

August 16, 2017 Council Minutes

President Jan Riemann called the meeting to order and gave devotions. The devotions centered on the question- "What time is it?" Jesus was aware of his time on earth. We have rest and peace in Christ no matter what time it is. Present were Jan Reimann, Julie Reimann, Lisa Durby, Wendell Finer, Phyllis Disque, Lanette Branstad, Lou Nath, Caroll Carson and Pastor Steve.

The secretary's report was read. No corrections so Wendell moved to accept the report, Phyllis seconded and motion carried. Caroll gave the treasurer's report. We had an income of \$5420 with expenses of \$6441.29. Caroll purchased 2200 gallons of LP at \$1.07 per gallon for winter. That was the major purchased so the expense total was high. Lanette moved, Lisa seconded to accept report and motion carried.

Pastor Steve said the confirmation would start sometime after Labor Day. There are possibly 4 students. Two being from Zion. The classes will alternate locations in order to be fair. The midweek Bible study will resume too, changing

the day to Tuesday. Further info later. Pastor would like time off in October for vacation. We will need to get a substitute for October 22.

Bible school night was highly successful. We had around 30 kids. The theme was "Treasure Seekers". The bible verse was Lamentation 3:25. The Zion group had incredible energy and patience. When the kids were asked if they had fun, they said, "Oh yes. Are we doing this again next year?" Can't wait to see what the Z Kids ministry comes up with next year.

There has been a donation to tune the piano in the balcony. The iron breaker has been fixed. There has been some question about the film on the coffee. We are going to contact Zion and see what water system they use. We have decided to purchase a hand dryer [for the women's restroom] for \$279.00. It is 120V with a steel case.

The next meeting will be on September 13. Julie moved and Wendell seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Lanette Branstad, sec.

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Have you had a good summer? Have you had a Godly summer? Over the summer we have seen tremendous growth in the crops, plants, and gardens. Thank God for the blessing of good weather! It's soon time for harvest. How have you grown spiritually this summer? II Peter 3:18 tells us to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." Have you been feeding on God's Word? In order for us to grow spiritually we need to be feeding on the Word of God. We all know that it takes time and effort but it is definitely something we must do daily, just as we eat on a daily basis.

A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column of the newspaper. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of these meals. But I do know this: they all nourished me

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SEPTEMBER

USHERS: John Haugen and Bryon Holst

LECTIONARY:
Caroll Carson

ACOLYTE:
Madison Branstad

ALTAR:
Irene Eide, LeAnn Peterson

ALTAR FLOWERS:
Misty Juveland

NAOMI CIRCLE:
9/6, 7 p.m. w/Jodi Fjeld

SARAH CIRCLE:
9/6, 6 p.m. at the church;
lunch by Louise Nath

WOW:
9/13, 9 a.m. quilting;
Stone Soup noon lunch w/
Sharon Holland & Phyllis
Disque; Stewardship pro-
gram by Joan West

CHURCH COUNCIL:
9/13, 7 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY CLUB
9/17 time and location
TBD; Candy Johnson,
hostess

FELLOWSHIP SERVERS:
9/3— Holland, Whitli
Bromeland
9/10—Denise Holst,
Phyllis Disque
9/17—Misty Juveland,
Rita Shutter
9/24—Lori Jacobs, Sarah
Kirschbaum



- 2 — Ben Charlson
- 3 — Jill Holland
- 7 — Janell Carson
- 12 — Irene Eide
- 13 — Denny Norstrud
- 15 — Johanna Juveland
- 18 — Wade Holland
- 21 — Steve Reimann
- 25 — Jordan Branstad
- 26 — Blanche Durby



- SEPTEMBER 1**
Terry & Lisa Durby
- SEPTEMBER 4**
Bryon & Denise Holst
- SEPTEMBER 6**
David & Claire Branstad
- SEPTEMBER 29**
Steve & Colette Reimann



WP Scholarship Fund information . . .

The West Prairie Scholarship Fund was established during the annual meeting of church members on January 18, 1998. A gift of \$35,000 to West Prairie was placed in the Lord Abbott Mutual Fund. Interest generated from the principal was to be used to fund future scholarships.

Criteria established at the time of initial investment for obtaining a scholarship is as follows:

1) Scholarship is open to all confirmed students who are members of West Prairie Lutheran Church.

2) Students need to apply for the scholarship to the church council within one year of high school graduation.

3) Church council will review applications and pay

the scholarship directly to the student.

4) Scholarships will be a one-time payment of \$500 to be used per student for furthering education beyond high school, to include college or trade school. The one-time payment was increased to \$700 per student at the January 18, 2015 West Prairie annual meeting.

