

West Prairie Church Council Minutes

West Prairie Council Meet 11/18/2015 at 7 p.m.

Present at meeting. Pastor Steve, Misty Juveland, Lanette Branstad, Carroll Carson, Lou Nath, Wendell Finer, Jan Reimann and Judy Norstrud.

Absent Steve Reimann and Denise Holst.

For devotions, everyone gathered around the communion rail and mentioned what we were thankful for. Then Pastor Steve said a prayer.

Misty gave Secretary's Report; moved to accept by Lanette, seconded by Wendell.

Carroll gave the Treasurer's Report. Direct Support for Oct. was \$3731.00. Expenses were \$7461.00. Moved to accept report by Jan, seconded by Lanette.

Pastor Steve's Report—Christmas Eve Service will be at 7 p.m.

The Thanksgiving offering will go to New Church plants in the LCMC.

Lou is working on the brochure for the Church. It is coming together nicely and looks great. Nice Job Lou!

Thank you to Bob Nath for working on the lift chair!

Moved to adjourn by Wendell, seconded by Lanette.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting is December, 10, 2015. Working on the Budget for 2016

Council minutes from December 9, 2015

President Judy Norstrud

called the December meeting to order and gave devotions. Present were Judy, Wendell, Steve Reimann, Jan Reimann, Denise Holst, Lanette Branstad, Carroll Carson, and Pastor Steve. Absent was Misty Juveland.

There was one correction in the secretary's report which was correcting the date of December's meeting to December 9. Denise moved and Jan seconded to accept secretary's report. Motion carried.

Carroll gave the treasurer's report. The income from last month was \$5863.00 with the expenses being \$4158.00. Steve moved and Denise seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Pastor reported that the confirmation class will be caroling at Forest Plaza and Good Samaritan Center on December 16.

The council discussed where to send our Thanksgiving offering which was designated to send to a new church plant. Wendell moved to send the offering of \$316.00 and the designated \$500.00 to the Barefoot Christian Community Church, Sanborn, NY, as the new plant. Their web site is

www.barefootcc.net if anyone wants to check them out.

We made a few corrections to the brochure. Otherwise it looks nice.

Christmas Eve service will be at West Prairie at 7 p.m. with Christmas day service at 9 a.m. at Sion.

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“Any New Year's Resolutions?”

Now that Christmas is over, people are standing in line to return gifts. Many of them will display an attitude of meanness and impatience toward others. Suddenly that Christmas spirit of kindness disappears and people revert back to their old ways. People seem to be getting more and more mean and aggressive as time goes on.

In a few days, we will be bringing in the New Year and people will be making New Year's resolutions. What will yours be? Many people make resolutions relating to their health or fitness, to their jobs or hobbies. What kind of person do you want to be in 2016?

In Colossians 3:12-14, we read of resolutions that are described as items of clothing. Imagine someone who is a really bad dresser. Their shirts are too small and their pants are too long. Nothing fits. Maybe a friend would have the courage to say, “Hey, you need to make a change. Why don't you make a New Year's resolution to buy some new clothes?”

God says to many of us, “The way you treat others is terrible.” Here's how you can change, just like clothes. “As God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.” (Colossians 3:12) These five attitudes are difficult but not impossible, with God's help.

Compassion is concern for the sufferings or misfortune of others. Kindness is going above and be-

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January Usher...

Wendell Finer

January Lectionary...

Lanette Branstad

January Acolyte...

Paris Reimann

January Altar...

Julie Reimann and
Janet Haugen

Jan Altar Flowers...

Sharon Holland

Jan. Coffee Servers...

1/3—Phyllis Disque and
Janell Carson

1/10—Misty Juveland
and Lori Jacobs

1/17—Marlas Reimann
and Irene Eide

1/24—Colette Reimann
and Julie Reimann

1/31—Judy Norstrud
and Sarah Kirschbaum

Sarah Circle...

No meeting in January

Naomi Circle...

