

FROM THE PASTOR



MUSTARD SEED
CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
APRIL 2016

Dear Friends in Christ,

When a man believes that he is being called by God to the Office of the Holy Ministry and heads to the seminary, the plethora of studies and experiences can be quite overwhelming. While the seminary is really no different from any other graduate school with its academic requirements and expectation of excellence, it can also feel like a completely different and isolated world. In that place, talk of God and forgiveness and death and life and all those sorts of things that are so often avoided are part of everyday, regular conversation. I never felt more uncomfortable and out of place than when I was at the seminary. Everything seemed so foreign to me. Of course, the students who were there after following their educational path through the Concordia University System felt right at home. Then there was me. I know I wasn't the only one who felt that way. I went to a Lutheran college but it didn't quite feel the same. In fact, it didn't feel the same at all. Only the studying was the same...reading, testing, writing, testing, reading. You get the idea.

One of the things every seminarian must do is have exposure and experience in church during his time at the seminary. So, each student is assigned to a field work congregation where he will "practice" being a pastor. There, under the tutelage of an ordained pastor, he will teach Bible classes, write and preach sermons, assist in leading the liturgy, work with the youth, visit the shut-ins, make hospital visits, and the like. This takes place over 2 years. Along with working in a congregation to develop his skills, he is also required to perform one semester of "institutional field work" where he will be assigned to one of the local hospitals or nursing homes to develop the necessary skills needed to be an effective spiritual leader in that kind of environment. Students who take the traditional route in seminary (that's what I did) then go on a vicarage assignment for 12 months and return their 4th year to finish their education before being called to serve as a pastor of a congregation.

It would sure be great if the seminary could prepare the pastor for everything he "might" be exposed to while in the ministry. Unfortunately, there are not enough books, time, teachers, or dollars to do it. One of the difficult things many pastors face is sickness and death. There are so many things we wish we had the answer for but are left searching for answers ourselves. When bad things happen to 'good' people, we know the answer is sin but it doesn't always help with the immediate trauma of the event(s). I can't tell you the number of times I have felt so inadequate and incompetent when I don't know exactly what to say or how to say it. There are times I just want to stick my head in the sand and hope that nobody notices. Sometimes, I just want to throw in

the towel because for whatever reason, I have been momentarily convinced that there is something better and easier out there. But, I know in my heart of hearts that God has called me to this vocation and I simply could not do anything else as fulfilling and rewarding as ministry.

I struggle at times. Sometimes my head gets me into trouble because my ear may lean in to listen to the lies and deceit of the devil. I am a sinner, after all. But those lies and temptations and deceit the wicked one sows usually lend their hand to how guilty I am; how I could be a better husband or father or pastor; how I could be a better son; that death really is final and life after death is a lie. Yeah...the devil whispers in my ear too.

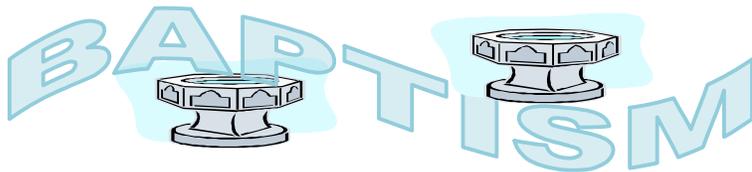
My two greatest struggles are with guilt and death/disease. I will steer clear of the whole guilt thing. There's just not enough paper or time for that one. But, death...why? I really don't mean that I don't understand why it happens...but I don't always understand why it has to happen. When I spoke to Pastor Sanderson and he told me for the first time that he had cancer and that his prognosis was not good, I just couldn't wrap my head around it. It shook me up...turned my world upside down. He is a healthy guy...an athlete...a runner...very active. He was always on me about my philosophy that eating was a sport. And I still contend, it takes a lot of work to maintain the belly I have built! But, then in April when I talked to him and he sounded so weak and tired, my world was flipped upside-down again. I cried...yes, I cried. I was sad. I didn't like the idea of having to say 'good-bye' even though I know I don't see or talk to Sanderson on a regular basis. I don't like the feeling I get in my gut when I can't fix what is wrong and when I can't fix what's wrong with me. I didn't like the metal taste I got in my mouth just before I had to tell the congregation what I had learned and what, at that moment, looked like a very real and present and harsh truth.

