

West Prairie Church Council Minutes

October 12, 2016

President Jan Reimann called the meeting to order with devotions. Present were Jan Reimann, Julie Reimann, Lisa Durby, Lanette Branstad, Lou Nath, Caroll Carson, and Pastor Steve Bang.

Caroll gave the treasurer's report. The income for the month of September was \$3830.00 with expenses of \$4080. Lanette moved and Lisa seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried. Julie moved and Lisa seconded to pay the second half of the benevolences.

Lanette gave the secretary's report. There were no additions or corrections so Lisa moved while Julie seconded to accept the secretary's report. Motion carried.

In Pastor Steve's report, he told us confirmation had been adjusted around Jonie's medi-

cal appointments. The LCMC district meeting will be held in Zion's new worship center.

Thanksgiving service will be held Wednesday night, November 23 at Sion at 7 p.m.

Other business included, fixing a commode in the ladies restroom; calling Young's about getting the furnace ready for winter; and adding another hymn on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays. October 30th is the date of the fall dinner. Menu is bar-b-que meatballs, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls and desert. The next council meeting is November 9.

Lisa moved, Julie seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Lanette Branstad,
secretary

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The mission of West Prairie Lutheran Church shall be to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all through worship, education, outreach and fellowship.

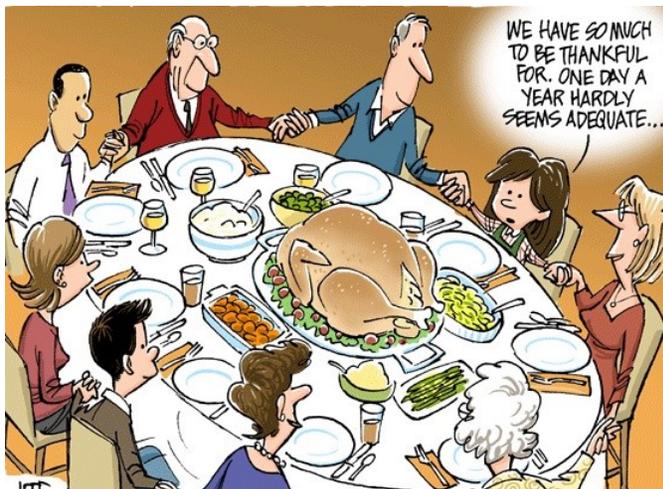
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“O, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever.” (Psalm 107:1)
The pilgrims had a custom of putting five kernels of corn on each empty plate before Thanksgiving dinner was served. In many old Plymouth families the custom is still followed today. It is done on Thanksgiving Day or on December 21 (the anniversary of the Plymouth landing).

The five kernels were chosen because, prior to the first harvest, life was so hard that the daily ration was five kernels of corn per person. Before you eat your Thanksgiving meal, think of the Pilgrims and their custom, reflect upon your blessings, and give thanks to our gracious God. A meal time prayer: “O God of all, You have blessed us so abundantly. You cover our plates with good food, and you spread your love before us. You fill our cups and glasses to the top, and You fill our lives to overflowing with your grace. We thank you for this meal of many blessings and we give You all the glory for what we are about to enjoy. Amen.”

Do not forget to give God thanks and praise! A reading from Deuteronomy 8:7-18: “For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land – a land with streams and pools of water, with springs flowing in the valleys and hills; a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the

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November Usher...

Roger Peterson

November Lectionary...

Colette Reimann

November Acolyte...

Paris Reimann

November Altar...

Janell and Carroll Carson

Nov. Altar Flowers...

Janell Carson

Nov. Coffee Servers...

11/6—Louise Nath and
Colette Reimann

11/13—Jill Holland and
Jodi Fjeld

11/20—Denise Holst and
Julie Reimann

11/27—Sharon Holland
and LeAnn Peterson

Sarah Circle...

Wed., Nov. 2 at 7 p.m.
with Colette Reimann

Naomi Circle...

Wed., Nov. 2 at 7 p.m.
with Sharon Holland

LCMC WOW...

Nov. 9th, 9 a.m. Quilting,
noon lunch at Leland Café,
Thanksgiving program;
bring item for food bank

Church Council...

Wed., Nov. 9th, 7 p.m.

Bible Study Club...

