

CHURCH COUNCIL

Family of Christ Lutheran Church
Minutes – April 18, 2017

Present: Pastor John, John Marsh, Tami Frye; Jane David; Peggy Nelson; Lance Knoedler; David Wiebe, Connie Fie Layne Knoedler and Mike DeBoer.

Devotion: Pastor John gave the devotion from Psalm 16 focusing on the security and confidence that God is always there to surround and guide.

March minutes. John M asked for approval of the March minutes. Motion made (Tami/David) to approve. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Peggy reviewed the Statement of Financial Income and Expense for March. Gross profit was \$16,085. Expenses were \$10,358.22 with a net ordinary income of \$5,726.78. Assets show Capital campaign of \$170,158.81; land and building savings of \$40,603.59; emergency funds \$11,201.50; mission investment funds 22,704.03; operating checking of \$69,743.04 with total current assets of \$314,410.97. Total fixed assets are \$750,000. John M. asked for motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion made (David/PJ) and approved.

Building Team Report: Layne Knoedler gave an update from the Building Team. He noted first thing the Team did was to revisit the purpose and goals outlined at the Annual Meeting. This is:

A desire

- to grow our ministries, outreach and our congregation
- to grow our educational opportunities for both youth and adult
- to have larger and more accessible spaces for fellowship activities
- to improve the overall aesthetics, attractiveness and functionality of our building

He reiterated the focus should be what is best for the ministry of Family of Christ. He noted the Team has not discussed financial feasibility of the project. Their purpose is to provide estimates of what it will cost to move the project forward and what the next steps will be. Different approaches to meeting the goals have been discussed from renovations to the existing building and construction of a new building. One of difficulties with the process has been coming up with estimated costs. Invitation was given to three contractors to submit estimates for the project. Until a formal set of blueprints are drawn up it will be very difficult to get a realistic estimate of the cost. Infrastructure issues need to be addressed. Motion was made (Pastor John/Jane) to have formal blue prints drawn up with the cost not to exceed \$2000. Motion carried. A congregational meeting early summer is planned to update the congregation. Council members discussed the need for the congregation to be kept informed. Discussion on the need for congregational growth was also held. A way to generate more enthusiasm while keeping the congregation informed and involved was discussed.

Pastor's Report. Pastor John presented information on the interview of a candidate for the diaconal position at Mosaic/FOC. Approximation of Family of Christ's financial contribution and term of service was presented and discussed. Motion was made (Pastor John/Tami) to present to the congregation for vote on the terms of diaconal service and FOC's financial obligation. Meeting is scheduled for May 21. Motion carried.

Ministries Coordinator Report: Barb Laursen gave a thank you to the parents of confirmation students for helping with the Easter Breakfast. Lunch was served at the community Lenten service on March 31 and on April 27 FOC will serve the Jubilee meal. She thanks the congregation for its support.

Jane reported mutual ministries will meet April 21 at 9:30 a.m.

New and old business: There was no further new or old business. Motion was made (Jane/Lance) to adjourn.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting will be May 9.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Fie

Recording Secretary

Congregation Meeting
May 23 9:45am
Church Basement
Regarding Budget expansion of \$4,500 for Deacon
Internship proposal (see page 3 for more information)



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 just finished *Short Stories by Jesus*, a Jewish author's interpretation and appreciation of Jesus' para-

bles. They will move on to *Tattoos on the Heart* by Greg Boyle for the next weeks — you can still get a book if you just contact the church. 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 'weeder' 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 has resumed for the month of May. We meet in the sanctuary from 7 to 8 p.m. (many times sharing a snack after our discussion and prayer). We will be switching to **Wednesday nights** (7-8) during the summer!

