



FAMILY OF CHIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
July 11, 2017 Minutes

Present: Pastor John, John Marsh, Peggy Nelson, David Wiebe, Lance Knoedler, Connie Fie

Devotion: PJ gave the devotions from Romans 8. Through Christ Jesus we don't live under condemnation. We are liberated and freed by grace, not by our own strength and efforts.

Minutes: John M asked for a motion to approve the June 13 minutes (David/Peggy).

Approved

Treasurer's Report: Peggy noted as of June 17, ordinary income was \$10,901.01 with total expenses of \$10,075.23. Secretarial wages are currently lower while the position is unfilled.

The City of Kearney bill is running higher with more water usage during the summer months.

Motion was made (Lance/David) to approve the minutes. Approved.

Ministries Coordinator's Report: Barb noted she has been doing bulletins and newsletters since Maury's death. When print secretary is hired she will be back to her duties as Ministry Coordinator.

Pastor John's report: Five youth will be going to Sky Ranch with departure Saturday evening July 15 after church service. Pastor will be requesting some vacation days in August yet to be determined. The diaconal position is on hold awaiting students return in September.

Inquiry may also be put out to the other seven seminaries. First Lutheran has announced they will be receiving Rick Carlson and Michelle Carlson as co-pastors.

New Business:

- The Evangelism committee met July 6. The committee is planning a movie night on the south side of the church on September 9 after church. Finding Nemo is the movie with connections to the religious themes. They have discussed involving Campus Lutheran. Another meeting is planned on July 27.
- Special Financial Team: The committee has yet to meet.
- President Marsh reported he had been approached on a new church sign. Motion was made (David/Lance) to authorize \$1500 be taken from church property to replace the sign.
- Pastor John noted Layne Knoedler will be asked to submit a paragraph report on Building Hope committee to the Newsletter. Motion made (Peggy/PJ) to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted, Connie Fie Recording Secretary



****ADDENDUM:** In a vote (conducted over email contact July 20), the council unanimously approved and adjustment from \$2000 to \$2500 for costs of a design request from the Building Hope team for Architect David Wiebe.

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 studying *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! *We will take a summer hiatus for July & August*

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 resumes in September .

SUMMER MIDWEEK WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY! Wednesday evenings 7:00 p.m.

For 2017: We'll finish the book of Romans! Several years ago, we made it through the first seven chapters of the monumental book in the New Testament. We began with an overview of Romans 1-7 on June 7, and we'll move into the last half of Romans, where Paul gives us direction on how to LIVE our lives of righteousness and justification in a complicated world. *It's a marvelous epistle, which we'll take in bite size portions over the months of June, July, and August. 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!*

HOLE IN THE ROOF GANG -The guys continue meeting on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 8:00am. 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.

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.*

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 7-8 pm at the church. WELCA meets quarterly after a Sunday Service for a luncheon. All women are welcome!

<u>Family of Christ</u>	
Pastor	John Gosswein
Church Council	
President	John Marsh
Vice President	Tami Frye
Secretary	Connie Fie
Treasurer	Peggy Nelson
Financial Secretary	Jane David
Members at Large	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
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Youth Group	Deb Middleton
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Publication Secretary	
Stewardship	
Mutual Ministries	Jane David

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

R E M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS**

August, 18 2017

August Birthdays

- 8/01 Nigel Holmes
- 8/02 Randy Scarrow
- 8/02 Kay Stofer
- 8/03 Bob Nicklasson
- 8/04 Dominic DeJonge
- 8/10 Adriane Madsen
- 8/12 Hannah Straatmann
- 8/13 Sadie Byrne
- 8/13 Reva Keel
- 8/16 Chuck Frye
- 8/16 Taegan Gifford
- 8/16 Konnor Kelch
- 8/17 Tim Kotschwar
- 8/17 Jami Wulf
- 8/18 Sarah Hollander-Brill
- 8/18 Chris Denton
- 8/19 Jason Kile
- 8/19 Taylor Lindeman
- 8/20 Lois Adamson
- 8/20 Ken Petersen
- 8/20 Dave Wiebe
- 8/21 Magdalena Denton
- 8/21 EviLynn Holmes
- 8/23 Ron Campbell
- 8/23 Katie George
- 8/24 Julie Garaffa
- 8/24 Nancy Straatmann
- 8/25 Tammy Frye
- 8/26 Mark Brill
- 8/27 Arleta Engleman
- 8/28 Katie Fiscus
- 8/29 Denise Christensen
- 8/29 Pete Peterson
- 8/30 Dusty DeBoer
- 8/31 Austin Adamson
- 8/31 Linda George

August Anniversaries

- 8/02 Chris & Shelly Hove
- 8/12 Jerry & Barbara Einspahr
- 8/20 John & Leslie Marsh
- 8/25 Bob & Cindy Grabenstein
- 8/29 Gaynor & Jane Collison
- 8/30 John & Judy Gosswein

Just a Closer Walk?