But, I still had to put my game face on and present a strong façade. See, we pastors struggle and hurt and get upset and angry and cry...just like you. Of course, we are taught that we need to be strong for those we serve. But so often, perhaps more often than most people ever realize, our hearts ache for those who are struggling...who are dying...who are left behind...who have to put the pieces of their life back together. We preach "NOT" to say 'good-bye', but we ourselves struggle not saying 'good-by.' Even the strongest and toughest and calloused of pastors get broken-hearted, but they dare not show that side too often lest they not be as effective for the flock God has called them to shepherd.

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Happy Birthday!

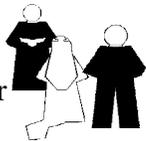
Penelope Backs	05/02
Ted Schauer	05/03
Kristina Parker	05/10
Keith Macomber	05/12
Brayden Pray	05/12
Deborah Lamaestra	05/14
Katie Strom	05/14
Lisa Elam	05/22
Michael Bickham	05/24
Abby Rutledge	05/25
Jeanene Euhus	05/28
Carter Rutledge	05/28



Al Rahn	05/01
Patrick Stuebs	05/01
Carolyn Claude	05/02
Sherri Williams	05/14
Mark Ford	05/15
Phyllis Strickhouser	05/15
Bruce Fenske	05/19
Trina Elam	05/25
Virginia Hildestad	05/25

Happy Anniversary

Pat & Whitney Stuebs	05/01
Chuck & Susan Liehe	05/02
Pastor Michael & Jennifer Kessler	05/15



STEWARDSHIP

You and I know that our Redeemer lives!

At our meeting Connie reported that the 2017 envelopes have been purchased and paid for. There was discussion about:

1. Another fund raiser to be held in the Fall.
2. Publishing a new updated church directory in 2017.
3. Who is responsible for picking up and placing in safe keeping the Sunday Fund on Sunday morning?

Connie is returning to her Summer home and will return in the Fall. We will miss her and wish her the best in her church there. They are fortunate to have her service.

The committee is planning to update the mail boxes to include our new members. We welcome them to our church family.

Galvary Lutheran Church Council Reports

Board Meetings & Council Sunday, May 1, 2016 @ 11:45am

If you have a complaint or concern please attend the board meetings so the boards can address the issue.

2016 Contributions	
04/03/2016	\$2,639.00
04/10/2016	\$2,651.03
04/14/2016	\$2,012.00
04/24/2016	\$1,256.47



Avg. \$ per week \$2,139.63

Contribution amount needed, per week is **\$3,444.95** to meet current budget.

Year to date	\$53,314.18
Fund raiser (pizza)	364.25
Avg. \$ per week	\$ 3,1457.56

2016 Contributions & Expenses APRIL (UNRECONCILED)

GENERAL FUND	
Contributions	\$ 9,401.03
Misc Income	\$
Expenses	\$ 9,810.82
Excess/Loss	\$ -302.32

YEAR TO DATE

Contributions	\$54,320.18
Misc Income	\$ 914.25
Expenses	\$52,658.59
Excess/Loss	\$ 2,575.84

Parking Lot Fund

Fund Total as of February \$12,056.00

April Contributions	\$
Fund Total	\$12,056.00

Door Offering

There will be a door offering in May to help assist two of our youth attending camps. Cailynn is raising funds to participate in Christ Lutheran Church's LAMP VBS Bible study in Canada. Elizabeth is raising funds to attend a Mining Society Symposium. Both girls have already completed one fund raiser and are currently working on the rest of the funds needed to participate in their activity.

So when at home, often into the arms of our spouses, and sometimes our children catching a glimpse, we break down and cry and sob and pray and cry some more. Why there?

Because, there is where we let our hair down, so to speak. So often, at home we find our sanctuary where the worries and concerns we have are hidden from the public. But, it doesn't always happen that way.

