

MAY 2010

GREETINGS

Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian Church. On that day, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the gathered disciples. They were compelled to go to the crowded streets of Jerusalem and tell all who would listen of the good news of Jesus Christ.

Pentecost, named for 50 (pente) days after Passover, was a Jewish celebration of the harvest, a pilgrimage of obligation to Jerusalem. But for the Christian Church, it became a "harvest of souls" for Christ and we are told that 3,000 were added to the followers of Christ on that day. (Acts 2:41) As pilgrims returned home they spread the Word "to every nation under heaven" and the Church grew.

We celebrate Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd, a major festival of the Church, as two catechism students complete two years of instruction and confirm their faith. Others who have been instructed in Holy Communion will receive their First Communion.

Pentecost gives its name also to the season that follows: a half-year of instruction in the Christian faith. Bible readings and sermons will raise up those teachings which are basic to our life with God and with each other.

The color of the Pentecost season is green, just like our lawns. It is a growing season in the Faith, also the name of our congregation. You are invited to share this vigorous celebration and grow in grace. May this be a re-birth for us as we are inspired by the Holy Spirit among us.

Pastor Stacy

COUNCIL MINUTES

March 9, 2010

PRESENT: Doug Patterson, Don Poidevin, Charles DiFelice, Richard Peters, Ron Shively, John Kintz, Merrilyn Penegor, Phillip Koenig, Norm Erickson, Len Barney and David Stacy. No guests.

Called to order at 7:05pm. Motion to accept January and February minutes – Approved/

Request for Use of Facilities: 3/19/10 approved; 3/21/10 approved; 4/3/10 approved; 4/24/10 approved; 8/8/10 – Approved.

Pastor's report emailed to council - Approved.

Treasurer's report from 03/07/10: Approved

Old Business

Insurance proposal – new insurance company with a cost of \$23,336.61 – a savings of \$21,000+ from previous Ins. Company. Discussion

Motion to fax our deck sheet to the mortgage company for their approval. Approved

Law Suit – Pre trial update from Ron Shively and John Kintz – Trial sometime in April.

Parish House – tenant given 30 day eviction notice.

Repair and Paint work – Workman's comp. has exempt waiver. Liability ins. ok. Approval tabled.

New Business

Chamber of Commerce membership declined

Gary DeVore's seat on Council vacated. Council will appoint new member to replace.

Sunday riders to Worship service need to be called on Fridays by office volunteers. Approved

Concern for members not attending worship. – reach-out night suggested by Don Poidevin. A Committee needed for a 3-5 year plan to implement.

Adjourn

Next meeting – April 6, 2010

(When you come to Church, you will find the full minutes posted in the Narthex each month.)

STEWARDSHIP

Walk with Jesus Campaign

It is interesting to not that with the latest accounting audit, the Emergency Fund shows a balance of \$3,695. As you will recall, this fund was started last Fall to raise money towards our insurance bill. It's gratifying to see that the fund still has a balance to call on for extraordinary events. Currently, we are looking for extra donations to clean the Narthex carpet where a large spill has provided an unsightly stain – not a very welcoming sight when entering the church. A professional cleaner was contacted for a quote and appraised the job at \$350. By the time you read this, no doubt with your generous giving, we will have raised enough to take care of the cleaning without dipping into the balance. We know that there are many venues of the church and community asking for your extra money, so, we thank one and all for helping once more.

HAPPENINGS AT FAITH

NOTE FROM THE ROGERS FAMILY

We are planning a garage sale at the church in the next few weeks. This will be held to raise money for Kayla's mission trip this summer to Los Angeles. We are asking the congregation for donations for this sale and would appreciate anything they can gather. If anyone is in need of items to be picked up, that can be arranged. We appreciate everyone's support. CALL Sheila at 369-8411.

THE LEARNING VILLAGE

This report has been placed at the end of the newsletter.

