

## West Prairie Church Council Minutes

### Special Congregational Meeting, May 1, 2016

President Jan Riemann called the special congregational meeting to order. This meeting was called to correct the wording in the constitutional bylaw section 6.

In Article 5, it states that the church council should consist of not less than 6 and no more than 10 members. Section 6, however, is in conflict stating that the council should consist of 6 members. We need to add the words "to 10" to that section to coincide with Article 5.

Wendell Finer moved to add the words "to 10" to Section 6 and Joan West seconded and it passed unanimously.

Wendell moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Larry West. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.

### Council Meeting May 11, 2016

Jan called the meeting to order. Present were Wendell Finer, Denise Holst, Jan Reimann, Julie Reimann, Lanette Branstad and Carrol Carson. Lisa

Durby and Bill Schutter were absent.

The secretary's report was read and approved.

Carrol gave the treasurer's report. We had income last month of \$3837.00 with expenses of \$10,169.00. Carrol paid ½ of the benevolences. That is why the expenses are so high. Lanette moved and Wendell seconded to accept treasurer's report. Motion carried.

We discussed various charitable causes that have sent letters to the church. Some we already support. We will keep the others in mind for later.

The pew cushions are in tough shape. The buttons are coming off and the padding is deteriorating. Lanette is going to mention the shape of the cushions to the ladies. We decided to table further discussion until later.

The Riemann family is working on getting the memorial flag and pole installed. Garret Fjeld will mow the lawn until he leaves to study abroad in July. Terry Durby has a key pad dead bolt lock for the back door.

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The PASTOR'S PEN by Rev. Steve Bang

Since the beginning of time there has been a conflict between good and evil. Recently, it has seemed to intensify and it should not alarm us but it should wake us up. A new documentary film on DVD called "Agenda 2: Masters of Deceit" is one that should be seen by Christians. We showed it recently to the midweek Bible study group and it is available from Pastor Steve if you would like to view it at home.

It proclaims that America is at the most vulnerable time since the Revolutionary War. When there is vulnerability, people become afraid, and then they ask government to do more. Filmmaker Curtis Bowers did not believe there was a Communist agenda in the early 1990s. The Soviets had been brought down by Ronald Reagan. The Berlin Wall came down. But then he learned of the 45 Communist goals in a book by Cleon Skousen written in 1958 and he started on a journey. It resulted in two films that are an expose of the Marxist agenda to take down America. The second film is the one of which I speak.

The agenda to take America down began over 100 years ago. It originated with Marx and Engels, but Vladimir Lenin put things into practice a century ago. They are installing it in increments, thus the term 'progressivism'. As Lenin said, they can't get their agenda through all at one time so they compromise. It's okay if it takes 100 or 200 years. They are patient.

But, we must be taken out of the way. America

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### June Usher...

Bob Nath

### June Lectionary...

Faith Finer

### June Acolyte...

Faith Finer

### June Altar...

Steve/Colette Reimann

### June Altar Flowers...

Shirley Hanson

### June Coffee Servers...

6/5—Louise Nath and  
Candy Johnson  
6/12—Misty Juveland  
and Lori Jacobs

6/19—Lisa Durby and  
Rita Schutter

6/26—LeAnn Peterson  
and Sharon Holland

### Sarah Circle...

Wednesday, June 1, 6  
p.m. with a potluck at the  
church followed by Bible  
lesson

### Naomi Circle...

Wednesday, June 1, 7  
p.m. with Misty Juveland

### LCMC WOW...

Wed., June 8: 9 a.m.  
quilting; noon salad  
luncheon provided by  
members, all ladies are  
invited

### Church Council...

Wed., May 11, 7 p.m.

### Couples Club...

June 19, 7 p.m. with  
Wendell and Helen Finer

### Happy Birthday to...

#### June Birthdays...

9th—Scott Fruhwirth

22nd—Crystal Nelson,  
Rita Schutter

24th—Bob Nath

29th—Jeff Holland, Cody  
Fruhwirth

#### Happy Anniversary to...

##### June 18

Caroll & Janell Carson

##### June 22

Calvin & Lisa Ruby

##### June 24

Eldon & Rozella Hagen

##### June 25

Bill & Rita Schutter  
David & Robin Peterson

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**ONE DAY** the pilot of a Cherokee 180 was told by the air traffic control tower to hold short of the active runway to allow a DC-10 to make its landing. A crew member of the DC-10 gets on the radio and remarks, "What a cute little plane! Did your make it all by yourself?"

Not about to let the insult go by, the Cherokee pilot replies, "I made it out of DC-10 parts. Another landing like yours and I'll have enough parts for another one."