As I write this article, my heart is not far from my vicarage supervisor and predecessor. While serving you wonderful people here at Calvary, I am reminded every day when I step into my office, of Pastor Sanderson. Everywhere I look, I see him...in the chair behind the desk where I now sit...behind the pulpit where I now preach...behind the podium leading Bible class where I now teach...behind the man that is me. No...I am not him...but he is certainly a part of me. And Steve, if you are reading this...THANK YOU! What an honor it is to serve where you served, and preach where you preached, and teach where you taught. I learned so many things from you...things that I still do today as I lead God's flock in the Divine Service...things that I say...things that I do. I also learned things 'not' to do from you... things you taught me to change...things I didn't think you did most effectively...things that would make me stronger. Every time I have a 'Stan's' breakfast burrito...I think of you. I can still eat 2 of them, you know. Like I said, eating is a sport! I see the pieces/parts of computers and computer cables in the office and I think, "Yeah...he'd figure out a use for these. Me...I'd just pitch them." Some still think you walk on water and get upset when I tell them that you just know where the rocks are. But, I tend to agree with them...you kind of do walk on water...you are pretty special. I guess Steve, my "Thank You" comes with a heart that is full of love and a heart that feels like it is breaking. I don't like feeling like I have to say 'good-bye.' But, I also know by faith that I don't have to. I know that there is a time and season for everything, and one of those seasons is being rejoined with our loved ones in the faith in heaven's paradise. See, even now you are teaching me...teaching me how to live and die...living and dying faithfully...relying on God and His grace to sustain me until I finish the race. So, should you beat me to glory... I look forward to our reunion. Should I beat you there, I'll look forward to your arrival. Nevertheless, I know that because "OUR" Redeemer lives, in the twinkling of an eye...in a moment...we will be with our Redeemer in His arms...in His embrace...where we will behold and kiss the very face of Christ...and then we will know... we are home.

Pastor Kessler

LCMS Synod Bylaws 3.12.2–3.12.2.1 provides the procedure for receiving nominations and determining the slate of three candidates for the office of President. In early October 2015, each voting congregation of the Synod received its official President/First Vice-President nominating ballot, providing opportunity to nominate one or two ordained ministers of the Synod for President. The deadline for submitting nominations was Feb. 9, 2016. The ballots were received and tabulated by the audit firm Brown Smith Wallace of St. Louis. A report of the results of the balloting process and biographical and other information for each of the three candidates on the slate for the office of President is printed beginning on page 7 of this publication. The election of the President will take place four weeks prior to the 2016 LCMS convention. The candidates for this election will be the three nominees who received the most nominating votes and consented to serve if elected. The voters for this election will be the delegates who represented their congregations at their 2015 district conventions (or their substitutes). The election results will be made public two weeks before the Synod convention.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS/CANDIDATES for President of the Synod* a total of 2,101 nominating votes were cast by 1,338 congregations of the Synod (*compared to 1,479 in 2013; 2,007 in 2010; 2,075 in 2007; 2,581 in 2004; 3,001 in 2001; and 3,343 in 1998*). As required by Bylaw 3.12.2 (d), here following are the names and tallies of all ordained ministers who received nominating votes:

Matthew C. Harrison.....	755
Dale A. Meyer.....	442
David P. E. Maier.....	358
Patrick T. Ferry.....	243
Herbert C. Mueller, Jr.....	235
Clint K. Poppe.....	13
John C. Wohlrabe, Jr.....	7
Daniel Preus.....	5

3 Votes:

Carl C. Fickenscher, II; Kenneth M. Hennings; Scott R. Murray;
Russell L. Sommerfeld

2 Votes:

Gerald Kieschnick; Robert D. Newton; Jacob A. O. Preus, III;
Martin Schultz; Wallace Schulz

1 Vote:

Gregory J. P. Barth; Victor J. Belton; Ralph Blomenberg; Jon T. Diefenthaler; Michael K. Erickson; Christopher S. Esget; Dan P. Gilbert; Roosevelt Gray, Jr.; Barrie E. Henke; Charles M. Henrickson; Hardy J. Jamison; Gerhard C. Michael; Rolf D. Preus; Jason A. Reed; Robert M. Roegner; Ken R. Schurb; Wayne W. Schwiesow; Gregory P. Seltz; Larry M. Vogel; William C. Weinrich; Dean O. Wenthe

