

St. Matthew Lutheran Church
Church Council Notes
October 12, 2010

Members Present: Pastor Mark Daniels, Dave Libben, Debbie Klinebriel, Jim Kalklosch, Mark Morgan, Jim Vorhees, Nancy McGargal, Dee McLain, Lorie Ellinger, Dave Rauber, Sue Rauber, Bret Lovas, Cory Inboden, Jacob Gwinn, Stephen Starner, Pink Johnson.

Also in attendance: Paul Elhard, Lori Lovas, Becky Starner, Sarah Gwinn, Laura and Randy Hopstetter.

Dave L called meeting to order at 7:10.

Devotions and prayer led by Pastor Mark.

Motion to accept Aug. minutes as presented by Dave R.; 2nd by Mark. Motion carried.

Motion to accept Aug. 29, congregational meeting minutes with no corrections/additions by Jim V.; 2nd by Dee. Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. **2010 Stewardship Program** – theme for this year is Thank, Praise, Serve and Obey based on the first article of the Apostle's Creed and Luther's explanation. Help is needed with letters and temple talks.
2. **Nomination Committee**- needs to have 5 members (2 appointed by Counsel-Jim K. by virtue of office and one other, and 3 chosen by the Congregation). Jim V. made a motion to accept Jim K. and Becky S. as committee members and the other 3 to be chosen at congregational meeting on Oct. 24th. Nancy 2nd. MC. All in favor. Meeting will be announced at service on Oct. 17th.
3. **Mark Morgan**-withdrew his letter of resignation as deacon that was submitted in Sept. Since there was no action taken in Sept. due to lack of quorum, the letter was null and void.
4. **Sunday School**- is going well, meeting from 9:15-9:45 each Sun. Halloween Party for the kids has been set for Wed. Oct. 27, from 5:30-7:30.

New Business:

1. **Ladder needed**-Dave R. brought to council's attention the need for a tall aluminum ladder. It is especially necessary when bulbs in the Sanctuary need changed and for the hanging of the greens at Christmas. Pink said that he would check into purchasing 2-12 foot ones.
2. **Also discussed** was the possible purchase of new fiberglass tables to replace the old heavy ones in the fellowship hall-maybe round ones. Need to check prices.
3. **Nancy inquired about how Pastor is doing at trying to take another day off each week as suggested by council. He responded that it is hard to change old work**

habits but he is trying. Possibly elders could take on the responsibility of ensuring that he does this.

4. New book discussion beginning in January may be on Facing Your Giants by Max Lucado.
5. Paul Elhard reported that the work on the ark was going well. The carpentry work is completed and the painting is ready to be started.

Pastor's Report: is attached.

Reports:

Deacons: All's well!

Trustees: work is going well upstairs repairing ceiling, tile floors, etc. Most of repair costs are being covered by anonymous donors.

Worship and Music: None

Evangelism and Membership: No Report

WELCA: Thanked everyone for the generous donations that resulted in them being able to make up and donate 92 health kits.

Men in Mission: A representative will be needed for next year. Jim K. will be able to fill in for the remainder of this year for Wes.

Youth: At their Oct. 10th meeting, they discussed Operation Christmas Child, the 30 hour famine, helping with the Halloween Party, and Wicked Walk the Oct. 30.

Treasurer: Sue distributed copy of profit/loss statement for Aug-Sept. Also reported getting a lower monthly budget from Columbia Gas for \$843/month.

Laura Hopstetter presented a letter to Dave L. and Council members describing her suggestion for the formation of a committee to help address congregational concerns.

Pink J. made a motion that a box be placed in the back of the Sanctuary where members can put their signed questions/concerns/ideas, etc. and that Nancy Mc. and he would be responsible for reviewing them and forwarding them to the Pastor, council, etc. to ensure they would receive accurate and timely responses. Jim K. seconded and the motion carried with Sue R. casting the only opposing vote.

At 8:30 Dave motioned for council to meet in executive session. Pink 2nd. MC

At 8:42 Council reconvened.

Sue R. made a motion that a place be formally stated on forthcoming agendas for congregation members to address council-5 minutes maximum per person-with any concerns, etc. This would be added at the end of the regular meeting. 2nd by Jim K. Motion Carried unanimously.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer
Next meeting November 9, 2010

Pastor's Report October 12, 2010

1. My ministry mileage in September was 206.8 miles.
2. Since our last meeting, I have taken Holy Communion to five of our shut-ins. More shut-in visits are scheduled regularly, of course.
3. I also conducted worship at Carlin House on October 4.
4. On October 18, I'll be resuming my monthly Worship with Holy Communion at Hocking Valley Community Hospital.
5. On October 25, I will preside at the interment of the ashes of Elly Crow at MacArthur.
6. Youth group met on October 10. We are meeting every three weeks. This past Sunday, we made plans for promoting the upcoming Operation Christmas Child shoebox wrapping party and discussed the 30-Hour Famine. We also tentatively planned to do a Group Workcamps mission trip in June, 2011. Young people are urged to check their calendars for that month to determine if there are any obligations they can't avoid that would prevent them from going on the trip. As you know, our plan has always been to work here in Logan one year and to go out of town the next.
7. The youth next do a fun event, the Wicked Forest Halloween Walk in Rte. 664. That happens on Saturday, October 30. The whole congregation is invited.
8. Adult Sunday School class attendance continues to be very encouraging, as has the attendance in the other Sunday School classes. Several years ago, the adult class would draw, on average, 3 to 5 participants; presently, the average is 12 to 17. In a few weeks, the adults will begin the study of *Who is Jesus?: An Introductory Bible Study*, written by Lutheran pastor, Roy Beutel.
9. The evening book discussion group on *Mere Christianity* attracts about 10 to 12 participants, not as many as have been in past groups, but good nonetheless. We have a few more weeks with this

book. Last night, I suggested that we switch gears a bit and read *Facing Your Giants: David and Goliath Story for Everyday People* by Max Lucado. Lucado is an accessible writer. In this book, he extrapolates lessons of Christian faith from the life of the Old Testament's King David. I shared a chapter of the book with the WELCA women last week and they seemed to really enjoy it. If you would like to participate, let me know.