

**St. Matthew Lutheran Church  
Church Council Notes  
January 18, 2011**

**Members Present:** Pastor Mark Daniels, Dave Libben, Debbie Klinebriel, Jim Kalklosch, Jim Vorhees, Bret Lovas, Nancy McGargal, Pink Johnson, Jacob Gwinn, Lorie Lovas, Fran Funk, Becky Starner, Sue Rauber, Dave Rauber, John Gwinn.

**Meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Jim K.**

**Devotions were led by Pastor Mark using Matthew 4:12-22, which will be the Gospel this coming Sunday.**

**Motion was made by John G. to accept Nov. 2010 and Dec. 2010 minutes as presented; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave R. Motion carried. All in favor.**

**Old Business:**

1. **2010 Reports**-annual reports need to be completed so they may be put together and presented to the congregation at the end of Feb.
2. **Budget**- Sue reported that there should be no major changes in the budget for 2011, and that it will look very close to last year's. We do need to make a priority list of possible expenses (projected costs) for some things that may need attention this year: organ upkeep, parsonage kitchen, etc. Lorie L. volunteered to be part of a Budget Committee to help Sue manage all of the funds, etc.
3. **Signs**-Jim K. showed the new signs directing people to St. Matthew's and said that all of the locations for them have been approved by Mr. Myers. In the spring, the locations will be marked and Dave R. and Pink J. will contact OUPS so that the posts can be set and signs placed. Since the signs and posts have been generously donated, the money that has been given for this purpose (over \$400) may possibly be used for another project.

**New Business:**

1. **Retreat 2011**-Most agreed they would like to see this happen probably for a weekend afternoon in early March. Camp Akita was mentioned as a possible location-Sue R. will check into this, and Pastor Mark will contact former Bishop Sauer about possibly leading the retreat.

**Pastor's Report:** is attached. Also, brought up his hope of adding a second worship service (possibly a Saturday afternoon or evening). Will broach the subject with the music and worship committee at their next meeting. Also, gave information on a Bible study school in Haiti to which a full time pastor has been deployed and Phillip will be going to help with this summer. It could be a place where we may want to send some of our Benevolence donations.

## **Reports**

**Deacons:** No Report

**Trustees:** No major problems.

**Worship and Music:** None

**Evangelism and Membership:** Nothing now.

**WELCA:** No Report

**Men in Mission:** Are planning on having the Pancake supper again this year on Shrove Tuesday (3/8/11).

**Youth:** met last week and discussed the 30-hour famine, the Youth Encounter trip, and arena basketball? (Sorry Jacob, I'm not sure I understood this one ☺).

**Treasurer's Update:** will send an acknowledgement to Mary Holl for the donation of the big TV, which was a big hit on New Year's Eve.

**Congregational Concerns:** an alter care coordinator is still needed to replace the Sigler's. Possibly Lynn can contact people to remind them for now.

**Motion to Adjourn by John.**

**Closed with the Lord's Prayer**

**Next Meeting will be February 8, 2011**

Pastor's Report  
January 18, 2011

1. My December ministry mileage was 175.2 miles.
2. Since our last scheduled meeting on December 14, I've been able to commune six of our members either in their homes or at care facilities.
3. Since our last scheduled meeting, I conducted the funeral of Dorothy Beougher in our Saint Matthew sanctuary (January 14).
4. I'm glad to report that Lynne Risch is back on the job following her illness. Thanks to Lori Lovas, Ann Daniels, Sarah Gwinn, Jacob Gwinn, Isaac Gwinn, Megan Gwinn, Sheila Kalklosch, Jim Kalklosch, Sarah Daniels, Jim Funk, Fran Funk, Laikyn Lovas, Jessica Porterfield, Tony Funk, and anyone else whose name escapes me right now for help with both midweek Advent, Sunday, and funeral bulletins during Linnie's absence.
5. Youth group meets again this coming Sunday, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Watch for the Saint Matthew 30 Hour Famine web site.  
[http://twv.convio.net/site/TR/30HourFamine/30HourFamine?team\\_id=15309&pg=team&fr\\_id=1310](http://twv.convio.net/site/TR/30HourFamine/30HourFamine?team_id=15309&pg=team&fr_id=1310) *April began - 7:00 Sat. nt.*
6. I would like to take our young people in grades 8-12 to the Impact National Youth Event, conducted by Youth Encounter, a Lutheran group in whose ministries I've been involved many times in the past. The event will happen in Chicago. If we register by February 9, the registration and hotel accommodations will be \$189 per person. We intend to conduct some fundraising efforts. For more information on this event, incorporating inspiring speakers who relate well to youth, great music, small group activities, and a service mission project, go to <http://www.youthencounter.org/Default.aspx?tabid=383>.
7. I still haven't followed up on job descriptions for our church secretarial position. But I have learned a bit about the job first-hand in the past few weeks. I will have something to share with you next month.
8. Catechism happens next this coming Saturday, 9AM to 2:30PM.
9. I conducted worship at the Carlin House on January 10 and a service of Holy Communion at Hocking Valley Community Hospital on January 17.