As required by Bylaw 3.12.2.1 (a), the nominees who received the highest number of votes were notified to obtain their approval in writing for the inclusion of their names on the ballot. Because there were no declinations, the ballot for the election of the President of the Synod

(four weeks prior to the 2016 convention) will contain the names of the top three nominees. Because the Bylaws of the Synod provide no opportunity for adding names to this slate, these are the candidates for the office of President of the Synod, in alphabetical order:

Of those receiving the highest number of nominating votes for the office of President, the three candidates who received the highest number of votes have also given their consent to serve if elected:

(Note: * denotes incumbency)



Name..... Matthew C. Harrison*
 Birth Date..... March 14, 1962
 Birthplace.....Sioux City, IA
 Wife's Maiden Name..... Kathy Schimm
 Number of Children.....2
 College.....Morningside College, Sioux City, IA (1984)

Seminary.....Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (1989)

Other Degrees..... S.T.M., Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne; LL.D., Concordia University, Ann Arbor; D.D., Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne; Graduate Studies, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Member of Synod Congregations.....54

Rostered Member of Synod.....25

Year of Ordination.....1991

Pastorates

Congregations

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Westgate, IA..... 1991–1995

Zion Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN..... 1995–2001

Village Lutheran Church, Ladue, MO.....2010–Present

Other Full-Time Positions

Position & Employer

Missionary to Native Canadians

Lutheran Association, Missionaries and Pilots(LAMP).... 1983–1984

Graduate Assistant

Concordia Theological Seminary..... 1990–1991

Executive Director, World Relief and Human Care

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod..... 2001–2010

President

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.....2010–Present

Other Synod Offices

Position

Board for Missions..... 1993–1995

Founding President, National Lutheran Housing

Support Corporation..... 2004–2010

Other District Offices

Position

District Task Force on Rural Ministry..... 1993–1995

Synod Nominations Committee..... 1994–1995

Other Significant Service or Experience

Type of Service

Co-Founder, St. Peter's/Zion Project for Neighborhood

Renewal..... 1995–2001

Project Renew (Neighborworks Housing) Board..... 1995–2001

Fort Wayne Urban League Building Committee.....1999

Catholic/Lutheran Dialogue; LCMS President's Church Relations

Cabinet..... 1996–2001; 2001–2010

Lutheran Services in America Board; LWR.....2001–2010

Author/Translator/Editor of numerous publications: most recently,

Letters to Lutheran Pastors, Vols. 1–3; *Church and Office*; *A Little*

Book on Joy; *At Home in the House of My Fathers*; *Christ Have*

Mercy; *Meditations on Divine Mercy*; *Chemnitz Church Order*.

Managed Synod's national response to Haiti, Asian Tsunami,

Katrina, etc. 2001–2010

Personal Statement

“The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost” (Luke 19:10).

That's the entire reason for the Church. I said I'd lead by conviction, not coercion (Gal. 5:13f.) By grace, I've tried to do that. I'm a sinner. I refuse (like Walther himself) to put mission and doctrine at odds (1 Tim. 1). This is our moment, clearly. We've increased missionaries. Our finances are in order. I've shared the domestic demographic challenge. We know what is needed: (1) outreach to all, (2) planting/revitalizing congregations, (3) retaining children/youth, (4) healthy workers. We're so blessed! (Col. 1:11). “Take courage” (Acts 23:11). “Let's go!” (Mark 1:38). *Also nominated for First Vice-President of Synod.*



Name.....David P. E. Maier
 Birth Date.....May 8, 1956
 Birthplace..... Levittown, PA
 Wife's Maiden Name.....Pat Kemmerling
 Number of Children..... 4
 College..... Concordia University, Ann Arbor (1978)

Seminary.....Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (1982)

Other Degrees..... Litt.D., St. Peter Confessional Lutheran Church of South Africa; LL.D., Concordia University, Ann Arbor; D.D., Concordia University Wisconsin

