes for bigger weapons (5:38). Instead, combat anger with assertive non-violence, even respect.

5:27-32 When we excuse ourselves with adulterous and lustful relationships, seeking only momentary gratification, and don’t learn faithful love, we are really amputating our bodies. Instead, live into faithfulness.

If we harbor resentment towards others, we don’t leave much room for God’s peace to reside (5:23) And if we just ‘speak our mind’ with whatever we want, perhaps even assuming words don’t matter, we become empty. (5:33).

Listen to how frequently Jesus says, “you heard [the old strategy]; but I say [‘*try this*’]. *If the ‘game’ is God seeking to reconcile the world to himself, then discover Jesus’ strategy as the one of choice.* (And consider how he didn’t just coach from the sidelines, but lived it out on a journey to that goal – a cross with points for resurrection.) He teaches us to allow

Humility to combat arrogance
Honesty to confront deceit
Generosity to tackle greed
Hopefulness against cynicism
Simplicity and trust versus fear, superiority, and dominance.

Jesus enlists the ones who **know and have learned what it is like to be tackled in life.** It’s just possible (and a spiritual gift) for them to have learned where true strength resides.

Joy and Peace in Christ!
Pr. John

THANKS TO OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS *Chris Denton, Cheryl Hedstrom and Lanny Johnson* for your faithful dedication and service.

AND MAY GRACE, PEACE AND WISDOM surround *Jane David, Tami Frye, Peggy Nelson* (re-elected) and *David Wiebe*, elected to 2 year terms on the church council at the meeting on January 29th!

.....



1.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 *Short Stories by Jesus*, an explanation of the parables by Amy Jill-Levine. More copies are available at the church. Come join us!

2. 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 ‘weeders’ 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!

3. HOLE-IN-THE-ROOF GANG The guys meet 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.

4. THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY continues on ...duh, Thursday evenings. We meet in the sanctuary from 7 to 8 p.m. (many times sharing a snack after our discussion and prayer). The group just engaged in studying the little epistle of Paul to *Philippians*, a joy filled letter! (*Yes, the Crossways Bible study meets at the same time... downstairs!*)

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY meets the 2nd Mon. of the month at 7-8 pm at the church. WELCA meets quarterly after a Sunday Service for a luncheon.

Family of Christ Lutheran Church
1319 5th Avenue
Kearney, NE 68845

NON-PROFIT
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
Grand Island, Ne
Permit 118

Returned Service Requested



BOX TOPS for *BETHPHAGE*

Just a reminder: *Campbells* labels will no longer be available for groups and agencies to collect. (Campbells has discontinued their program). BUT Mosaic/Bethphage Village is collecting *Box Tops for Education* (and your local schools may, also!). A full list of the box tops are available in the envelope by the “Collecting Container”. And thanks!

Worship Workers for Febr 2017

Feb.4/5

Worship Assist:

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

Lector:

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

Greeters:

Sat:
Sun: 8:30
11:00 Lois Adamson & Peggy Buettner

Communion Assist:

Sat: Joni Weed
Sun: 8:30 Linda Peterson
11:00 Lois Adamson

Communion Prep:

Sat: Bryan Sall
Sun. 8:30 Fougerons
11:00: Sue Sands-Buss

Offering Counter:

Lois Adamson

Feb.11&12

Worship Assist:

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

Lector:

Sat: Joyce Albers
Sun: 8:30 Vicki Schaepler
11:00 Bob Grabenstein

Greeters:

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

Communion Assist:

Sat: Ken Petersen
Sun: 8:30 Jane David
11:00 Connie Fie

Communion Prep:

Sat: Bryan Sall
Sun: 8:30 Fougerons
11:00 Sue Sands Buss

Offering Counter:

Layne Knoedler

Feb. 18&19

Worship Assist:

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

Lector:

Sat: Laura Buehner
Sun: 8:30 – Peggy Nelson
11:00 Ken Riefenrath

Greeters:

Sat:
Sun. 8:30
11:00: Tom & Janet Boyd

Communion Assist:

Sat: Laura Buehner
Sun:8:30Marshall Nelson
11:00 Patty Riefenrath

Communion Prep:

Sat: Bryan Sall
Sun: 8:30Barbara Bowers
11:00 Sue Sands Buss

Offering Counters:

Rod & Jane Behrhorst

Feb. 25&26

Worship Assist:

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

Lector:

Sat: Kelly Hauff
Sun: 8:30Cheryl Hedstrom
11:00 Gayle Miller

Greeters:

Sat:
Sun:8:30
11:00 Dave Wiebe

Communion Assist:

Sat: Ken Petersen
Sun: 8:30Cheryl Hedstrom
11:00 Deb Middleton

Communion Prep:

Sat: Bryan Sall
Sun:8:30 Fougerons
Sun: 11:00 Sue Sands Buss

Offering Counters:

Layne Knoedler



Tackle Hunger! Join Souper Bowl of Caring 2017

Our youth will hold soup pots at church doors on Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 4/5, 2017. They will join young people in churches across the country to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting. All of the money collected is donated to a charity selected by the participant - none of the money is sent to the Souper Bowl of Caring headquarters. Organizers only ask that each participant report their collection so national totals can be determined and announced. Since the Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990, more than \$80 million has gone to help people in need. Please support the youth of our church in this effort to “love our neighbors” by dropping your dollar in the soup pot on February 4th or 5th. **Our proceeds go to the Jubilee Center here in Kearney.**

<div>  <h1>February 2017</h1>  </div>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:00am Wed Weeders 5:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Youth 7:30pm Choir	2 7:00pm Bible study Sanctuary 7:00pm Crossways Basement	3	4 6:00pm Worship
5 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday Disciples 11:00am Worship	6	7	8 12:00pm Book Bunch 9:00am Wed Weeders 5:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Youth 7:30pm Choir	9 7:00pm Bible study Sanctuary 7:00pm Crossways Basement	10	11 8:00am Hole in Roof 9:00am Comfort Care 6:00pm Worship
12 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday Disciples 11:00am Worship	13 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	14 7:00pm Council Meeting	15 9:00am Wed Weeders 5:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Youth 7:30pm Choir	16 7:00pm Bible study Sanctuary 7:00pm Crossways Basement	17	18 6:00pm Worship
19 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday Disciples 11:00am Worship	20	21	22 12:00pm Book Bunch 9:00am Wed Weeders 5:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Youth 7:30pm Choir	23 7:00pm Bible study Sanctuary 7:00pm Crossways Basement	24	25 8:00am Hole in Roof 6:00pm Worship
26 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday Disciples 11:00am Worship	27	28	March 1st Ash Wed			


ALL IN THE FAMILY

February 2017

Volume 33

Issue 2

Family of Christ Lutheran



Family of Christ Lutheran Church
1319 5th Ave
Kearney, NE 68845

Phone: 308-236-7704
 E-mail: familyofchristkearney@gmail.com
 Web: www.familyofchristkearney.org
 Pastor e-mail: pr.john.foc@gmail.com
 Pastor: John Gosswein
 (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



INSIDE THIS ISSUE :

Pastor's Notes	3
Birthday's and Anniversaries	4
Summer Schedule	3
Calendar	7
Worship Workers	8