WELCA

Don't forget the Annual Carry-In Dinner for all WELCA members and guests on May 6 at 6pm in Sweatlock Hall with a program ("Women of the Bible") following the dinner. This is open to everyone. Bring a friend.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP ACTIVITIES FOR MAY

WITHIN THE FOLD

ALTAR GUILD FOR MAY

Jo Anne Borkert and Sheila Rogers

GREETERS FOR MAY

5/2/10 Charles & Denise DiFelice

5/9/10 Ted & Judy Bawor

5/16/10 Dottie Nelson & Gloria Heidelmark

5/23/10 Julie and Sarah Yennerell

5/30/10 Jim & Ginny Wollerman

ACOLYTES FOR MAY

05/02 Olivia Patterson/Natalie Peters

05/09 Zachary Welsh/Samuel Ballinger

05/16 Emma and Abby Sokhanvari

05/23 Olivia Patterson/Nolan Jerrie

05/30 Lea and Katie Harvey

READERS FOR MAY

LaVon Koenig

USHERS FOR MAY

Dick and Edie Lapish, Gary Lohr and Joan Sozzi

DRIVERS FOR MAY

05/02 Will Rogers

05/09 John Kintz

05/16 Damon Shelor

05/23 Richard Peters

05/30 Damon Shelor

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday and God's Blessings to:

05/01 Larry Day
05/01 Jackson Manetta
05/02 Barbara Lindroth
05/03 Richard Lapisch
05/03 JoAnne Naus
05/04 Kimberly Natoli
05/05 Robert Bollenbach
05/06 James Hausle
05/06 Lisa Hadley
05/08 Robert Lovejoy
05/10 Harry Ludwig
05/10 Barry Moll
05/10 Lydia Frantz
05/10 Grace Ballinger
05/12 Violet O'Donnell (98)
05/12 Abby Sokhanvari
05/16 Rose Poidevin
05/18 Darian Peters
05/20 William Hertzner
05/20 John Short
05/21 Frances Vandivier
05/21 Brenda Short
05/22 Danielle Poidevin
05/23 Jeanette Vesper
05/23 Robert Yennerell
05/24 Ruth Sonnenberg
05/24 Ryan DeVore
05/25 Mark Brown
05/25 Robert Waigand II
05/25 Cole DeVore
05/26 Mary Stasey
05/27 John Kintz
05/27 Medlyn Hamilton
05/27 Marsha Williams
05/28 William Richardson
05/31 Sandra Lohr

Happy Anniversary and God's Blessings to:

05/02 Don & Mary Grace Getz
05/03 Richard & JoAnne Naus
05/04 Gary & Sandra Lohr
05/07 Antonio & Josephine Ramirez
05/12 John & Bonita Kintz
05/15 Michael & Mickie Shaw
05/16 Nils & Barbara Lindroth
05/17 Joseph & Delores Sheppard
05/23 Gerald & Carol Arthur
05/24 David & Colleen Cress
05/28 Doug & Linda Patterson

05/29 Gregory & Loretta Menez

05/30 Matthew & Christina Fewox

The Lord bless you and keep you.....Num. 6:24

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Rev. David Stacy, Interim Pastor

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

J. L. Kreger

OFFICE STAFF

J. L. Kreger, *Administrative Assistant*

Jo Anne Borkert, *Financial Secretary*

Linda Carter, *Webmaster*

Volunteers for Filing and Reception

In our office

Dorothy Nelson, Marguerite Kull, Mariam Snider,
Doris Brown, Mary Jane McArthur, Toria Via, Lois Duff,
Nancy Eng, Frances Vandivier & Audrey Downey
Laura Barney (sub.), Diane Bernatz-Memorials

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

President, Douglas Patterson

Vice President, Donald Poidevin

Secretary, Richard Peters

Treasurer, Charles DiFelice

Len Barney, Jerry Emmel, Norm Erickson

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CHURCH COMMITTEES

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Lisa Peters, Dee Waigand, Suzanne Mojta, Melissa Welsh, *Liaison—Norm Erickson*

