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CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Please see the latest council minutes located on the bulletin board in the church library.

Dear Friends,

The annual meeting was held in January and at this meeting, we, as a congregation, voted to embark on coming up with a new mission statement for our church. The purpose of our mission statement is to summarize the good that our church hopes to bring to the world.

The mission planning committee has met for the past several weeks and we now need your input. We would like to get the opinions of as many of our members as possible. Our plan is to have small groups of 6-10 meet during the week of April 6th to discuss in what direction we want to take our church. In order to prepare for these meetings, we would like you to think about the following question: "What do you see as the positives of our church"?

The meeting times will be as follows. We will have groups meet on Sunday April 6th after both services, on Wednesday April 9th after the Bible study as well as after the Lenten Service. We are asking that you attend one of these times. You can sign up for a time slot on the poster in the Narthex. We will have members of the planning committee heading up each group and will have enough of us available so that we can keep each group as small as possible.

Looking forward to hearing all of your ideas.

The mission planning committee,

Bob Maness – Chairman, Ron Hunt, Patte Lund, Phil Smalley, Deb Solko, Don Wiese and Terri Woodcock.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

In Our Prayers: Joyce Hunt, Pete Ferguson and Stu Hoffman, undergoing treatment for cancer, Kay Eagleson, and Peg Hoffman at home, Anne Teed (Pearson), Bruce Pearson's mother, under hospice care, Adolph Wacker's brother, Rudy, Pastor Wold's sister, Kathy Miller, and all of our homebound church members we name in our hearts.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Larry LaForce who passed away on March 18. His memorial service will be April 5 at 1:00 pm. And to Pastor Janet & Alan Wold on the passing of Pastor Wold's father, Tom Peele, on March 21.

SOCIAL MINISTRY AND OUTREACH

The next date for serving at Emmanuel's soup kitchen is May 25. Rhoda Fox will be out of town and would like a volunteer to coordinate that event. If you can take charge (buying food or organizing volunteers, etc.) please contact Rhoda at 815-520-3308.



We have an opportunity to help the Prisoner and Family Ministry of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois by putting together personal care kits for men & women leaving prison.

However this ministry in our congregation needs a coordinator. If you are willing to accept this leadership role please contact Rhoda Fox at 815-520-3308.

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed.

Proverbs 19:17

VISIT THE LIBRARY



Check out the open shelves on the south wall of the library for new titles.

Do you have a family reading night? If no, try it! Your church library has books for all ages. The next Library work day is Tuesday, April 8 at 9:00 am.

RAISE THE ROOF Sign a roof board for the Habitat For Humanity House of Prayers. Suggested a minimum donation of \$5 per message. Cover the new homeowners with your thoughts, prayers, Bible verses & blessings. The board will be here on Sundays April 27 and May 4. They will be used in the construction of the Thompson family house.

Adult Forum (aka "Adult Sunday School")

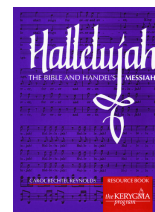


Sunday's at 9:30 a.m. in Shepherd Hall

"24 Hours that Changed the World" In this video series, Adam Hamilton invites viewers to experience and understand the significance of Jesus' final hours.

Drawing on insights from history, archaeology, geography, and the Bible, Hamilton takes us to the Holy Land and provides a deeper understanding of the most amazing day in history. We visit the sites where those earth-shaking events took place, and we walk where Jesus walked along the road that led to the pain and triumph of the cross.

Wednesday Bible Study



Wednesday's at 10:00 a.m. in Shepherd Hall

We are exploring the Scriptural texts of Handel's *Messiah* and then listening to the appropriate pieces from the *Messiah* as performed by the Chicago Symphony and Chorus:

- Behold the Lamb of God
- He Trusted in God
- Who is the King of Glory?
- I Know That My Redeemer Liveth
- Why Do the Nations Rage?
- Hallelujah, Worthy Is the Lamb, Amen

SCHEDULE FOR LENT

This year our mid-week Lenten worship services will once again use the Holden Evening Prayer as its liturgy. Remaining worship services are scheduled as follows.

