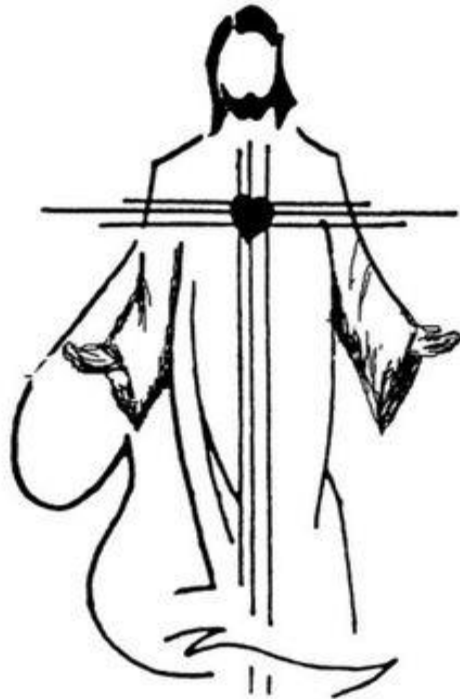


- Discussion was held concerning locking the west entry door. It was decided that a sign will be posted on the door requesting that the main entry door be used.
- Budget worksheets were handed out for the 2023 budget. Council members will review the budget items prior to the next meeting.

The next council meeting will be held January 11, 2023 at 7:00. Julie made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Jan, and approved. The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

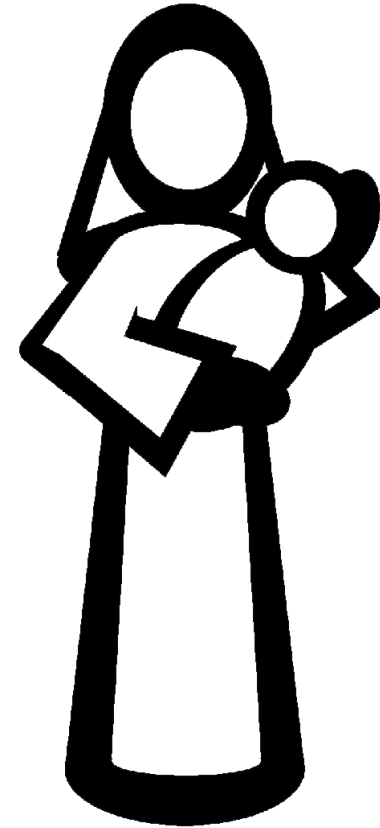
Respectfully submitted,
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Communion given the 1st and 4th Sundays in January

Please be advised, the service is livestreamed and posted on the internet.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

(*Stand as you are able)

Prelude/Enter joyously to worship the Lord

Welcome and Announcements

*Confession & Forgiveness		p. 77
*Opening Hymn	“O Come All Ye Faithful”	#45
*Greeting		p. 78
*The Kyrie		p. 78
*Hymn of Praise	“This is the Feast”	p. 81

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

God of Majesty, may your Holy Spirit provoke us to follow your Son in all obedience and humility, growing in spiritual wisdom and maturity, so that through us, all creation will come to know the praise of your glory. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Numbers 6:22-27

PSALMS

Psalm 111

SECOND READING

Galatians 3:23-29

*Gospel Acclamation “Alleluia”

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“Glory to you, O Lord”

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*HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2: 21

“Praise to you, O Christ”

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- Project for Advent, Instruments for Haiti. Ceara made a motion to give \$1,000 of the 2022 Christmas offering to Instruments for Haiti, 2nd by Jodi, motion approved.
- A motion was made by Terry to donate \$200 to the LCMC Iowa District Fund, 2nd by Jodi, approved.
- Discussion was held concerning the remaining designated funds. Terry made a motion that the remaining Thanksgiving and Christmas offering, \$160.86, go to the ramp replacement project, 2nd by Ceara, motion approved.
- Update on the lighting of the Evergreen Tree. The project is complete, a bill submitted by Julie and Jan has been paid as was approved by the council at the November meeting.
- Christmas Carolers visited 7 homes and 1 nursing home. It was very much appreciated.
- AED update by Jodi. An AED has been ordered for the church. Clair Olson would like to come and do training.