5) Scholarships will be awarded after the successful completion of one semester or term.

The value of the Lord Abbott Mutual Fund as of March 31, 2017 was \$51,870.94. According to the minutes of the annual meeting in 1998, the \$35,000 was to remain a restricted fund and the excess is available for scholarships.

you. The people of Hope Seeds say thank you for your caring and giving heart. Because you care to donate, someone will be blessed. May they in turn be a blessing to others.

Thank you for the support of \$450. These funds

will be used to further supply our work in shipping seeds to developing countries to supply food and assist in providing independence.

Grace, Joy and Peace,
Bethan Matzke
Programs manager

Dear Members of West Prairie Lutheran,

We have received your gift. What an unexpected blessing!! We very much appreciate your generosity. Also, your willingness to demonstrate the machine.

We hope to pay your kindness forward.

Sincerely,

Our Saviors Lutheran Worship & Music Committee of Keister, Minn.

Dear West Prairie Friends,

Thank you for your generous gift in support of the life-changing work of The Gideons International.

With summertime upon us, people all across the country are traveling more. Contributions like yours will ensure Bibles are available to those lodging, whether they be weary travelers or just someone needing help in time of need.

Your generosity enables us to personally witness and share Scriptures so they too may come to faith and eternal life in Christ.

Please accept our gratitude on behalf of those who will be blessed because of your support.

Yours in Christ,
Craig Warner
Executive director

Dear Friends,

Thank you for giving \$450 to the apologetics ministry of Answers in Genesis.

We have surpassed exciting milestone for both the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter. The Creation Museum celebrated its 10th anniversary in May and the Ark Encounter celebrated its first anniversary in July. We praise the Lord for His faithfulness in allowing these attractions to serve as beacons of light and truth to the world.

Thank you again for your support of the Creation Museum, the Ark Encounter, and the various other outreaches of AiG, which God is using for eternal impact. May the Lord bless you for your generosity.

In Christ,
Joe Boone
Vice president,
Advancement

Dear West Prairie Lutheran Church,

The people who benefit from your gift say thank



. . . GOOD GRIEF . . .

Submitted by Phyllis Disque

Are you or someone you know grieving over the loss of a loved one? It can be a spouse, child or parent whom you miss so much that it is affecting you deeply. We are here to help you cope, listen to you and wipe your tears.

We are using the Grief Share material which is Christian based. A DVD of that program is shown at each meeting, then discussion is held on how it affects our lives. Conversations and group discussions are confidential.

Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, 6.30 p.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church lounge. For more information call coordinators Phyllis Disque (581-4553) or Anna Harringa (585-3879)

PASTOR'S LETTER

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and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

Thank God for our physical and spiritual nourishment! Come to church on Sunday and have a good meal!

See you in church!

Pastor Steve



Church Clean-up Day is coming soon! Watch for date in bulletin.

Dear Members of West Prairie Lutheran Church,

The staff and board of Sola Publishing thank you so much for your recent gift of \$500.

Thank you for your continued support of Sola Publishing. We are dependent on the support of individuals—especially those that can provide sustained month to month support. We are deeply thankful for your gracious gift!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Steve King

Thank you Pastor Bang and the congregation of West Prairie Lutheran Church for your generous gift of \$675 towards the Military Bible-Stick program. Because of friends like you, active-duty service members and veterans are listening to God's Word and receiving the peace and comfort they need during some of the hardest times of their lives.

Thank you again for your faithful support of these brave warriors in all branches of the armed forces.

'Til all have heard,
Troy Carl
Vice president



Dear West Prairie Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$665 received on 6/19/2017.

While the number of deployed service members is declining, the number of veterans is rising, including many who are wounded, ill or injured.

As a partner in the Soldiers' Angels mission to provide aid and comfort to these brave men and women who have protected our freedom, you have helped us honor their sacrifices and service with your gift. You truly are a critical part of our success.

Words cannot express our gratitude.

Very respectfully,
Amy Palmer
President and CEO

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Opening of 2nd annual Vacation Bible School in conjunction with ZKids Ministry of Zion Lutheran Church, Clear Lake.

VBS kids seek “treasures” in the Bible

Approximately 30 “kids” ages 5 to 12 enjoyed an exciting evening on August 4th at West Prairie becoming “treasure seekers!”

The evening began with a delicious meal served by Lanette Branstad, Lisa Durby and Jodi Fjeld. The program started with devotions, songs and the key Bible verse: Lamentations 3:24, 25 emphasizing “to wait for Him, hope is in Him, and to seek Him.”



Action praise songs were led by Zkids Ministry.

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