Wednesday April 2:	6:0 p.m. Lenten Supper 7:00 p.m. Worship Service
Wednesday April 9	6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper 7:00 p.m. Worship Service
Sunday, April 13:	Palm Sunday, 8:15 & 10:45 services
Thursday, April 18:	Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m. Service of Holy Communion
Friday, April 19	Good Friday 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service
Sunday, April 20	Easter Sunday, 8:15 & 10:45 services 9:15-10:30 am. Easter Breakfast

The soup suppers continue each Wednesday through April 9. The Lenten worship service follows the soup supper at 7 pm. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex, if you can provide a dish for the supper.

I hope you are able to join us for all or part of the many opportunities we will have to reflect on our God's sacrifice of his Son, Jesus. God's blessings to you as we journey through this season of Lent.



PEW BIBLES We will be selling our extra pew Bibles for \$15.00. The sale will be between our Lenten supper and the service on Wednesdays and between services on Sundays.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped provide hospitality to the voters and election workers on Election Day. Thank you to Kay Brindle, Carol Dahl, Jane Hartman, Ruby Watson, Mary Lofquist, Bev Wacker, Liz Beale, Ann Honer, Don Wiese, Bruce Pearson, and Sue Francis for keeping the coffee flowing and treat plate full. Thank you to Dyvone Freburg, Bev Wacker, Barb Pearson, Carol Dahl, and Kay Brindle for baking cookies, bars, and muffins.



Meet Deaconess Cheryl Erdmann

Cheryl Erdmann is one of the newest members of Shepherd of the Valley.

You heard her preach on March 23 when Pastor Wold was away. Cheryl is a member of the Lutheran Deaconess Community of Valparaiso. She is also rostered as an Associate in Ministry in the ELCA.

Cheryl was born in the Chicago area and grew up in Park Ridge. She graduated from Valparaiso. During her adult life she lived in several different places. Cheryl has two adult children, a son and daughter. Her son and his wife live in Skokie and her daughter and son in law live in Strawberry Point, IA. Her family also includes two cats, Barry and Mocha.

One of Cheryl's jobs before coming to Rockford was Parish Deaconess at Bethany Lutheran Church in Crystal Lake. She now serves as Assistant to the Bishop of the Northern Illinois Synod.

Reading, playing the piano for her own enjoyment, and counted cross stitch are some of Cheryl's hobbies. Her mother still lives in Park Ridge so she visits the Chicago area once a month and enjoys going to the theater when she is there.

SENIOR NEWS There will be no Senior lunch in April.

RUMMAGE SALE IS COMING

Friday and Saturday, May 9-10

You may start bringing your items April 21st and put them in Moline Hall. Items needed are: appliances, books, collectables, CD's, DVD's, clothes, electronics, kitchen items, furniture, jewelry, nic knacks, outdoor items, tools.

Please note: if you donate items that do not work properly, please note that on the item. We do not want to sell anything that doesn't work and not note as such.

Many workers are needed beginning April 26 through May 10th. Soon there will be a sign-up sheet posted in the narthex. Please sign up if you can be present on the days of the sale (help will be needed May 9th & 10th from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm). If you can help sort, label or price before the sale, please stop by the church. We will be open during church hours and on selected evenings. Any help is welcome and we also appreciate your donations. If you have any questions, please call Kristen Spangler, 815-871-5255.



