

The West Prairie Church Council met Wednesday June 14, 2023.

Council members attending the meeting were Julie Reimann, Jan Reimann, Cindy Sarver, Jodi Field, Terry Durby and Lisa Durby. Pastor Tony and Lanette Branstad were also in attendance.

Claire Olson from the Forest City Ambulance Service gave the council members an overview of the AED unit the congregation received. A user's manual and DVD are included with the unit. The batteries should be checked at least once a month and the unit serviced yearly by the FCAS. If the unit must be reset, call the ambulance service's main number, 585-4634.

The council meeting was called to order by President Julie Reimann and the agenda was presented. A motion to approve the agenda with the addition of discipleship and donation was made by Terry, seconded by Jodi, and approved.

Pastor Tony led devotions from Psalms 103 verses 13-14. He shared his monthly report and shared a list of notes and suggestions for discipleship. Pastor Tony would like the council to create a discipleship committee. Cindy will put a notice in the announcements that the council is looking for committee members.

Pastor was contacted about a donation that will be made to the congregation. A discussion was held as to what this donation could be designated for. Suggestions will be shared with the donor.

The Secretary's report was read and a motion to approve the minutes was made by Jodi, seconded by Cindy, and approved.

The Treasurer's report was submitted by Carol to the council for review. Income for the month of May was \$6,814.49, expenses totaled \$3,940.55. Edward Jones requested to have Julie Reimann's name added as an additional signature to the Lord Abbett CD. Terry made the motion to add Julie Reimann as an additional signature to the CD. Cindy seconded the motion, and it was approved.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Jodi, seconded by Jan and approved.
Old Business:

- Carpet update, purchase is on hold.
- VBS: Julie called Zion and left a message concerning a VBS event for West Prairie. She had not received a response.
- Ramp: The grant was submitted by the deadline. There has been no notification as of the meeting date.
- Mother's banquet: There was a great turnout, Nancy did a great presentation, and there was a lot of participation.
- Tree replacement: 15 trees will be replaced. They will remain at the greenhouse in Lake Mills until they can be planted.

New Business

- Parade Float: Julie has contacted Deb Nordskog about the church replica we had in the past. She will also contact Bob Nath to see if he knows where it is located. If the replica cannot be located, another theme will be chosen. The float will be pulled through the Puckerbrush parade on July 15th, and the Thompson parade on July 16th. A notice will be put in the announcements.
- Pastor Tony will be playing in the community band concert at the courthouse gazebo.
- Congregational Picnic: A congregational picnic will be planned as a Sunday School kickoff event on September 10th.
- Fall Dinner: The Fall dinner is scheduled for October 8, 2023. Lanette and Cindy will head the committee. Advertising will begin a month before, the menu will include BBQ meatballs, cheesy potatoes, bars/cookies. Plans will be made to serve 200 people. The council will decide how the income will be designated.

Due to conflicts, the next meeting will be held at 7:00 on Thursday July, 13th. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Cindy, seconded by Jodi, and approved. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Durby, council secretary

The Good News

Of West Prairie Lutheran Church

August 2023

Church Service, 8:30 am

- 6 Communion
- 13 No Communion
- 20 No Communion
- 27 Communion

Fellowship Following Service, 9:30 am

Adult Sunday School, 9:45 am every Sunday

Children's Sunday School suspended until Sept. 10th

August Church and Community Events

Naomi Circle: Wed., Aug. 2nd at 7 pm,

Lisa Durby hosting at her home.

Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak:

Mary, the Mother of Jesus, pgs. 135-160

WOW Quilt Group: Wed., Aug. 9th, 9 am at church.

Lunch following: TBD.

Church Council Meeting: Wed., Aug. 9th at 7pm. All welcome.

Blood Drive: Thurs. Aug. 17th 1 pm – 6 pm in Forest City
Appointment needed. See bulletin board.

VFW Post 6161, Leland: Pancake Breakfast:

Sun. Aug. 20th, 7am – 1pm cost \$5

Bible Study Club Meeting: Sun. Aug. 20th at 1 pm at

Dave and Sandy Snider's home.

For additional community event dates, see bulletin board.

LCMC Article, August 2023

West Prairie Lutheran Church in Leland, Iowa has been able to celebrate numerous occasions over the last few months. In May, we celebrated two graduations from our local high school. The graduates, Madison Branstad and Trayce Swanson, attended service with their families. At this service they were each recognized and given a quilt made by the ladies in the congregation. Both recipients loved how the quilts were personalized for them. Following the service, many members visited with the graduates and wished them well in their future endeavors. Madison is planning on attending veterinary school in Stillwater, Oklahoma and Trayce is going to attend mechanic's school in Mason City, Iowa.

As you know, the last Sunday in May was Pentecost. Pastor Tony made the service extra special for the children. He was able to illustrate the Holy Spirit with some red helium balloons during the Children's Message. The balloons were quite the treat for our young parishioners.

On June 4th, Julie Reimann planned a wonderful event, *A Celebration of Mothers*, with Nancy Scalisi as the guest speaker. There were about 25 women in attendance. A light meal was served, music was sung, and door prizes were given out during the event held at the church.

Much to the congregation's delight, one of our bible study groups has decided to resume meetings. The Bible Study Club, led by Phyllis Disque, restarted meetings in July. They discontinued their meetings during the Covid-19 shutdowns. We look forward to their continued strengthening in faith by studying God's word.

West Prairie Church was blessed by participating in two local parades, Puckerbrush Days in Forest City and the Winnebago County Fair in Thompson. Several members rode on the float and gave treats out to the crowd. The theme of the float was "Love one another as I have loved you!" We are very thankful to all who participated and gave their time and talents.

Pastor Scalisi has been working on starting a discipleship program. The committee is still being formed and we hope the congregation will show strong support for this worthy endeavor.

Upcoming events being planned include our Sunday School Rally Day with picnic on September 10th and our annual Fall Dinner and Quilt Raffle on October 8th. If you are in our area during either of these dates, please join us. We would love to show you our little country church. Service begins at 9:00 A.M. starting September 10th.



Prayer List

Phyllis Disque
Ryan Mullins
Jean Peterson

Irene Eide
Joyce Greer
Brittany Hawke
Jan Charlson

(in the military)
Nicholas Oppman
Allen Peterson

Roger Peterson
Arlene Preston
Jacob Reupke



Happy Birthday

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| 10 LeAnn Peterson | 25 Caitlin Fjeld |
| 21 Ceara Mullins | 28 Whitli Bromeland |
| 22 Cody Reimann | |



Wedding Anniversaries

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| 2 Jordan and Joran Colby |
| 9 Bob and Louise Nath |
| 22 Andrew and Keniesa Branstad |

Baptismal Anniversaries

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| ? Kylie West | 11 Ravyn Reimann |
| 10 Taila Jacobs | 13 Crystal Nelson |
| 10 Blake Jacobs | 19 Jeff Holland |
| 10 Easton Jacobs | 23 Sharon Holland |



If you have knowledge of names and addresses or phone numbers of past members, please forward that information to Lanette Branstad.

**Welcome to our new members
Dave and Sandy Snider**

West Prairie Lutheran Church

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