

October 11, 2017 Council Minutes

President Jan Reimann called the meeting to order. Present were Jan Reimann, Julie Reimann, Wendell Finer, Phyllis Disque, Lanette Branstad, Caroll Carson, and Pastor Steve. Absent were Bill Schutter and Lou Nath.

Jan gave devotions about the good that fire can do. Jesus spoke of setting the world on fire. He also spoke of the baptism of fire; fire consumes evil. The Holy Spirit (holy fire) brings us to faith. It purifies our heart to live a more dedicated live to Christ.

Lanette gave the secretary's report. There were no additions or corrections; Phyllis moved and Wendell seconded to accept the secretary's report. Motion carried. The treasurer's report informed us that we had an income of \$4975 and expenses of \$4640.35. Lanette moved and Julie seconded to accept the treasurer's report and the motion carried.

In Pastor Steve's report, he told us that the Waldorf ensemble is over 30 people. We don't have room for that many so we need a smaller group. Melissa will be playing more

for Waldorf so we may need a substitute more often. Zion's reformation service on Saturday will start in the sanctuary and move to the Dock. Pastor will be gone on Oct. 22 and also Nov 12. Thanksgiving eve service will be at West Prairie at 7 p.m. Christmas Sunday school program will be in early December.

The toilet in the women's bathroom needs some parts to fix it. Lanette moved to send \$500 to Lutheran Disaster Assistance Fund in care of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Marion, IA, designated to hurricane relief. Wendell seconded and motion carried. During the cleanup day, Jan, Julie, Terry, Lisa, Ty, and Bill worked around the outside of the church and the cemetery. They straightened 8 grave stones, sprayed weeds outside and relocated the mail boxes inside. The fall dinner will be Nov. 5 from 11am-1:00 pm.

The next meeting will be Nov. 15. Lanette moved Phyllis seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Lanette Branstad, sec.

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November 23 is Thanksgiving Day. It is one day of the year in which we, like those early Pilgrims, set aside time in our busy schedules to give thanks to God. Now, there is nothing wrong with that but the Word of God tells us that this should be a continual, daily attitude.

Ephesians 5:19,20 says: "Speak to one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, ALWAYS giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." And I Thessalonians says: "Be joyful ALWAYS; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Paul's main subject here is praise and thanksgiving. Notice the other important words in these passages: always, continually, and in all circumstances. It sounds as if Paul is talking about a church service, especially in Ephesians: "Speak to one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart..." But he isn't. He is talking about a continual attitude for Christians – an attitude of the heart. How we are to be to each other. But how can we have this attitude continually, especially "in all circumstances?" To be thankful in all circumstances, we need a proper perspective of our circumstances and of our God. Only then we will be able to give thanks to the Lord always.

There are at least 3 attitudes that steal away our gratitude: 1) One is our pride. This is the attitude that says, "Nobody

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USHERS: Lori Jacobs, Misty Juveland

LECTIONARY:

Denise Holst

ACOLYTE:

Jack Holland

ALTAR:

Denise Holst, Helen Finer

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Lisa Durby

NAOMI CIRCLE:

11/1, 7 p.m. w/Sharon Holland

SARAH CIRCLE:

11/1, 7 p.m. at the church; lunch by Colette Reimann

WOW:

10/11, 9 a.m. quilting; noon lunch at Leland Cafe; Thanksgiving program by Sharon Holland

CHURCH COUNCIL:

11/8 at 7 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY CLUB:

11/19, 11 a.m. at the church, lunch by the Naths, movie

FELLOWSHIP SERVERS:

11/5—Jodi Fjeld, Denise Holst

11/12—Colette Reimann, Jill Holland

11/19—Helen Finer, Judy Norstrud

11/26—Joan West, Jan/Julie Reimann

November**BIRTHDAYS**

- 3 — Gene Fjeld
- 5 — Wesley Holland
- 6 — Marilyn Holland
- 9 — Wyatt Bromeland
- 18 — Rachel Holst
- 20 — Sarah Kirschbaum
- 26 — Larry West

**NOVEMBER 12**

Chuck & Marilyn Holland

NOVEMBER 14

Candy & Rex Johnson

I still believe in Amazing Grace, that there's Power In the Blood, that He Walks With Me and He Talks With Me, that Because He Lives — I Can Face Tomorrow all because of The Old Rugged Cross!

wrote songs. He was also anointed with oil by Samuel, through the Lord, which was a special way of promising that one day he would become king and the power of the Lord was with him from that day on.

David heard that no one had accepted the challenge from the Philistine giant so he volunteered.

Goliath thought it was a joke that the Israelites would send this mere boy to fight him. His challenge to David, "Come to me that I might feed you to the beasts of the field" may give us pause that Goliath's vision was not what it could be, maybe near sighted or blurred.

On the other hand, David refused to wear armor as that would prevent quick defensive moves. He walked up to the giant, but far away enough so that the giant's sword and spear were useless. After a little taunting by David, Goliath gets angry and tosses off his helmet.

This is the moment for David — careful aim with his slingshot, which in truth is an incredibly devastating weapon, and the giant falls to the ground. This is no accident —

remember, David is a marksman as he had killed a lion and a bear while guarding his flock.

The most important thing to remember, as we say today, is that the Lord had his back!

In comparison, 6-foot+ Garrett Fjeld is notably shorter than Goliath.



Sunday School classes meet Goliath

A surprise was in store for the Sunday School classes on Sept. 17th as they walked into the sanctuary to see Goliath standing at the rear of the church!

Caroll and Janell Carson did a magnificent recreation on paper of the 9-foot Goliath. Gabby, Zeke and Jack practiced their bow and arrow technique before the contest. As you can see, these kids were barely taller than the giant's knees.

Think how David must have felt, as a teenager and perhaps not much taller than these kids, when he faced Goliath.

As you may remember, David, a shepherd played instruments and



Good Samaritan posts Christmas list

If you'd like to help spread Christmas joy to residents of the Good Samaritan Center in Forest City, a list of gift suggestions has been posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall entry.

Mesa, Ariz. church invites winter visitors

St. Peter Lutheran Church, LCMC, located at 1844 East Dana Ave., Mesa, AZ 85204 (840 833 4251) invites winter visitors to their "home church away from home" during their stay in the valley. Sunday worship is at 9:30 a.m., adult Bible class is at 10:45 a.m.

Thanksgiving Day worship, dinner

Forest City's Immanuel Lutheran Church will hold a worship service Thursday, Nov. 23 at 11:15 a.m. A Thanksgiving dinner will be served at noon. Free will donation. Call 585-3152 for take-outs or deliveries.

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ever gave me anything, I worked for everything I have." For years you studied hard and now it is finally paying off. With this kind of attitude, we feel that we have no one to thank but ourselves. 2) Another attitude that keeps us from being thankful is a critical spirit or constant complaining. Instead of being grateful, we always find something to complain about. 3) A third attitude is carelessness. The Israelites grumbled because they had no food so God miraculously sent manna to cover the ground each day except the sabbath day. They grumbled because it was the same thing every day. They had a miracle but they were not satisfied.

We need an attitude check every day. Because of pride, carelessness, or a critical spirit we will never be truly thankful for all that God has given us. Let each day be a day of giving thanks to God. Our special night of Thanksgiving is Wed., Nov. 22 at 7 p.m. See you in church!

Pastor Steve