EVANGELISM

Bob Wolfe, *Liaison—Len Barney*

FINANCE

Betty Richards, Jo Anne Borkert, Jerry Emmel, Pr. Stacy, *Liaison—Charles DiFelice*

LEARNING VILLAGE

Lisa Peters-Director, Barry Moll-President, Don Poidevin-Secretary, Sarah Polter, Bonnie Kintz, Jennifer Glasser, Kelli DeVore, Pr. David Stacy, *Liaison—Phillip Koenig*

PROPERTY

Larry Vandivier, Gary Lohr, Damon Shelor, Laura Barney, Connie Wattenmaker, Walter Dierks, *Liaison—John Kintz*

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Barbara Emery, Sheila Rogers, Jim Kreger, Mark Brown, LaVon Koenig, *Liaison—Richard Peters*

STEWARDSHIP

Lorraine Schultz, Charles Emery, Tom Nelson, Hank Hendel, *Liaison—Don Poidevin*

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Jeanette Vesper (Altar Guild), Marguerite Kull (Greeters), Lynn Beck (Readers), Jim Kreger (Music), Bob Wolfe (Communion Assistants), Jerry Emmel (Music), Damon Shelor (Drivers), Doug Patterson (Ushers), Melissa Welsh (Acolytes), Pr. Stacy, *Liaison—Merrilyn Penegor*

YOUTH/ORGANIZATIONS

Barbara Emery, Charles Emery, *Liaison—*

04/23/10

Treasurer's Report for January, 2010 through January, 2010

Account Number	Account Name	Current Month	Year to Date	Monthly Budget
<u>Income</u>				
	OFFERINGS	\$22,261.93	\$22,261.93	\$0.00
	OTHER INCOME	\$578.08	\$578.08	\$0.00
	LV REIMBURSEMENTS	\$22,053.04	\$22,053.04	\$0.00
	BRUNCHES/DINNERS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	BENEVOLENCE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	DESIGNATED GIVING	\$233.99	\$233.99	\$0.00
	USE OF FACILITIES	\$1,525.00	\$1,525.00	\$0.00
	OTHER GIVING	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL INCOME- GF & DR, OTHER	<u>\$48,868.04</u>	<u>\$48,868.04</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<u>Expense</u>				
	BENEVOLENCE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	STAFF	\$6,456.69	\$6,456.69	\$0.00
	WORSHIP	\$21.50	\$21.50	\$0.00
	GROWTH IN FAITH	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	PROPERTY	\$2,354.61	\$2,354.61	\$0.00
	OFFICE	\$7,294.33	\$7,294.33	\$0.00
	LOANS & MORTGAGE	\$3,959.00	\$3,959.00	\$0.00
	KITCHEN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	DESIGNATED SPENDING	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	LEARNING VILLAGE	\$17,386.76	\$17,386.76	\$0.00
	EXPENSES			
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$39,622.68</u>	<u>\$39,622.68</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	Difference	<u>\$9,245.36</u>	<u>\$9,245.36</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>