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. *We will take a summer hiatus for May through August.*

Grief with Grace Saturday May 13th 4:30pm in the Church Basement

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
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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	Jane David
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**

April 21 2017



- 5/02 Candy Kuntz
- 5/02 Julian Laursen
- 5/03 Isabella Sanchez
- 5/05 Erica Keel
- 5/07 Lanny Johnson
- 5/10 Joyce Albers
- 5/12 Jacob Einspahr
- 5/12 Kathy Glause
- 5/12 Tammy Lindeman
- 5/12 Stephanie Duennerman
- 5/15 Patty Reifenrath
- 5/18 Deb Wagner
- 5/19 Brandon Wagner
- 5/20 Jerry Milligan
- 5/21 Molly George Schnacker
- 5/22 Dave Campbell
- 5/23 Nicole Carey
- 5/23 Kelsey Frye
- 5/25 Lou Carranza
- 5/26 Jane David
- 5/26 Amy Fahnholz
- 5/31 Cindy Grabenstein

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Monday, May 22nd 7 p.m.
Kearney Public Library
2021 1st Ave.

Sign up on the registration form at the Kearney Library OR contact Charlie Cappel (308-991-6308 or email Charles.cappel@thrivent.com) OR RSVP at Thrivent.com/findaworkshop by Saturday May 20th and reserve your spot today.
Refreshments will be served during the workshop

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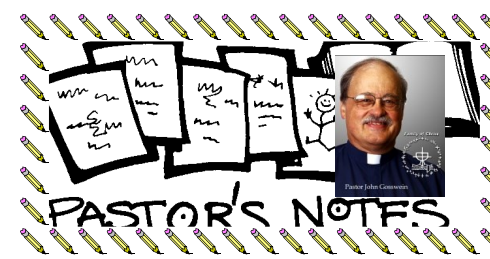


- 5/1 Sam & Jami Wulf
- 5/6 Ron & Elaine Anderson
- 5/10 Charles & Vickie Schaepler
- 5/13 Lance & Amy Knoedler
- 5/14 Barbara & Gary Sitzman
- 5/15 Mike & Julie Tveit
- 5/24 Randy & Nancy Straatmann
- 5/30 Charles & Amy Wolfe

INQUIRER'S SESSIONS

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, May 7th, 6 p.m.



HAVING A DEACON INTERN
First, let me announce that we are having
SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
MAY 23rd, 9:45 a.m.

Between the services, probably meeting in basement fellowship hall
The intent of the meeting is to discuss (and approve) Family of Christ sharing a **DEACON INTERN** with Mosaic/Bethphage Village within the coming months.

What is a deacon? In our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, it is a rostered (trained) person committed to Word and Service ministry. Deacons (or deaconesses) are active in church vocation life in areas of teaching and serving. They are frequently supported through congregational connection, but have diverse ways of living out their service: youth work, medical and habilitative care in facilities, teaching in classes. *For decades, Bethphage Village was under the care of deaconesses who shared basic care to religious and administrative duties.*

What would the purpose of an internship be? An intern would
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 that we are discussing would be 4-6 months in duration, potentially starting as early as June 2017. Warburg Seminary, responsible for this diaconal program, has suggested *Craig Barankiewicz* (pronounced 'Ba-ran-ka-wits') as a prime candidate to accomplish the 700 hours

240 hours are congregational service
460 hours are specialization (*in this case, with Mosaic*)

PASTOR JOHN would be supervising pastor on congregational side, with another supervising team of members from Family of Christ and Mosaic. **Family of Christ** would be responsible for (employee) salary for the 240+ hours. This would cover services at Family of Christ and religious services with Bethphage. **Mosaic/Bethphage village** would hire Craig as a direct care worker. He would be working 32+ hours per week (at least 460 hours to fulfill the internship requirements).

For Family of Christ, **we are looking at a potential of \$4500 for our commitment to the project – the church council has recommended this for congregational decision on May 23rd.**

I would be glad to offer more insight on *diaconal work, internship*, and how this can enhance our ministry and work as Family of Christ. In the meantime, thanks for your prayerful consideration of this adventure!

Joy in Christ!
Pastor John

UNDERSTANDING TRUE HOSPICE

Education and Information session
Faith Methodist Church
Central Ave and 16th
Thursday, May 4th 5:30-7 p.m.