Wednesday, Jan. 6, 7
p.m. with Sharon Holland
LCMC WOW...

No meeting

Church Council...

Wed., Jan. 13, 7 p.m.

Couples Club...

Sunday, Jan. 17, eat
out, TBD

Special thanks...

A special thank you goes to Sharon Holland, Joan West, Irene Eide, and Shirley Hanson for providing a quilt and two blankets to the Benje Gerdes family of Buffalo Center who lost their possessions in a house fire. Janet Haugen works with Mrs. Gerdes and alerted our ladies to their need.



Jan. 13—Wendell Finer

Jan. 15—Misty Juveland

Jan. 23—Caroll Carson

...NOTICE...

Re the 2016 West Prairie Yearbook: Please direct all changes/additions/deletions regarding addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, birthdays, wedding anniversaries, etc. to: westprairie.lc@gmail.com or send to Lou @1010 E. Butterfield Ln, Benson, AZ 85602, or you may leave a message on the church phone.



MANY HANDS make the work go fast! 68 shoe boxes were packed for Crisis Intervention during the annual Advent Adventure on Sunday, November 29. The church proper was also decorated for Christmas. After all this activity, appetites were squelched with a bountiful potluck dinner.



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yond the call of duty to help someone. Humility is recognizing your weaknesses and limitations. Gentleness is the opposite of the man who is ranting and raving at the customer service counter. Patience is the ability to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset.

The sixth and seventh piece of clothing that God wants us to put on is in v. 13: "Bear with one another and forgive whatever grievances you have with each other." A grievance is a legitimate reason to be upset with someone. God wants us to forgive them "as the Lord has forgiven you." No

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Steve moved to send Christmas offering to FAVA House in Forest City. Lanette seconded. Motion carried.

We then did the budget for 2016. Denise moved and Wendell seconded to accept the budget as is unless there are changes in Pastor's salary. Motion carried.

Wendell moved and Jan sec-

grudges allowed. "And over all these virtues put on love." (Colossians 3:14)

How can you do these things? With Christ's help. The most important New Year's resolution you can make is to spend time in 2016 with Jesus and his word, the Bible, and in prayer, worship, and fellowship. We all need it.

See you in church!

Pastor Steve Bang

NOTICE

**If you have borrowed any item(s) belonging to the church, please return them as soon as you've finished using them.
Thank You**

onded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting is January 13, 2015.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Respectfully submitted,
Lanette Branstad,
acting secretary

LET'S SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES... answers in Feb.

1. Which judge was offered the crown of Israel but refused it? a) Eli, b) Samson, c) Deborah, d) Gideon
2. How many minor prophets were there? a) 10, b) 12, c) 14, d) 16.
3. How old was Abram when his name was changed to Abraham? a) 90, b) 95, c) 97, d) 99
4. Which king was honored by the memorable visit of the Queen of Sheba? _____
5. Despite all Solomon's wisdom, what did he fail to learn?

6. Who was judge and prophet who anointed Israel's first two kings? _____
7. How many times did David spare Saul's life? _____
8. Where did Job Live? a) Ur, b) Uz, c) Ai, d) On.
9. Which prophet was considered the prototype of John the Baptist? _____
10. How many prophets have Old Testament books named after them? _____
11. How did Elijah and Elisha cross the Jordan River?

Dec. answers: 1. Moses and Elijah; 2. Aaron; 3. Moses; 4. Moses; 5. all 19; 6. Moses; 7. Jonah; 8. Daniel; 9. Elijah; 10. Elisha; 11. Deborah; 12. Cain; 13. Joshua and Caleb; 14. Moses; 15. b; 16. Joshua; 17. a; 18. David

A huge "thank you" to Carla Johnson, Crystal Nelson, Irene Eide and Joan West for the new sewing machine donated to the WOW quilting team.



Seven West Prairie WOW members met Dec. 9th to fill "goodie" boxes with homemade cookies and fruit. They delivered 10 boxes to shut-ins and elderly folks.