NEW BUSINESS

- A bill for holiday decorations was submitted by Lana Heins. Ceara made a motion to reimburse Lana \$140.69 from the general fund, 2nd by Jodi, approved.
- Julie received a letter from Kenneth Strand that he requested to be read. The letter was read, and it was noted that this letter concerning the Nativity Scene at the courthouse grounds was published as a letter to the editor in local newspapers. The scene was approved to be displayed by the County Supervisors prior to receiving the letter.
- Discussion was held concerning the Treasurer's position. Requirements include being a member of the church, good computer skills, and having time available to complete the responsibilities. It would be possible to split up the responsibilities to make the job more manageable. Caroll and Janell would be willing to train the new Treasurer.
- The date for the Annual Meeting was set for the 3rd Sunday of the month, January 15, 2023. Notice of the meeting will be posted for 2 weeks; January 1, and January 8, 2023.

Church Council Minutes

The West Prairie Church Council met Wednesday December 14, 2022. Council members attending included: Julie Reimann, Jan Reimann, Jodi Fjeld, Ceara Mullins, Terry Durby and Lisa Durby. Also attending were Caroll Carson and Pastor Tony.

A motion to approve the agenda, with changes, was made by Jodi and 2nd by Jan, approved. Changes included adding the AED box to the Old Business. Closing out some designated funds and budget planning sheets were added to New Business items. The council members took a short break to enjoy a lasagna supper provided by Julie and Jan.

Pastor Tony led devotions from Philippians Chapter 4, verses 6 and 7. The Pastor's report was shared noting the prep time for baptism and First Communion as being new items to his activities. The District Meeting topic was The Health and Welfare of Church Leaders. Pastor Tony submitted his expense sheet for the District Meeting. A motion was made by Terry to approve reimbursing Pastor Tony \$50.00 for the District Meeting expenses, 2nd by Ceara, and the motion was approved.

The Secretary's Report was read. A motion to approve the report was made by Jodi, 2nd by Terry, and approved.

Caroll presented the Treasurer's Report. Withdrawals for the month of November totaled \$23,551.87. This included \$396 to Hy-Vee for the fall dinner expenses, \$500 to the Lake Mills food bank, \$636.65 to Young Plumbing & Heating for furnace maintenance and Iron Breaker repair, and \$378 for tuning 3 pianos, which is a budgeted item.

Deposits for the month totaled \$23,705.46. This total includes the CD that matured at a value of \$18,248. It was withdrawn and reinvested with Edward Jones at a higher interest rate of 4.85 %, for 18 months.

Caroll explained that offering plate and mailed in donations as of 12/14/22 totaled \$76,323. Benevolences for the year as of the same date, \$24,088 which is 31.5% of the income. A motion to approve the report was made by Terry, 2nd by Ceara and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- Discussion was held concerning the hurricane relief donation. LeAnn Peterson and her daughter Mary Jo found the Volunteer Florida Foundation Disaster Relief Fund. Terry made a motion to give \$560 to the Volunteer Florida Foundation Disaster Relief Fund, Jodi made a 2nd to the motion, and it was approved.

Children's message

Sermon

Pastor Tony

HYMN OF THE DAY "Jesus, Name Above All Names" **INSERT**

*The Nicene Creed

p. 84

*Prayers

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

*The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Sharing the Peace.

The Offering

*The Offertory "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

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*Offertory Prayer

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*Great Thanksgiving

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

p. 88

p. 89

*The Lord's Prayer

Grey book #440

Communion

"Lamb of God"

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Distribution

"Thank the Lord"

p. 92

Prayer after Communion

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*The Blessing

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*SENDING HYMN "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" **INSERT**

Go in peace and serve the newborn King.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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PIANIST:

Nancy Scalisi

LECTOR:

Lanette Branstad

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

Gene & Jodi Fjeld

~Pastor Tony is available for visitations and prayer requests. ~

Please call or email with your request.

The first lesson is from the 6th Chapter of Numbers

²² The LORD said to Moses, ²³ "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: ²⁴ ""The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵ the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; ²⁶ the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace."" ²⁷ "So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Let us pray Psalm 111 (responsively)

¹ Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

² **Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them.**

³ Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴ **He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate.**

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

⁶ **He has shown his people the power of his works, giving them the lands of other nations.**

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

⁸ **They are established for ever and ever, enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.**

⁹ He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name.

¹⁰ **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise. Amen**

The second lesson is found in the 3rd Chapter of Galatians

²³ Before the coming of this faith,^[a] we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. ²⁴ So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian. ²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel according to St Luke the 2nd Chapter.

²¹ On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.

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