04/23/10

Treasurer's Report for January, 2010 through February, 2010

Account Number	Account Name	Current Month	Year to Date
<u>Income</u>			
	OFFERINGS	\$18,434.64	\$40,696.57
	OTHER INCOME	\$2,568.13	\$3,146.21
	LV REIMBURSEMENTS	\$18,871.05	\$40,924.09
	BRUNCHES/DINNERS	\$0.00	\$0.00
	BENEVOLENCE	\$0.00	\$0.00
	DESIGNATED GIVING	\$363.00	\$596.99
	USE OF FACILITIES	\$1,377.50	\$2,902.50
	OTHER GIVING	\$0.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL INCOME- GF & DR, OTHER	<u>\$39,398.32</u>	<u>\$88,266.36</u>
<u>Expense</u>			
	BENEVOLENCE	\$458.34	\$458.34
	STAFF	\$7,817.34	\$14,274.03
	WORSHIP	\$126.61	\$148.11
	GROWTH IN FAITH	\$0.00	\$0.00
	PROPERTY	\$3,729.48	\$6,084.09
	OFFICE	\$2,239.39	\$9,533.72
	LOANS & MORTGAGE	\$5,958.58	\$9,917.58
	KITCHEN	\$0.00	\$0.00
	DESIGNATED SPENDING	\$670.00	\$670.00
	LEARNING VILLAGE	\$17,394.65	\$34,781.41
	EXPENSES		
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$0.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$36,244.60</u>	<u>\$75,867.28</u>
	Difference	<u>\$3,153.72</u>	<u>\$12,399.08</u>

04/23/10

Treasurer's Report for January, 2010 through March, 2010

Account Number	Account Name	Current Month	Year to Date
<u>Income</u>			
	OFFERINGS	\$18,044.68	\$58,741.25
	OTHER INCOME	\$119.33	\$3,265.54
	LV REIMBURSEMENTS	\$16,900.84	\$57,824.93
	BRUNCHES/DINNERS	\$309.00	\$309.00
	BENEVOLENCE	\$0.00	\$0.00
	DESIGNATED GIVING	\$335.00	\$931.99
	USE OF FACILITIES	\$2,072.50	\$4,975.00
	OTHER GIVING	\$0.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL INCOME- GF & DR, OTHER	<u>\$37,781.35</u>	<u>\$126,047.71</u>
<u>Expense</u>			
	BENEVOLENCE	\$458.34	\$916.68
	STAFF	\$7,584.38	\$21,858.41
	WORSHIP	\$529.09	\$677.20
	GROWTH IN FAITH	\$0.00	\$0.00
	PROPERTY	\$10,106.60	\$16,190.69
	OFFICE	\$734.61	\$10,268.33
	LOANS & MORTGAGE	\$4,958.79	\$14,876.37
	KITCHEN	\$0.00	\$0.00
	DESIGNATED SPENDING	(\$405.00)	\$265.00
	LEARNING VILLAGE	\$17,410.38	\$52,191.79
	EXPENSES		
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$0.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$41,377.19</u>	<u>\$117,244.47</u>
	Difference	<u>(\$3,595.84)</u>	<u>\$8,803.24</u>

LUTHERAN POTLUCK LUNCHEON

WE WILL BE HAVING A VERY SPECIAL POTLUCK LUNCHEON ON JUNE 6, 2010 FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE. NOW, A TYPICAL LUTHERAN POTLUCK WOULD HAVE LITURGICALLY COLORED JELLO AND A PENTECOST THEME WITH MORE THAN ENOUGH FOOD FOR EVERYONE IN CHURCH. SO PLAN ON IT!

OUR THEME, HOWEVER, WILL BE TO HONOR ALL THOSE MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH WHO HAVE REACHED OR WILL REACH THE AGE OF 90 OR MORE THIS YEAR. WE WILL ALSO HONOR ALL THOSE COUPLES WHO HAVE BEEN MARRIED 50 OR MORE YEARS THIS YEAR.

DON'T MISS IT!!!!

WORK DAY

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR **MAY 15 ALL DAY**. WE WILL NEED HELP FROM EVERY SEGMENT OF OUR CHURCH POPULATION. WE NEED THE KITCHEN IN SWEATLOCK HALL CLEANED AND ORGANIZED. WE NEED WORK DONE IN WHISNANT HALL (KITCHEN CLEANED AND FLOORS CLEANED). PALM TREES NEED TO BE TRIMMED. BUSHES AROUND CHURCH, ROSE GARDEN AND SWEATLOCK HALL NEED TO BE TRIMMED.

SOFFITT WORK NEEDS TO BE DONE ON SOUTH SIDE OF SCHMIDT AND THE DOOR ON EAST SIDE OF SCHMIDT NEEDS TO BE FINISHED WITH TRIM.