Member of Synod Congregations.....60

Rostered Member of Synod.....34

Year of Ordination.....1982

Pastorates

Congregations

Our Savior Lutheran Church, Marlette, MI..... 1982–1984

St. Peter Lutheran Church, Arlington Heights, IL..... 1984–1989

Our Savior Lutheran Church, Lansing, MI..... 1989–2009

Other Full-Time Positions

Position & Employer

District President Michigan District.....2009–Present

Other Synod Offices

Position

Vice-Chairman, Council of Presidents.....2015–Present

Res. 4-04A Task Force—To Study Higher Education

Efficiency.....009–Present

Concordia College Alabama Task Force.....2015–Present

Other District Offices

Position

Board of Family Life..... 1990–1991

Circuit Visitor (CV chairman for three years)..... 1991–2000

Vice-President..... 2000–2009

Other Significant Service or Experience

Type of Service

Concordia University Wisconsin Board of Regents.....2012–Present

Wellspring Lutheran Services Board.....2009–Present

Camp Dean, Camp Arcadia, Arcadia, MI..... Several Years

Personal Statement

Thankful for the blessings of the LCMS, its loving proclamation of biblical truth, centrality of Jesus, educational focus, rich traditions, and bold mission “vigorously to make known the love of Christ by word and deed within our churches, communities, and the world,” I am confident that the best for our congregations is yet to come. This Great Commission emphasis gives clear direction for our future as we trust that God's Word—proclaimed, administered, and lived in the world—will not return to Him empty without accomplishing what He desires (Is. 55:11)—the salvation of souls. These are exciting, hope-filled times! *Also nominated for First Vice-President of Synod.*



Name..... Dale A. Meyer
 Birth Date..... Jan. 10, 1947
 Birthplace.....Harvey, IL
 Wife’s Maiden Name.....Diane Ermler
 Number of Children.....2
 College..... Concordia Senior College
 (1969)

Seminary.....Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1973)
 Other Degrees..... M.A., Washington University,
 St. Louis (1974); Ph.D., Washington University, St. Louis (1986);
 D.D., Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (1986)
 Member of Synod Congregations.....69
 Rostered Member of Synod.....42
 Year of Ordination.....1974

Pastorates

Congregations

St. Salvator and St. Peter Lutheran Churches, Venedy
 and New Memphis, IL..... 1974–1981
 Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Collinsville, IL..... 1984–1988

Other Full-Time Positions

Position & Employer

Faculty Concordia Seminary..... 1981–1984, 2001–Present
 Speaker *The Lutheran Hour*.....1989–2001
 President Concordia Seminary.....2005–Present

Other Synod Offices

Position

Member, Standing Committee on Pastoral Ministry..... 1987–1991
 LCMS Third Vice-President..... 1995–1998

Other District Offices

Position

Circuit Counselor, Secretary, Southern Illinois District...1977–1979,
 1979–1982
 Second Vice-President, Southern Illinois District..... 1982–1985
 First Vice-President, Southern Illinois District..... 1985–1988

Other Significant Service or Experience

Type of Service

Honorary Director, God’s Word to the Nations Bible
 Society..... 1989–2000
 Board Member, Association of Lutheran Older Adults.... 1990–1997
 Board Member, American Bible Society..... 2003–2014

Personal Statement

Wherever our Lord will have me serve, my passion will be encouraging congregations and church workers to go into their communities and world with confidence and joy in the Gospel of Jesus. As pastor of several congregations and as Lutheran Hour Speaker, I developed a special respect and love for our laity. All we baptized are together in this mission for Christ. And I have strong feelings for our Lutheran schools! In it all, I don’t want to be in the limelight. Focus on Jesus Christ! He’s the only one who can save us.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS/CANDIDATES for First Vice-President of the Synod*

A total of 2,001 nominating votes were cast by congregations of the Synod (*compared to 1,565 in 2013; 1,891 in 2010; 1,957 in 2007; 2,401 in 2004; 2,933 in 2001; and 3,190 in 1998*). As required by Bylaw 3.12.2 (d), here following are the names and tallies of all ordained ministers who received nominating votes:

Herbert C. Mueller, Jr.601
 David P. E. Maier.....274
 Scott R. Murray.....200
 Timothy M. Klinkenberg.....152
 Jacob A. O. Preus, III.....146
 Eloy Steven González.....109

Dien A. Taylor.....108
 John L. Mehl.....104
 Matthew C. Harrison.....43
 Dale A. Meyer.....42
 Patrick T. Ferry.....39
 Daniel Preus.....29
 John C. Wohlrabe, Jr.....24
 Clint K. Poppe.....18
 Jon T. Diefenthaler.....11

5 Votes:

Victor J. Belton; Carl C. Fickenscher, II; Kenneth M. Hennings

4 Votes:

Bart Day; Jeffrey A. Gibbs; Dean W. Nadasdy; Lawrence R. Rast, Jr.