Refreshments provided
(Program is by Serene Care)

This is a program explaining and introducing the nature of true hospice as well as what standards of care somebody should be advocating for their loved one (no matter who the hospice program is). There will be a question and answer time at the end, with a skilled hospice nurse regarding any concerns or questions about hospice. *Free admission for all interested.*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: June 21-24
Monday through Thursday, 5:30 p.m. (light supper), 6 – 8:30 p.m.
St. Luke's Episcopal, First Presbyterian and Family of Christ Lutheran
At FIRST PRESBYTERIAN –

Needed: Synod Assembly Volunteers

Would you like to help with the 2017 Nebraska Synod Assembly at the Younes Center in Kearney? If so, please sign up for the days, times and ways you can serve at contact the church office or Lisa Kramme at the e-mail below. If you are a Voting Member to the Assembly, please check your calendar for possible conflicts before signing up. Voting Members may not serve as Vote Counters. Please contact [Lisa Kramme](mailto:lisa.kramme@nebraskasynod.org) if you have questions, and please share this invitation to serve with others you know who might be interested. Thank you!

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2017 Vacation Bible School

Passport to Peru, Discovering God's Good Gifts

Sun. – Thurs., June 11th – 15th, at 1st Presbyterian Church

We hope families can attend all 5 days! Time to register our kids! The online registration address is: vbspro.events/p/Peru2017. Registration forms will also be available in the church office. Please register as soon as possible. Our materials orders and food prep are based on the number of children registered in May. Thank for including VBS in your summer plans!

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2016 high school graduates

- Evi Holmes (Axtell)
- Jade Plambeck (Kearney High, graduated in winter term)
- Nathan Gillen (*now in Colorado*)

From College: we know that **Madeline Christensen is graduating from University of Nebraska (Lincoln)!**

{Did we miss any? Let us know about any graduations this season!}

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.

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Worship Workers for May 2017

May 6/7

Worship Assist:

Sat: Kelly Hauff
Sun: 8:30
11:00 Barbara Sitzman

Lector:

Sat :Laura Buehner
Sun:8:30 Linda Peterson
11:00 Tami Frye

Greeters:

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

Communion Assist:

Sat :Laura Buehner
Sun: 8:30
11:00 Lois Adamson

Communion Prep:

Sat: Bryan Sall
Sun: 8:30 Barbara Bowers
11:00 Lois Adamson

Offering Counter:

Lois Adamson

May 13/14

Worship Assist:

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

Lector:

Sat: Joyce Albers
Sun:8:30 Peggy Nelson
11:00 Ken Reifenrath

Greeters:

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

Communion Assist:

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

Communion Prep:

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

Offering Counter:

Layne Knoedler

May 20/21

Worship Assist:

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

Lector:

Sat: Kelly Hauff
Sun:8:30 Vickie Schaepler
11:00 Jantha Jameson

Greeters:

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

Communion Assist:

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

Communion Prep:

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

Offering Counters:

Rod & Jane Behrhorst

May 27/28

Worship Assist:

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

Lector:

Sat: Dan Kossmann
Sun: 8:30Cheryl Hedstrom
11:00 Nancy DeBoer

Greeters:

Sat:
Sun:8:30 Hedstroms
11:00 Mike DeBoer

Communion Assist:

Sat: Joni Weed
Sun: 8:30Cheryl Hedstrom
11:00 Nancy DeBoer

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Offering Counters:

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 9:00am Wed Weeders 5:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Youth 7:30pm Choir	4 7:00pm Crossways Basement 7:00 Bible Study	5	6 6:00pm Worship
7 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School Adult 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Inquirers	8 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	9 7:00pm Council Meeting	10 9:00am Wed Weeders 5:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Youth 7:30pm Choir	11 7:00pm Crossways Basement 7:00 Bible Study	12	13 8:00am Hole in Roof 6:00pm Worship
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ALL IN THE FAMILY

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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

SWING TO SUMMER SCHEDULE SUNDAY, MAY 28th

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)

This year, the change occurs on May 28th— we'll keep warning you during the May services!

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