

**St. Matthew Lutheran Church**  
**Church Council Notes**  
**November 9, 2010**

**Members Present:** Pastor Mark Daniels, Dave Libben, Debbie Klinebriel, Jim Kalklosch, Jim Vorhees, Nancy McGargal, Lorie Ellinger, Dave Rauber, Sue Rauber, Bret Lovas, Cory Inboden, Jacob Gwinn, Fran Funk.

Also in attendance: Lori Lovas, Becky Starner, Sarah Gwinn, Anne Daniels, and Sharon Myers.

**Meeting was called to order at 7:10 by Dave L.**

**Meeting began with a prayer by Pastor Mark.**

**Motion to accept Oct. minutes as presented made by Dave R. and seconded by Jim V. Motion carried.**

**Old Business:**

1. **2010 Stewardship Program.** –Committee has reviewed materials ordered by Pastor Mark and has letters ready to be mailed.
2. **Nomination Committee**-Jim K. thanked all members of the committee for coming to their meeting prepared with names of people willing to be on the ballot. Dave had requested that they try to have at least 2 names for each position (4 for the Deacons, since 2 would be needed). And they did! (a copy of the proposed ballot is attached). A motion was made by Jim V. to approve the ballot as presented; Lorie second and motion carried. Jim K. then made a motion to set the date for a short Congregational meeting, to elect council members, for Nov. 28, 2010, immediately following the church service; Bret second and motion was carried. An announcement will be made at the next two Sunday services of the upcoming vote.

**New Business:**

1. **Garden**-Council was informed that the Darby Creek Co. had been contacted about overhauling/redoing the garden, area around the church, and parsonage grounds. This would involve removing the pear trees and replacing them with something more suitable for our climate, removing/replacing some shrubs, etc. The cost would be \$10,000-12,000, which would come out of the Kleinschmidt Garden Fund. Dave R. made a motion to go forward with this project; Bret second and motion was carried.
2. **Decorating the church/hanging of the greens for the Christmas season** will take place after the service on Sunday, Nov. 21.
3. **Pastor Mark brought to council's attention the need for a review of job descriptions (of council members, pastoral duties, etc.) as they appear in the constitution and bylaws of our congregation.** The last time any revisions were made was 1991. Along this same line, job description/duties should be composed by council for staff of the congregation such as office secretary, custodian, organist, etc. It was agreed that trustees would meet with Joe, and President, Vice President, and Pastor would meet with Lynn in Dec. to have a short draft ready for the Jan., 2011 council meeting.

**Pastor's Report:** is attached.

## **Reports:**

**Deacons:** No Report

**Trustees:** work is done on rooms upstairs; would like to have rooms painted and get new lights similar to the ones in the nursery.

**Worship and Music:** None

**Evangelism and Membership:** new signs for the highway have been ordered and are in the process of being made.

**WELCA:** Nothing new.

**Men in Mission:** Nothing new at this time.

**Youth:** Halloween party was a success; their next meeting is 11/21 and they will discuss the 30 hour famine and going to the Carlin House.

**Treasurer:** No formal report, but Sue has set up a checking account through Citizen's Bank for Wes Harmon Benefit. Checks should be made out to St. Matthew Church with Wes Harmon Benefit Account in memo line. Some sort of public announcement should be made for the benefit dinner on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> (Logan News-Community News area) to encourage more donations.

**Congregational Concerns-**Sharon Myers suggested that Council minutes be added to the monthly mailing to keep everyone more informed. Debbie will get a copy of approved minutes to Lori L. to be added to the Beacon as a PDF file (for emailing) and to the website. Paper copies will be mailed to shut-ins and also placed in the back of the sanctuary and in the fellowship hall.

**Jim V. made a motion to adjourn; Bret second. Motion carried. Council members went upstairs to see the repairs that had been made to the classrooms.**

**Closed with the Lord's Prayer  
Next meeting Dec. 14, 2010**