

CHURCH COUNCIL

Family of Christ Lutheran Church
Minutes – March 14, 2017

Present: Pastor John, John Marsh, Tami Frye; Jane David; Peggy Nelson; Connie Fie, Guest: Bob Grabenstein
Absent: Dr. David Wiebe, Lance Knoedler.

Pastor John gave the devotion from Romans 12 starting with verse 3. We are not to think highly of ourselves and think one gift is more important than another. Paul reminds us that we are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

John Marsh opened the meeting with approval of the February minutes: Motion made to approve (Jane/PJ). Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report as of February 15, 2017 shows a gross profit of \$15,090 and a net income of \$5029.31. John asked for a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion to approve (Tami/Jane). Motion carried.

Insurance Report: Bob Grabenstein contacted Corey Kruse, State Farm agent, for clarification of church policy language and coverage. There has been a rate increase. The church previously had a discount for extended claims free period. Due to water damage in 2010 and a medical payment of \$5000 this discount no longer is in force. He noted value of church property has also increased. Regarding church vehicles, he noted regular drivers are required to be listed. He also said when using rental vehicles it would be wise to purchase the insurance offered by the rental company. This covers any physical damage that might occur and protects against the charge for loss of use of the vehicle while it is being repaired. The land for the new church is also covered. It is noted volunteers are covered in church related activities. Under special perils the church and contents are covered at \$1000 deductible per occurrence. Coverage in case of total loss would be at the present valuation of the property.

The van currently does not have comprehensive coverage. With the hail season arriving, question was asked if it would be wise to purchase coverage at \$87.00 every six months with a \$250 deductible. Pastor John noted pending Lance's report on the sale of the van this could be considered.

Pastor's Report. PJ gave an update on the diaconal position. He and Pastor deFreese will be interviewing a possible candidate next week. The time period for service is yet to be determined. The candidate may be here for a longer period of time serving more than 3-4 months between FOC and Mosaic. Housing assistance may need to be provided by FOC. The congregation will need to approve the placement.

Ministries Coordinator report. Barb reported the Lenten pot lucks are going well with assistance from Wednesday Weeders and other members. Community Lenten luncheon at the United Methodist church will be served by FOC on March 31.

Building Hope Report. Jane reported the committee had met with some builders. The contractors will put together some possibilities and figures. Infrastructure has to be done before a building permit will be issued by the City. Architect David Wiebe will meet with the builders. More to report in the coming months.

Committee appointments: Liaison council members will be assigned to the following committees: Worship – Jane David; Mutual Ministry – John Marsh; Education – Lance Knoedler; Fellowship – Connie Fie; Evangelism – Tami Frye; Stewardship – Peggy Nelson; Property – David Wiebe

The next council meeting will be **April 18**. John asked for motion to adjourn: Tami/PJ

Meeting closed with Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Connie Fie Recording Secretary



OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

DURING THE REMAINDER of the Lenten Wednesdays (March into April), we will have a combined fellowship supper & service in the basement. We are using (along with many other congregations in Nebraska Synod) a Lenten resource called *We Are Church*, that creatively uses table conversations, activity and meaningful worship to learn how, in the light

of the cross of Christ, we are called, gathered, enlightened and sanctified together. **We begin with supper at 6:15** (fully expecting that some may have to come a little later, but can still share in supper time!), and **concluding by 7:20**.



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 in the midst of *Short Stories by Jesus*, a Jewish author's interpretation and appreciation of Jesus' parables. 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 '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!

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.

THURSDAY SANCTUARY BIBLE STUDY will resume AFTER Lent (on Thursday evening, April 20th). We meet in the sanctuary from 7 to 8 p.m. (many times sharing a snack after our discussion and prayer).

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.

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.

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.

