

West Prairie Church Council Minutes

March 8 Council Meeting

President Jan Reimann called the council meeting to order with Julie giving devotions. Present were Lanette Branstad, Bill Schutter, Lisa Durby, Wendell Finer, and Pastor Steve. Absent were Denise Holst and Caroll Carson.

Lanette gave the secretary's report. Wendell moved and Lisa seconded to accept secretary's report and motion carried.

Treasurer Caroll Carson was absent but submitted a printout of last month's activity. Income was \$3768.00 with expenses being \$4216.00. Lanette moved, Bill seconded and motion carried to accept the treasurer's report.

Pastor Steve reported that Easter service will be at 7:00 am with breakfast to follow. Jerry Fjeld represented the Gideons and we had an offering of \$259 to give to them. There is a youth retreat at Okoboji on April 1-3 at the cost of \$79. Pastor will talk to Ken Olson, youth director, to see if anyone is going. We will help the kids going with \$50 going towards tuition after a motion from Lisa and seconded by Bill. Motion carried.

There was some discus-

sion about the LCMC Leadership Conference in Altoona, IA on April 10-12. No one is planning to attend as of this time.

Lanette moved and Wendell seconded to remove Katy Lauritson from West Prairie's membership rolls per Katy's request. Motion carried.

Installation of council members will be Sunday March 13, 2016.

Jan reported that the lights are all fixed. He will start installing the windows soon.

Wendell moved, Bill seconded, and motion carried to adjourn the meeting. Next meeting will be April 13. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Lanette Branstad

March 6

Congregational Meeting

President Jan Reimann called the special congregational meeting to order.

At the annual meeting three council members went off and we only replaced two. This meeting was to elect the additional council member. Misty Juveland had nominated Julie Reimann at a council meeting but was not present at the annual meeting so Julie's name did not get on

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When Jesus Shows Up

Some time ago a lady sent into an ice cream shop in Beverly Hills, Calif., to buy an ice cream cone. She was shocked when Paul Newman (famous actor from the 60's & 70's) walked in and stood right behind her. Although rattled, she was determined to maintain her composure. She paid for her ice cream cone, then confidently walked out. Outside, she realized she didn't have her cone. Not wanting to look foolish, she waited a few minutes before reentering the store. When she didn't find her ice cream cone at the counter, she paused to contemplate where it could be. A soft tap on the shoulder interrupted her thoughts. She turned to find herself face to face with Paul Newman. He politely suggested that if she was looking for her ice cream cone, she might look in her purse.

When Paul Newman showed up he had an amazing impact on that lady. Famous people tend to have an impact on us. What about Jesus, the divine Son of God? When Jesus shows up, He will have an impact on our lives. Think about the impact He had on the disciples after His resurrection: "Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to

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April Usher...

Bill Schutter

April Lectionary...

Paris Reimann

April Acolyte...

Austin Kirschbaum

April Altar...

Sharon Holland and Irene Eide

April Altar Flowers...

Shirley Schutter

April Coffee Servers...

4/3—Lanette Branstad and Janet Haugen

4/10—Joan West and Judy Norstrud

4/17—Jill Holland and Denise Holst

4/24—Colette Reimann and Marlas Reimann

Sarah Circle...

Sunday, April 3, noon at the church with hostess Shirley Schutter

Naomi Circle...

Wednesday, April 6, 7 p.m. with Jodi Fjeld

LCMC WOW...

Wed., April 13: 9 a.m. quilting; noon lunch: potato bar with Irene Eide and Shirley Schutter

Church Council...

Wednesday, April 13, 7 p.m.

Couples Club...

Undetermined

Happy Anniversary to...

4/2—John and Janet Haugen

4/24—Ethan and Sam Schutter

4/27—Gene and Jodi Fjeld



4/5—Tammy Callahan

4/6—Joey Charlson

4/—Phyllis Disque

4/11—Janet Haugen

4/17—Luke Johnson

4/24—Will Kirschbaum, III

4/28—Shirley Hanson

Our sympathy to the family of Marlas Reimann

Life-long member of West Prairie, Marlas left family and friends to be with her heavenly father on Wed., March 30.