3 Votes: Nabil S. Nour

2 Votes:

Christopher S. Esget; Terry R. Forke; Ronald Garwood; Eugene V. Gierke; Robert D. Newton; Robert M. Roegner; Ken R. Schurb; Scott K. Seidler; William H. Tucker

1 Vote:

David L. Adler; Benjamin T. Ball; Gregory J. P. Barth; Robert H. Bennett; Ralph Blumenberg; Gregory W. Brown, Jr.; Allan R. Buss; William M. Cwirla; James H. De Loach; John R. Denninger; Robin J. Dugall; Joel C. Elowsky; Daniel L. Gard; James D. Gier; DanP. Gilbert; Jamison J. Hardy; Paul R. Harris; Bruce M. Hartung; Brent M. Hartwig; Charles M. Henrickson; C. William Hoesman; Meredith B. Jackson; Kendall M. Lampe; Robert R. Lessing; Paul A. Linnemann; Paul L. Maier; David E. Meier; Gerhard C. Michael; Victor H. Nelson; Irvin M. Newman; Rolf D. Preus; Randolph H. Raasch; David K. Reeder; Thomas K. Ries; Brian S. Saunders; Peter J. Scaer; Luke R. Schnake; Jeffery T. Schrank; Martin A. Schultz; Wallace R. Schulz; Wayne W. Schwiesow; Gregory P. Seltz; Raymond A. Smith; Alan J. Sommer; Russell L. Sommerfeld; Larry A. Stoterau; Stephen A. Wagner; Michael P. Walther; Dean O. Wenthe

As required by Bylaw 3.12.2.1 (a), the nominees who received the highest number of votes were notified to obtain their approval for inclusion of their names on the list of 20 nominees from which the President-elect will select five candidates to form the slate for the election of the First Vice-President. The Bylaws of the Synod provide no opportunity for adding names to this slate. These are the names of the 20 nominees who received the highest numbers of votes and have consented to serve if elected, in alphabetical order:

Victor J. Belton; Bart Day; Jon T. Diefenthaler;
 Carl C. Fickenscher, II; Eloy Steven González;
 Matthew C. Harrison; Kenneth M. Hennings;
 Timothy M. Klinkenberg; David P. E. Maier; John L. Mehl;
 Herbert C. Mueller, Jr.; Scott R. Murray; Dean W. Nadasdy;
 Nabil S. Nour; Clint K. Poppe; Daniel Preus;
 Jacob A. O. Preus, III; Lawrence R. Rast, Jr.;
 Dien Ashley Taylor; John C. Wohlrabe, Jr.

BOARD OF ELDERS

The Board of Elders has kept busy the past several months working with the pastor to study the role of the elders as a support group, including working through the book "Holding Up the Prophets Hands." Just as Aaron and 72 elders supported Moses as God's called servant, so, too, do Calvary's elders support the Pastor Kessler as God's called servant to Calvary Lutheran Church.

As most of you already know, Calvary's organist suffered a heart attack during February and required double by-pass surgery. She is recovering nicely and in her absence the elders have supported weekly worship services by arranging for alternate music. Sunday worship services have been blessed by the talents of musicians playing the French horn, violin and cello. Weekday services during Lent and for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday relied on pre-recorded music. The board is monitoring the organist's recovery and providing for music on a month-by-month basis until she can return.

The board will also support the pastor with expanded assistance during worship services. You have already noticed how the elders assist with communion distribution. Beginning during May, the elders will provide added assistance during worship by reading the old and new testament lessons. The pastor will continue reading the Gospel lesson each service. As in summers past, the elders will also continue to lead non-communion services when the pastor is on vacation and a substitute pastor is unavailable.