YOU MAY NEED TO BRING A LADDER, A HAMMER, A MOP, SOME CLEANING CLOTHS OR A BROOM. CHECK WITH DOUG AT 369-0903.

SOMEBODY WILL HAVE COFFEE PREPARED AND THERE WILL PROBABLY BE LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE SOMEWHERE ON PROPERTY MOST OF THE DAY.

THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE FUN AND GET WORK DONE AT THE SAME TIME.

THE LEARNING VILLAGE PRESCHOOL

The Learning Village held its third annual Chinese Auction on Saturday, April 24th. This annual fundraiser is to benefit the school's playground expansion. We raised \$916 towards this fund at this event. Our efforts bring this fund balance to \$3941. It has taken us three years of efforts to raise these funds. We are excited that we can start the process of the expansion now. It will cost about half of this balance to expand the fencing. We plan on making a bike area, basketball area, and a gardening area with the expansion. We are also in desperate need to replace the existing playground mulch. We will be using the remainder of these funds towards that effort.

Each of our classrooms collected items to make theme baskets for us to give away. We would like to do a big thank you out to Elyse Bouzas, teacher and Heather Crespi, parent. These two individuals worked very hard through mail, phone conversations and in person requests to secure all the donations we used for the auction. We would like to thank those organizations who donated goods and services to the event:

- Footnotes Dance Studio, One Month Free, (Dance, Music, or Zumba)
- Pump-it-Up, Pop In and Play Pass
- Broadway Palm Dinner, Pair of Tickets
- Pieces of Eight Pirate Cruise, Stow Away Pass for 2
- Hyatt Place Coconut Point, Free Night
- Copperhead Golf and Country Club, of Golf for 4 People including Cart Fee Naples Princess, Sightseeing Cruise for 2
- Riverhall, 4 Rounds of Golf

- Pelican Preserve, Round of Golf for 4 People including Cart Fee
- Naples Zoo, Family Four Pack
- Imaginarium, Family Four Pack
- Chuck E Cheese , 2 Family Packs
- Gatorlanes, Six Free Games
- Chick-fil-A, 2 Catering Gift Certificates
- Zuleta's Indoor Batting Cages, 3 Gift Certificates
- Everblades, Autographed Hockey Pack
- Bowland, Six Free Games
- Miracle Baseball, 4 Pairs of Box Seats
- Bowland, 1 Hour Lane Rental
- World Gym, 1 Month Membership
- Tire Kingdom, Free Oil Change
- Sunsplash Family Waterpark, Pair of Tickets
- Fiesta Golf & Party, 2 Family Four Packs
- Norman Love Chocolates, 15 Piece Gift Box
- Children's Bikes(2), Private Donor

In addition, thank you to the following stores for donating items for our concession stand:

- Sweetbay Supermarkets
- Jack's Market
- Walgreen's Drug
- Winn Dixie
- Wal-Mart

We would like to congratulate Autumn "Pepper", a TLV student, who won this year's Split-the-Pot cash jackpot of \$173. We are planning our next Chinese Auction for the end of November 2010. Be sure to be on the lookout and join us for an afternoon of fun!

Jack Hartmann takes the Learning Village by Storm!

On Tuesday, April 20th, the Learning Village welcomed Jack Hartmann, a children's song writer and performer to our Sweatlock Fellowship Hall as he performed a private concert for the students of The Learning Village. The kids sang and danced and had a great time. Even Pastor David, (aka Chicken 10), was seen on stage dancing and singing with the teachers for the Chicken 1 to 10 Song.

Graduation Announcement!

The Learning Village will be holding its cap and gown graduation ceremony on Sunday, May 24th at 3:00 pm. We would like to invite the congregation to witness this momentous occasion in these young lives as they graduate preschool and are ready to take on Kindergarten.

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