

May 10, 2017 Council Minutes

Jan Reimann called the meeting to order and opened with devotions “That the Spirit is in us.” The Holy Spirit to over Paul and the early church leaders and changed their direction. The Holy Spirit can change our direction today. Jan, Julie Reimann, Lisa Durby, Wendell Finer, Phyllis Disque, Lanette Branstad, Caroll Carson, Lou Nath, and Pastor Steve were present. Absent was Bill Schutter.

Lanette read the secretary’s report. Lisa moved, Phyllis seconded, and motion carried to accept the secretary’s report. Carrol gave the treasurer’s report. Last month we had income of \$5960.00 with expenses of \$3577.87. Lanette moved, Julie seconded and motion carried to accept the treasurer’s report.

In the Pastor’s report, he said that confirmation was over and graduation was May 21. The ladies will be giving our graduates the quilts designed and made for each one specifically. Pastor Steve will be gone the first week of June- May 29 to June 5 for vacation. Because of a visiting officiate, Wendell

moved, Julie seconded, and motion carried that we move communion back a week to June 11 instead of the 4th.

Thank yous have been received from LWR, the food bank, AIG benevolence and Ceara Fjeld for the donation to her mission trip. Jody Fjeld asked to borrow some tables for graduation and Jill Holland roasters. Terry and Bill are fixing the stones in the cemetery as weather permits. We set a tentative cleanup day for the church grounds for June 17. Shirley Schutter can get 2 \$250 credit cards from Thrivent to be used by the church. Jan checked on the cost of hand dryers for the women’s bathroom. The prices range from \$29 to \$1300.

We would like to use the Easter collection as well as the Lenten offering for military families. Carrol will check into that.

Next meeting is June 14. Lanette moved, Phyllis seconded and motion carried to adjourn the meeting. Closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Lanette Branstad, sec.

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I recently ran across an article that I had kept on file called “A Creative Bible Study: Bible People & You” by Joani Schultz, that was printed in Group Magazine in 1985. I thought it was worth saving at the time and I think it’s worth sharing it now. Hope you enjoy it:

“Once upon a time there was a high school Bible class. Each student diligently studied all the Bible heroes and heroines. All went well. Until one day. Some of the students began to argue. “I could never be as trusting as Noah,” decided one. “It’s certain I’ll never be as famous as King David,” said another. Who could ever be as solid as Peter?” wondered one more doubter. “Impossible. We can’t be like those people!” concluded the rest.

The class soon surmised that God must have made “Bible” people differently. Those Old and New Testament celebrities must have had an “in” with God. They did everything right.... Or did they? Noah got drunk. David fooled around with someone else’s wife. Peter denied that he’d ever seen Jesus. It wasn’t long before the students were disgusted.

Only this time for a different reason: “Why are we studying these awful, sinful people?” Then – one, aware of her own sinfulness, whispered, “Nobody’s perfect. Not Noah, Abraham, David or Ruth. Nobody’s perfect – including me.”

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JUNE

USHERS: Caroll & Janell Carson

LECTIONARY:
Janell Carson

ACOLYTE:
Paris Reimann

ALTAR:
Caroll and Janell Carson

ALTAR FLOWERS:
Janell Carson

NAOMI CIRCLE:
6/7, 7 p.m. w/Lisa Durby

SARAH CIRCLE:
6/7, 7 p.m. at the church
with Louise Nath

WOW:
6/14, 11 a.m. Guest Day—
Salad Luncheon followed
by program with Shirley
Schutter

CHURCH COUNCIL:
6/14, 7 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY CLUB:
6/18 Time TBD with Wen-
dell and Helen Finer,
hosts

FELLOWSHIP SERVERS:
6/4—Caroll & Janell
Carson, Lanette Branstad
6/11—Caroll & Janell
Carson, Shirley Hanson
6/18—Caroll & Janell
Carson, Whitli Bromeland
6/25—Caroll & Janell
Carson, Misty Juveland