Family of Christ	
Pastor	John Gosswein
Church Council	
<u>President</u>	John Marsh
<u>Vice President</u>	Tami Frye
<u>Secretary</u>	Connie Fie
<u>Treasurer</u>	Peggy Nelson
<u>Financial Secretary</u>	Jane David
<u>Members at Large</u>	Lance Knoedler Dr. David Wiebe Jane David
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!**

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**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS**

April 21 2017



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/01 Layne Knoedler
4/01 Jill Peterson
4/09 Cortney Schaepler
4/10 Mark Svoboda
4/15 Bryan Kuntz
4/18 Mackenzie Wolfe
4/19 Henny Larsen
4/20 Aubrey Reifenrath
4/21 Dale Fahnholz
4/23 Rebekah Eckhout
4/23 Rick Kile
4/24 Iola Fougeron
4/26 Sam Reimers
4/28 Madeline Christensen
4/29 Kelly Hunt
4/29 Ruth Stewart
4/30 Harold Laursen



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

4/05 John & Sarah Zulkoski
4/21 Jeff & Rebekah Eckhout
4/27 Dietrich & Deb Wagner

FOC WOMEN, come together on. . .

Apr. 2nd, 12:15 p.m. Women's Salad and Sandwich Luncheon & Welca news.

Apr. 22nd, Spring Gathering 2017 at Grace Lutheran in Hebron.



COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHESES

Each Friday during Lent, Beginning March 3rd

At First Methodist Church 4500 Linden Drive

Lenten Luncheon

Lenten Lunches are held every Friday at noon during Lent. The lunches are sponsored by several congregations in Kearney and are open to everyone. The community is invited to the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church, 4500 Linden Drive. The cost for the lunch (served at 12 noon) is \$5/person, with a portion of the proceeds being given to the Jubilee Center. On April 7th the speaker is Rhett Cervantes, sharing a journey from prison to preaching. Each of our speakers have shared how their faith journey has brought them to a *cross road* of faith, and how their decision allowed them an appreciation of Jesus' redemptive death and empowering resurrection for us. Services conclude by 12:50 to allow those who need to return work. **On Good Friday** (April 14th), the churches will lead a noontime service followed by the lunch. ***All are welcome***

INQUIRER'S SESSIONS

Interested in joining the church? Or learning more about your faith life and walk?

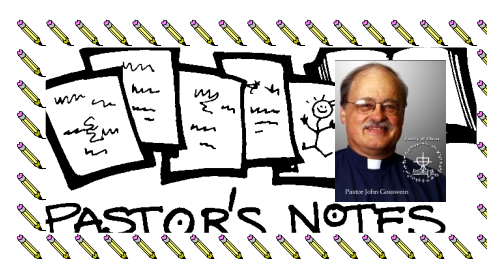
Will be starting late in April. They are offered each 6 months – with gatherings around a dinner, conversation about faith, our beliefs, the church, church life and disciples' lives. We meet at 6 p.m. around a supper, and finish our discussions by 8 p.m. If you are interested, give a call to the church. (By the way, we can make child care available – just give us a call: 236-7704). First session: Sunday, April 23rd, 6 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS

may be in order for some graduating either college or high school this year. Contact the church so we can make sure they are listed in May! (BTW, this could also include those who may have graduated in December, and we haven't acknowledged.)

OUR CONDOLENCES

to Jodi Stenehjem upon the death of her brother, **Mike Clark**. His funeral was March 17th and to Lynn Tacha upon the death of his brother, **Pat Tacha**. The funeral will be on April 1st.



EASTER: More than a History Channel Special
Paul, in writing the Corinthian Christian church, puts in this barbed little phrase about belief in the resurrection: "If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith." (1 Cor. 15:14) While he is obviously trying to correct their misconception about the story of Jesus, he is also presenting a challenge to these 'spiritual' Corinthians. **The resurrection of Jesus** from the dead is more than a line in the creed, or a nice story for the History Channel.

I think 'challenge' is the right word, for the Easter message keeps our faith from being more than words alone. Since 'resurrection from the dead' isn't something we see normally, we are *challenged* to trust that this God – who breathed new life into the corpse of Jesus – can meet up with other stubborn 'realities' we cling to. To be "Easter people" is to confess that we have preconceived how God must work – and we have limited God to our preconditions.