Your elders are available before and after services, as well as by phone and email during the week, if you have any questions or need to speak to someone other than the pastor. Please feel free to contact anyone of Bruce Fenske, Ron Hill, Mel Parker, Wil Stewart and, during the winter, Albert Claude.

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 10, 2016

PRESENT: Mike Ehrlich, Lisa Elam, Pat Lamaestra, Johnnie Altstatt, Wilma Repogle, Mel Parker, Paula backs, Janet Ehrlich, Pastor Kessler.

The meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m. with an opening prayer by Pastor.

MINUTES- the minutes were reviewed. Paula motioned to accept the minutes, Janet 2nd. Motion passed.

TREASURER- A burglary fund has been added for expenses and contributions. It is not a numbered account but a place to keep everything tracked. Janet questioned whether Thrivent choice should be in restricted funds or unrestricted funds. Mike said having it in restricted funds forces a vote to use the money. Lisa motioned to accept the report, Janet 2nd. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT- Mike discussed the Sunday council meeting and if it should stay on Sunday. It was decided to stay with the same meeting day for the time being.

VICE PRESIDENT- No report

SECRETARY- No report

TREASURER- No report

PASTOR- attached

ELDERS- They discussed the security system in making sure the trustees have the security system in place.

MISSIONS- They discussed who is responsible for cakes on special occasions since mission has been in the past. Janet said usually the families provide. Nancy Heredia gave a verbal resignation from the mission board. We have added an insurance rider of \$124 a year for the AWC campus ministry program.

EDUCATION- No report.

STEWARDSHIP- The 2017 envelopes are purchased and paid for. They are talking about doing a new church directory in 2017. Also are discussing possible fall fundraisers. There was discussion of the Sunday school money and who is responsible for counting it. It was decided that the counters can add it to the Sunday count once a month. Stewardship will be responsible for updating the counters. The LWML operates under LCMS 501c3 fund the same as the Church does. Each has a separate EIN tax #. They still need counters for June and July. They will update the member board and mailboxes with the addition of new members.

TRUSTEES- The bathroom remodel is complete. The plumbing they thought was good was not and had to be replaced. The security system will be installed Saturday. A person has been hired for the technical part. A second security system has been donated for the street area. Gates may be installed at alley and into parish hall.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- Mike will talk to the education board. Also, the annual voters meeting is scheduled for Dec 11th and Jan 8th to vote on the budget. Council meeting will be before the Dec 11th meeting.

NEW – The next council meeting will be May 1st as Mother's Day falls on the 2nd Sunday.

GOOD OF THE ORDER- AWC ministry going good and will be meeting during the summer. It was asked to have a burrito breakfast fundraiser and Sunday door offering for Cailynn and Elizabeth .

Pastor moved to adjourn at 12:50 and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

May 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 09:00 AM-Communion Service 10:30 AM-Sunday school classes 11:30am Council	2 Watch for information about an upcoming Voter's Assembly to discuss the LCMS Presidential Elections due June 11-14.	3	4 11:00 AM-Bible Study	5 09:30 AM-Bible Study/ Emerald Springs 07:00 PM-AWC campus ministry	6 04:00 PM-Elders Meeting	7 07:00 AM-Bible Study/ Goldsborro
8 09:00 AM-Communion Service 10:30 AM-Sunday school classes	9	10	11 11:00 AM-Bible Study	12 09:30 AM-Bible Study/ Emerald Springs 07:00 PM-AWC campus ministry	13 09:00 AM-LWML Quilting	14 07:00 AM-Bible Study/ Goldsborro
15 09:00 AM-Communion Service 10:30 AM-Sunday school classes	16	17	18 11:00 AM-Bible Study	19 09:30 AM-Bible Study/ Emerald Springs 07:00 PM-AWC campus ministry	20	21 07:00 AM-Bible Study/ Goldsborro
22 09:00 AM-Communion Service 10:30 AM-Sunday school classes	23	24	25 11:00 AM-Bible Study	26 09:30 AM-Bible Study/ Emerald Springs 07:00 PM-AWC campus ministry	27 09:00 AM-LWML Quilting	28 07:00 AM-Bible Study/ Goldsborro
29 09:00 AM-Communion Service 10:30 AM-Sunday school classes	30	31				