Are you yearning for a deeper experience of God?

Would you like to be part of a small group of people with whom you can share questions of faith?

Come walk with

COMPANIONS in Christ

A journey in prayer, scripture, sharing, spiritual friendship, and meditation.

A spiritual-formation group designed to deepen your spiritual growth.

An invitation from God to come close.

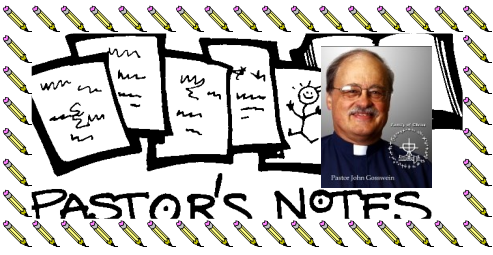
For more information, contact:

Stephanie Straatmann: 308-440-4011
straat02@yahoo.com

Starting September 7

BROWN BAG BOOK BUNCH

The noontime (second and fourth Wednesdays) meeting of the Book Bunch will take a hiatus (vacation) during August, resuming on September 13th. In the meantime, we will have some time to order our next book (and figure out costs accordingly). From our list of selections, we will start with *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese. If you would like to chime in and have a copy ordered, send a message to pr.john.foc@gmail.com or Kelly.hauff@gmail.com. We will order by August 17th! Cost will be about \$8.00



Just a short article this month...I found a clipping from some time past that bears re-reading and rehearing.

One of our former bishops once commented that “we can get in a trap of praying to God for more pleasant circumstances, seeking to make our lives easier.” Instead, he suggested a different prayer: *Lord, help me surrender my desire to get you to engineer circumstances I want, and help me devote my life in partnering with You in the circumstances I have been given.*

Pray that in the morning, and the launch the day with this thought: *what do you want to get together with God to do today?*

The bishop then listed a number of other beliefs to ponder, all ruminations of faith.

We are faithful, not fearful

Sin is selfishness and we are set free.

We live an abundant life through connections to God and to one another.

We will respond to God’s claim upon us as children of God.

We will live out of the profound rhythm of our lives.

We are sent to serve.

Disagreements can be catalysts for good, not division.

We need each other.

We trust God with the future.

I think you can agree these are dynamics of healthy Christian life –in face, maybe you could contemplate on one a day as a way of shaping a healthier faith and life perspective! May we focus on them as individuals, and congregation, and satisfy that deep hunger of knowing and serving God!

Joy in Christ!
Pr. John

CONDOLENCES


To Gary McCracken upon the death (July 7) of his brother, Dan (in Bertrand)
To Patricia Bienhoff upon the death of Don late in June.



Offering Counters:
Layne Knoedler

August 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2	3	4	5 6:00pm Worship
6 10:00am Worship	7	8 7:00pm Church Council	9	10	11	12 8:00 am Hole in the Roof 6:00pm Worship
13 10:00am Worship	14 7:00pm Women's Bi- ble Study	15	16	17	18	19 Serve Habitat Lunch 6:00pm Worship
20 10:00am Worship	21	22	23	24	25	26 8:00am Hole in the Roof 6:00pm Worship
27 10:00am Worship	28	29	30 5:30-6:30 Confirma- tion Families	31		

ALL IN THE FAMILY

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Publications Secretary:

Ministries Coordinator: Barbara Laursen
(Tues, Wed, Fri 9:30am-12:30pm)

WORSHIP SERVICES:

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

Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

Family of Christ Church has an opening for a Print Secretary position.

It is a part time job with most tasks relating to typing, compiling and printing Newsletter and Bulletins for weekly use.

Contact the church office at 308-236-7704 to obtain an application.



All Are Invited!!!

We will be holding an *outdoor movie night* on **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9th** in the yard adjacent to the church. There will be popcorn and contests, fun and a great movie! All are welcome to join and did we mention it's free?

Time: after the 6:00 p.m. service -- about 7:15(ish).

For **FAMILY OF CHRIST FOLK** – we have a number of tasks that will make for gracious hospitality and a fun event. You are invited to sign up at church if you would like to help

- Serve popcorn or lemonade
- Help with graphic design
- Develop some game ideas for the evening ('talk like whale' contest? Best sea gull imitation?)
- Help paint and decorate some cardboard 'boats' (after all, it's not a *drive in*, but a *float in*..)
- Assist in sharing lawn signs and door hangers (weeks before event)
- *And others as they come about...*