If God can take that cross, a gruesome symbol of execution, and turn it into a religious magnet – *what can God do with our shame and humiliation?*

If God can walk a path through the grave's rocky door, *what giant stones have we considered too large for God's life to reach through?*

If Jesus can enter into a room filled with fear-filled disciples and say "Peace," *will he speak that same peace to our anxieties?*

If the risen Jesus can breathe forgiveness on those gathered in their locked room, *can he unbind us from what we find ourselves shackled to?*

One of my professors (Bob Smith) once said: Easter *challenges* us to see God in a new light – an 'all things new' light. We hear from the book of Revelation where God shouts a cosmic "No" to the injustice of it all, the stupidity of it all, the hurt of it all. And God cries an everlasting "Yes" to Jesus, friend of the vulnerable, guest of tax collectors, cleanser both to holy places and hearts possessed by demons, healer of those bent beneath terrible burdens. Easter sends shockwaves through the universe, refusing to permit injustice and death to still and silence the energies that burst forth from the life and ministry of Jesus. Jesus and his project continue.

Blessings, as you hear this Easter word anew – and allow it to challenge you to know, grow and sow

In Christ

Pastor John (adapted from an earlier sermon)

SAVE THE DATE!!

Vacation Bible School 2017: Sun. – Thurs.

June 11th – 15th Passport to Peru, Discovering God's

Good Gifts



MESSIAH CONCERT (60th presentation!)

A tradition since 1957, the Axtell Area Oratorio Society will present George Frideric Handel's Messiah on **April 9, 7:00 p.m. at the Merryman Performing Arts Center.** This is the 60th year the Axtell Oratorio Society has performed the Messiah, and it will once again be directed by J. Rodney Wendell, who has conducted the chorus and orchestra since 1953. The concert features a twenty piece chamber orchestra and a seventy member chorus. **A reception will follow the Sunday evening concert.**

The Messiah is an English oratorio composed by George Frideric Handel and is one of the most popular works in western choral literature. Messiah presents an interpretation of the Christian view of the Messiah, or "the anointed one" as Jesus the Christ. Advance tickets are Adults, \$10; K-12 \$5. Tickets will be available at the door for \$12. Tickets can be purchased in Kearney at Solid Rock, or contact Pr John or Judy Gosswein.

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Returned Service Requested

27th annual PASSOVER SUPPER
Wednesday, April 12th

At: Campus Lutheran (2715 9th Ave. --- to the east side of UNK)

Time: setup at 6 p.m. / Service begins at 6:30 p.m.

While there is no cost, we ask that you sign up (entry area) or call/email the church for reservation so we can set up enough tables! **We can also send instructions for what to bring and prepare! Instructions are also available in the narthex!**



MAUNDY THURSDAY
April 13th, 2017
Worship at 7 p.m.

We gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus’ death and resurrection. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus’ commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. At the Lord’s table we remember Jesus’ sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.



GOOD FRIDAY , April 14th, 2017
Worship: 7 p.m.

Our Good Friday service will take us on *The Stations of the Cross*. Following the *pathway from judgment to crucifixion to death* allows us to participate in the journey of ‘taking the cross and following’ Jesus. .



We traditionally use a modified “ tenebrae” (service of darkness) – focusing on Jesus’ life-giving sacrifice on the cross. The service is solemn (not sad!), and people are asked to leave in meditation and silence. It is a preparation to understanding the full impact of the Resurrection message of Easter.

EASTER VIGIL SERVICE
Saturday, April 15th 6 p.m.

The Saturday evening service before Easter is a reflection on baptism, incorporating the great lessons of the Old Testament that remind us of God’s leading his people to new life through the waters, and our conjoining with Christ in the baptismal mystery (Romans 6).