Butterflies will be hung in the Sanctuary on Sat. April 19 at 9 am. Join in for a fun event

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial results as of February 28, 2014 and Year End totals				
	C & B Actual	C & B Budget	C & B Yr End Actual	C & B Yr End Budget
Income	\$13,650.48	\$13,697.00	\$25,804.44	\$26,519.00
Expense	\$16,712.93	\$16,025.75	\$33,025.46	\$31,791.52
Inc/exp	-\$3,062.45	-\$2,328.75	-\$7,221.02	-\$5,272.52
plus offsets	\$967.66	\$170.00	\$1,961.59	\$595.00
plus interest	\$1.44	\$0.42	\$1.44	\$0.83
Net income	-\$2,093.35	-\$2,158.33	-\$5,257.99	-\$4,676.69
		2/28/14	1/31/14	
C&B balance		\$427.31	\$5,891.02	
	Building Actual	Building Budget	Bld Yr End Actual	Bld Yr End Budget
Income	\$2,030.00	\$2,040.00	\$3,965.00	\$3,960.00
Expense	\$2,257.40	\$2,257.40	4,489.80	4,514.80
Net inc/exp	-\$227.40	-\$217.40	-\$524.80	-\$554.80
		2/28/14	1/31/14	
Building fund balance		\$21,353.35	\$21,580.75	
Please note: Financials run one month behind in the bulletin				
Also note: The second installment cost \$4600 and we have paid \$1344 of this bill as of 2/28/14				
Balance on our mortgage -\$326405.01				

Statistics based on the 4 weeks Feb 23– March 16:

- Average weekly worship attendance: 122
- Average weekly contributions:
 - Current & Benevolence—\$3,704.73
 - Building Fund—\$436.05

YOUTH

Youth will help with bingo at Rosewood on April 6, and May 4 at 2 p.m. Youth Group meetings will take place on the first scheduled Sunday School day of each month in the youth room.



Church Basement Ladies are coming to Rockford area. The story is about the ladies that work in the church basement cooking meals for church functions. Church Basement Ladies is a humorous "scrapbook of memories" of what it was like to grow up Lutheran in the Midwest in the 1950's.

In A Mighty Fortress is our Basement they're cookin' again at East Cornucopia Lutheran! It's 1960, and a reformation is underway. Beverly's getting her first high heels, Mrs. Engelson's getting her driver's license. Through it all, these "bulwarks never failing" stand strong in their faith and in their friendships. With great songs and more lessons reluctantly learned, the Church Basement Ladies are at it again in their new musical comedy. General Admission seating. There is a 2pm show and a 7pm show. Kay Brindle is selling tickets for either show. The cost is \$22.

SUMMER CAMPS: Information for summer camps at both LOMC and Lutherdale is available on the table outside the sanctuary and on the kiosk.



SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY PRESCHOOL

We had a lot of fun in March with that crazy leprechaun and all the messes he made in our classroom and with our dress silly day. I'm sure there were many stories. Dad's Day, with either Dad, Grandpa, or an Uncle was also a big success. Registration for Shepherd of the Valley pre school continues. Tuition is \$75 a month for the 3-year-olds and \$120 per month for the 4-year-olds with a \$65 non refundable deposit. There is a \$10 per month discount for members of Shepherd of the Valley.



The Easter Egg Hunt will begin approximately at noon on April 13 (Palm Sunday) in Moline Hall or outside weather permitting. Please sign up in the narthex with your last name and the number of children in each age group. (ages 1—11) or call the church office.

DON'T FORGET TO INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

Easter egg hunt donations needed. We are collecting items for our eggs! We are looking for items like small toys, candy, certificates or coupons for treats, tattoos, stickers, little craft items, small stuffed animals, jewelry, hair items, etc. Please bring items no later than Wed., April 9th. There is a collection box in the Narthex.

Easter Breakfast will be served from 9:15–10:30 am on Easter Sunday, April 20.

Pancakes

Scrambled Eggs

Sausage

Fruit and Rolls

Coffee, Juice & Milk

Sign up in the narthex.

Free will offering.



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Save the dates:

May 17 & 18—Six Flags Great America and Rockford Area Lutheran Ministries present "Coasters for A Cause" a fundraiser to support the ParkPlayers.

July 13—Rockford Area Lutheran Ministries night at Magic Waters Water park .

July 14—18 — Vacation Bible School at Shepherd of the Valley.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

June 11

June 25

Doors open at

July 9

July 23

6:30 pm.

August 6

August 20

Concert begins

In the Sanctuary

at 7:00 pm.