Her funeral service will be held Monday, April 4 at 1:30 p.m. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

May 1st worship service begins at 8:30 a.m.!

People of the Bible trivia

1. Name the two principal prophets whose names begin with "Z".

2. Which prophet had to depend upon birds to bring him his food while in the wilderness?

3. Who was the king who threw Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego into the fiery furnace?

4. How long was Daniel kept in the lion's den?

5. Which prophet was called to go as a missionary to Nineveh?

6. Who was the father of David?

7. Who is the prophet known only from the book of Joel?

8. Who was Eleazar?

9. Among the disciples, who is always named first?

10. How many times did Peter deny Jesus?

11. Who were the persons added to the Apostolic band after the ascension of Jesus?

12. Who are the disciples that were thought of as the inner circle?

13. What was the occupation of the majority of

the disciples?

14. Which disciples of the original twelve wrote the most books of the Bible?

15. How does tradition say Peter died?

16. Which two apostles bore a Greek name?

How did you do? Answers below.

ANSWERS: 1. Zephaniah and Zechariah. 2. Elijah. 3. King Nebuchadnezzar. 4. Over night. 5. Jonah. 6. Jesse. 7. Joel. 8. Aaron's son who became high priest after Aaron's death. 9. Peter. 10. Three. 11. Matthias and Saul. 12. Peter, James and John. 13. Fishermen. 14. John. 15. He was crucified in Rome, head downward. 16. Andrew (Andreas, manly spirit) and Philip (Philippos, friend of horses).

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the ballot. The congregation needed to have a special election.

By a unanimous vote, Julie was elected as the seventh member of the council. Denise Holst and Wendell Finer moved and Judy Norstrud seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lanette Branstad, secretary



The Lenten themed masterpieces were achieved under the tutelage of Jill Holland at Creative Spirits in Forest City on March 20th. Pictured above are: back row, l to r—Rose Johnson, Rita Schutter, Colette Reimann, Jean Peterson; front, l to r—Tammy Holland, Jodi Fjeld, and (unidentified).

What does “selah” mean in the Bible?

A few times during the Lent season, the Psalm had the word “selah” at the end of some verses. This word is found in only the books of Psalms and Habakkuk.

Although some scholars disagree on its root meaning, the general consensus is that “selah” is a direc-

tion for musicians to either pause, sing a capella, or let instruments play alone. In either case, its meaning to praise, lift up, and pause can be applied.

Regardless, God has ordained that it be included in His Word, the Bible.

them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent me, I also send you.” And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

There were four things that happened when Jesus showed up:

1) When Jesus shows up He will bring you peace. Peace is not something that comes from positive thinking. Peace is a gift from God. Peace is a gift that protects our hearts.

2) When Jesus shows up He will bring you a new perspective. Until the resurrection appearances, the disciples were confused. When Jesus came and showed them His hands and side, they understood that death is not the end.

3) When Jesus shows up He gives you a new purpose. There is a transformation that happens in the disciples. Up until that moment the disciples were the ‘frozen chosen’. They were fearful, ineffective. Jesus lit a fire under his disciples. He gave them a

reason to be alive. They turned the world upside down for Christ.

4) When Jesus shows up He gives you a new power. The Holy Spirit gives us power over our weaknesses. We do not have the power within ourselves to live the Christian life. The Holy Spirit helps us with our struggles. The Holy Spirit gives us power to live a victorious Christian life. We all need that power!

Jesus is here right now! He shows up if we allow him to do so. May we allow him to have his way in our lives!

See you in church!
Pastor Steve

The story is told of a pastor who asked his congregation, “How many of you are willing to forgive your enemies?”

Everyone was ... except for one old guy.

“Why not?” the pastor asked.

He replied, ‘Cause I have none ... I’ve outlived them all!’

What do John the Baptist and Winnie the Pooh have in common? Their middle name. 3