EASTER DAY
April 16th, 2017

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:15 a.m. Breakfast

(freewill donation; the confirmation class is donating all proceeds to the Family of Christ land and building fund)

10:30 a.m. Children’s Easter Egg Hunt

11 a.m. Worship

Worship Workers for April 2017

April 1 & 2

Worship Assist:

Sat: Kelly Hauff

Sun: 8:30 Jane David

11:00 Barbara Sitzman

Lector:

Sat :Laura Buehner

Sun:8:30 Linda Peterson

11:00 Mitzi Gifford

Greeters:

Sat:

Sun: 8:30

11:00 Peggy Buettner & Lois Adamson

Communion Assist:

Sat :Laura Buehner

Sun: 8:30 Jane David

11:00 Lois Adamson

Communion Prep:

Sat: Bryan Sall

Sun: 8:30 Fougersons

11:00 Lois Adamson

Offering Counter:

Lois Adamson

Palm Sunday

April 8 & 9

Worship Assist:

Sat: Kelly Hauff

Sun: 8:30 Jane David

11:00 Layne Knoedler

Lector:

Sat: Joyce Albers

Sun:8:30 Peggy Nelson

11:00 Bob Grabenstein

Greeters:

Sat:

Sun: 8:30

11:00 Bob Grabenstein

Communion Assist:

Sat: Kelly Hauff

Sun:8:30Marshall Nelson

11:00 Lois Adamson

Communion Prep:

Sat: Bryan Sall

Sun: 8:30 Fougersons

11:00 Sue Sands Buss

Offering Counter:

Layne Knoedler

Easter Sunday

April 15 & 16

Worship Assist:

Sat: Kelly Hauff

Sun: 8:30 Jane David

11:00 Barbara Sitzman

Lector:

Sat: Kellu Hauff

Sun:8:30 Vickie Schaepler

11:00 Jantha Jameson

Greeters:

Sat:

Sun: 8:30

11:00 Tom & Janet Boyd

Communion Assist:

Sat: Kelly Hauff

Sun: 8:30 Jane David

11:00 Deb Middleton

Communion Prep:

Sat: Bryan Sall

Sun: 8:30Fougersons

11:00 Sue Sands Buss

Offering Counters:

Rod & Jane Behrhorst

April 22 & 23

Worship Assist:

Sat: Kelly Hauff

Sun: 8:30 Jane David

11:00 Harold Laursen

Lector:

Sat: Joyce Albers

Sun: 8:30Cheryl Hedstrom

11:00 Connie Fie

Greeters:

Sat:

Sun:8:30 Hedstroms

11:00 Mike DeBoer

Communion Assist:

Sat: Ken Petersen

Sun: 8:30Cheryl Hedstrom

11:00 Nancy DeBoer

Communion Prep:

Sat: Bryan Sall

Sun:8:30 Barbara

Bowers

11:00 Sue Sands Buss

Offering Counters:

Layne Knoedler

April 29 & 30

Worship Assist:

Sat: Kelly Hauff

Sun: 8:30 Jane David

11:00 Layne Knoedler

Lector:

Sat: Joyce Albers

Sun: 8:30 Linda Peterson

Sun. 11:00 Gayle Miller

Greeters

Sat:

Sun.8:30

11:00 David Wiebe

Communion Assist:

Sat: Joyce Albers

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Sat: Bryan Sall

Sun:8:30 Fougersons

11:00 Sue Sands Buss

Offering Counter

Layne Knoedler



April 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 6:00pm Worship
2 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School Adult 11:00am Worship	3	4	5 9:00am Wed Weeders 6:15pm Midweek Worship 7:00pm Supper 7:30pm Choir	6 7:00pm Crossways Basement	7 12:00pm Lenten Luncheon First Methodist Church	8 8:00am Hole in Roof 9:00am Comfort Care 6:00pm Worship
9 Palm Sunday 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School Adult 11:00am Worship	10	11	12 9:00am Wed Weeders 12:00pm Book Bunch 6:30pm Campus Lutheran Passover Supper	13 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service	14 12:00pm Community Good Friday First Methodist Church 7:00pm Good Friday Service	15 6:00pm Worship Easter Vigil
16 Easter 8:30am Worship 9:15 - 10:15am Breakfast 10:30am Egg Hunt 11:00am Worship	17	18 7:00pm Council Meeting	19 5:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Youth 7:30pm Choir	20 7:00 Bible Study 7:00pm Crossways Basement	21	22 8:00am Hole in Roof 9:00am Comfort Care 6:00pm Worship
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(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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