## HS graduates honored at WP

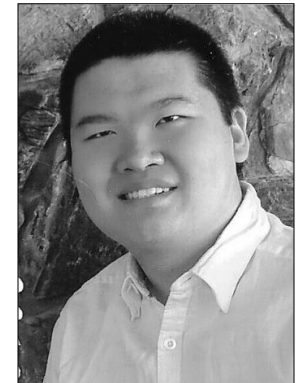
Special recognition was given to three high school graduates by Pastor Steve during the May 15th worship service. Sharon Holland also presented each with a quilt made by the WOW quilting ladies. Each quilt was personalized with an inscription.

Allen is a resident of Mosaic and attended Forest City Community Schools. He earned several medals as a participant in Special Olympics and plans to work and reside in Opportunity Village. Allen is the son of Michael and Linda Dong of Estherville, and special friend of Janet and John Haugen.

Ty was very active in music during his student days in Lake Mills Public School, playing the trombone among his list of favorites. He plans to work this summer, then pursue his love of graphic design. Ty is the son of Terry and Lisa Durby.

Blake was fortunate to complete one year of automotive courses from NIACC during his senior year at FCHS. He plans to complete auto mechanics and a two-year diesel engine program. He was also active in the wrestling program. Blake is the son of Rob and Lori Jacobs.

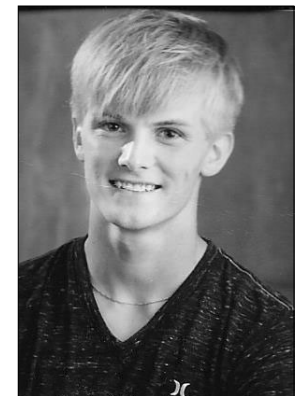
We don't know what the future holds for these three young men, but we know Who holds the future. God's blessings to you.



ALLEN DONG



TY DURBY



BLAKE JACOBS

## LCMC Events and Programs

### PHOTO CONTEST

LCMC is looking for photos that exemplify what it means to be “in mission for Christ” in the 21st century to include in the 2016 Annual Gathering Book and on their website.

If anyone has taken photos of West Prairie members during involvement in any project, event or activity this past year, please contact me (Lou Nath) and together we'll submit a photo and brief article.

Photos and stories are to be submitted online by Friday, July 1.

### WORLD RELIEF PROJECT

The goal for this year's **Annual Gathering** in Denver is to assemble **10,000 personal care kits** for those whose lives have been affected by natural disasters. To date, \$17,119.52 of the \$50,000 needed for supplies has been raised.

If anyone wishes to make a personal donation

to this project, you can send a check, earmarked **LWR Service Project**, LCMC, 7000 N. Sheldon Road, Canton, MI 48187.

### MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND PROJECT

This summer, one of the service projects high schoolers attending Called 2 Serve will be taking part in is packaging meals for the hungry.

Thanks to the generosity of LCMC congregations, not only has the fundraising goal of \$10,000 for the service project been met, but has exceeded it with a total of **\$15,743.15!**

### COUNCIL *from page 8*

Denise moved and Julie seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lanette Branstad,  
council secretary

Gratitude changes the pangs of memory into a tranquil joy. —Dietrich Bonhoeffer

### PASTOR'S PEN *from page 1*

is the last stumbling block to world Communism. The agenda is to transfer what God gave to the family, church and state to a godless Marxist road map. The agenda is to make government god. Alexander Solzhenitsyn said that the Communists took over Russia because Russia forgot God. History shows what happens when government is allowed to be god. It is not a pretty picture.

God hates this agenda. He loves all mankind, even the God-haters, but He sits in the heavens and laughs at their efforts (Psalm 2). If they do not repent, their day of judgment is coming. This film sounds the alarm. Be informed. Contact me if you would like to watch it. It will be worth your time to do so.

See you in church!  
Pastor Steve

West Prairie received a thank you from Project Heifer for a donation of \$187.00

### Vacation bound this summer?

In what direction are you headed? East?

Art lovers unite at the Old Town Art Fair in Chicago's historic Old Town Triangle District for your pick of art mediums including 2D and 3D mixed media, drawing, painting, photography, ceramics, fiber, glass, jewelry, you name it. In short, any art you can imagine will be here.

It is known as one of the top art fairs in the country and is celebrating its 67th year!

Heading out West?

The beautiful scenery of Southern Utah makes the perfect backdrop for the best Shakespeare Festival in the country. Each year, more than 100,000 people flock to Cedar City to watch the plays. The festival runs for a large part of the summer and into the fall, so you have plenty of opportunities to also see some of the country's most beautiful National Parks in Utah.