June 9

Scott Fruhwirth

June 22

Crystal Nelson
Rita Schutter

June 24

Bob Nath

June 29

Jeff Holland
Cody Fruhwirth

Happy 
Anniversary

June 18

Caroll & Janell Carson

June 22

Calvin & Lisa Ruby

June 25

Bill & Rita Schutter
David & Robin Peterson

Just as the soul fills the
body, so God fills the world.
Just as the soul bears the
body, so God endures the
world. Just as the soul sees
but is not seen, so God sees
but is not seen. Just as the
soul feeds the body, so God
gives food to the world. —
Cicero

What do we know about fathers in the Bible?

Did you know that a young girl was instrumental in founding Fathers' Day? She and her siblings were raised by their father after their mother died in childbirth. The city of Spokane, Wash., (where the family lived nearby) first observed a Fathers' Day in 1910 which soon became a national observance. Other nations have similarly followed suit.

Although none such event in the Bible, many fathers were honored by their children and are honored today by Christians everywhere.

The first father is God, as stated in Luke, chapter 3:38. Then came Adam whom the Apostle Paul saw as the father of humanity.

It was hard to get a picture of loving "dads" in the Bible. Aside from God, the father of us all, and who loves us more than we deserve, I picture Abraham who was willing to offer his only son as a sacrifice for the love of

and obedience to God. Abraham is revered by Christians and Muslims alike in that he is the epitome of human faith in God.

King David—shepherd, warrior, musician, outlaw, faithful friend, sinner, saint, failed father and ideal king—he was also the father of Solomon, considered to be exceptionally wise and beloved by the Lord. Unlike his father, Solomon did not heed God's warning and turned to other gods, thereby shattering the legacy of King David.

Not much is known of Joseph, the husband of Mary. He was a carpenter who trained Jesus, and likely His brothers as well, in carpentry. We also know that he had great faith in marrying Mary and following instructions given to him by the angels on several occasions.

I challenge you to find more examples of "dads" in the Bible and we will print your discovery in the next newsletter!



Pictured above are, from left: Halle Jo Johnson, Caitlin Fjeld, Pastor Steve (back), Rachel Holst and Julia Holland.

West Prairie High School Graduates Receive Special Quilts from WOW

WOW ladies, Shirley Hanson, Irene Eide, Joan West, Janell Carson, Shirley Schutter, Barb Stenberg and Verlene Skogen spent countless hours this past year crafting special quilts for the four young ladies who will be heading off to college this fall.

All four quilts had

unique patterns for each: Halle Jo's quilt was in various purple designs; Caitlin's quilt was unique for her love of horses; pink is Rachel's favorite color; and Julia's quilt featured demin pieces to reflect her personality.

God's blessings to them as they journey on to complete their education.

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The discussion stopped. And the class began to think. Tentatively, one thinker began: "Maybe all along we've studied those Bible heroes and heroines because they're like us! Sometimes they're strong and faithful. Sometimes they're weak and failures."

Buried in the heard-a-hundred-times-before stories came a message: God loves people. Not because they're so good. God loves people. In spite of the fact that they're so bad. God loves people. The Bible class was never the same again."

See you in church!

Pastor Steve

What's so special about June?

It is the first month of the summer season. June in the Northern Hemisphere is similar to the month of December in the Southern Hemisphere. The longest day of the year occurs on June 21st.

Several countries celebrate their flag days during this month as well as the U.S.A. It was on June 14th, 1777 that the 2nd Continental Congress passed a Flag Resolution. The description for the flag was 13 alternating red and white stripes and

13 white stars on a field of blue although not a specific pattern.

Through the years the flag was changed. The original 13 stripes indicate the first 13 states of the U.S. Stars were added as more states were admitted into the union.

The blue field, known as the union, now contains 50 stars with the single point of the star pointing upward. It is seven stripes tall with six and seven stars staggered in 11 rows. The official flag is to be 1.9 times as long (horizontal) as its width.