Sunday, Nov. 20th, TBD

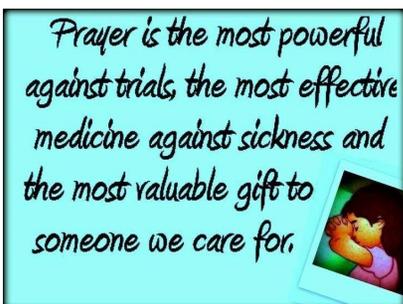


11/3—Gene Fjeld

11/5—Wesley Holland

11/18—Rachel Holst

11/24—Brandon Johnson,
Allen Peterson



Revelation Party for Prayer Partners

Mark Sunday, Nov. 13th on your calendar for the Secret Prayer Partners Revelation Party. A lunch will be served immediately after worship service. 2016 Partners names will be shared as well as a sign-up for the next year.

Back To the Future...

LCMC Iowa District Annual Meeting at The Dock—Zion LC, 500 Main Ave., CL, Sat., Nov. 12, 9:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m. Registration, \$10, starting at 8:30 a.m.

Celebrating our freedom

On November 11, our country will honor our Veterans—those who sacrificed—some with their life, some with their time, their families and friends, their jobs/careers, their health and financially. These veterans share key characteristics: Dependability, integrity, tenacity and a willingness to go the extra mile for others.

WWI had officially ended on June 28, 1919 with the Treaty of Versailles in France. However, the fighting continued for an additional seven months and finally ended with an armistice, or a peace agreement, between the Allied Nations and Germany on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. The day was commemorated the following year on November 11, as Armistice Day.

At the urging of the service organizations, Congress decided to change 'Armistice Day' to 'Veterans Day' to honor veterans of all wars. It was signed into legislation on

June 1, 1954 by President Eisenhower. This tribute was not bestowed lightly. This day was set aside specifically to remind nations to seek peaceful relationships between one another. It was hoped that our nations would never again be divided, but unfortunately, we know this was not to be.

There is someone else who should be honored and praised every day for our freedom — God. Freedom is God's gift to man: Freedom to think, freedom to choose, freedom of conscience and even the freedom to disobey.

Why did God create man so he could have the power to choose? What virtue would it be to love and obey God, if in our nature there is no inclination to do otherwise? But, if we by our own choice, choose to follow and obey Christ contrary to the urge of our nature, there is character in that.

Let us continue to have "Thanksgiving" every day!

The following items needed for Crisis Intervention ShoeBoxes:

Tooth brushes/tooth paste	Small toys for girls/boys
Books — story, coloring, tablets	Crayons, pencils
Small game items, (Uno, Old Maid)	Bars of hand soap
Small pkg. of tissues	Wrapped snacks, candies
Mittens, gloves, hats (for men, women & children)	

Please leave items in box by kitchen. Need items by Advent Sunday, November 27th. Thank you — Shirley S. & Shirley H.

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rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills. When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land He has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe His commands, His laws and His decrees that I am giving you this day.

Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. He led you through the vast and dreadful desert, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. He gave you manna to eat in the desert, something your fathers had never known, to humble and to test you so that in the end it might go well with you. You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hand have produced this wealth for me." But remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms His covenant, which He swore to your fathers, as it is today."

Do not forget to give God thanks and praise! Thanksgiving eve service will be held at Sion Lutheran Church, Lake Mills at 7 p.m., Wed., Nov. 23. See you in church! Thanks be to God!!

THANKS...

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you so very much for your recent generous \$750 gift to support the Neighborhood Food Bank. During the year 7/1/15 through 6/30/16, we were able to help 405 different families! Thanks again for the continued support.

Wayne Johns

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your \$250 contribution to Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp. Your partnership in this ministry is so important as we strive to grow and fulfill our mission in the best ways we possibly can.

Thank you for your generosity and for caring about Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp.

In His service,
Dave McDermott, director

Dear Friends,

Thanks so much for your contribution of \$300 to support our mission of excellence at Opportunity Village. Your gift helps us provide many varieties of services to meet the wide range of individual needs.

Sincerely,
Jeff Nichols, CEO
Michael Mahaffey, CDO

Dear Friends,

Thank you so very much for your recent gift to Lutheran Services! Because of your kindness, our children and families have hope and can continue their path to healing.

West Prairie has been a very loyal supporter of our ministry for over 25 years! Thank you for being a blessing.

Grace and peace, Chris

West Prairie,

Thank you for the gift of \$50 that you sent in support of my work with international students. Your ongoing support is much appreciated. Please keep this work in your prayers that God will be glorified among the nations that are here in Ames.

In Jesus,
Randy Hanson, ISI

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your first time gift of \$50. Your support and prayers for the many outreaches of Answers in Genesis (AIG) are a wonderful blessing to us as we seek to honor the Lord by proclaiming the truth of His Word in all we do.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Joe Boone,
VP of Advancement