

A Familiar Face



As of July 1, I am pleased to be your new church secretary! I truly feel this is God's way of letting me serve our church body, especially during this time of transition. My current office hours are Wednesday's 8-noon, but are flexible as needed. I will be doing many of the tasks that used to be "farmed" out to other individuals, so if you need a note in the bulletin or newsletter or are looking for something specific, please contact me! The church e-mail is elkcreekchurch@gmail and the church phone number is 715.694.2187. I look forward to seeing each of you soon!

~Crystal Johnson



King's Valley Lutheran Church "Annual Charcoal Chicken Supper" -

Wednesday, August 2 beginning at 4:30 pm. ¼ chicken dinner \$7, ½ chicken dinner \$10 (includes corn on the cob-Lord willing, potato salad, dinner rolls, fresh fruit salad, beverage and a bar. Carryouts available.

Church in the Barn -



At the farm of Tom and Bonnie Johnson (N44866 County Road E, Osseo) on

August 13. Our church is known as a place with a love of music and eager voices. Besides, Lutherans are known as singing people. So, now that we are in the middle of the summer, we want to set us aside one Sunday for singing some of those good old gospel songs. This gospel music service will be led by our own choir. Lunch will be provided. **Spread the word!**

Osseo Food Pantry "Volunteer Coordinator" Needed

- The Food Pantry is looking for a person to coordinate two volunteers a month to be at the Food Pantry drop off the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:15-11:30. It will involve unloading the truck and setting out items. Contact Stephanie Rumstick at 715.694.2425.

Bless the Years: Honoring Older Adults on

August 27 - Bless the Years: Honoring Older Adults will be observed in the endeavor to help all worshipers to recognize each day as a day of grace and each year as a gift from God. Using the resources of The Association of Lutheran Older Adults, the worship will affirm the worth of older adults and seek to challenge our seasoned folk for service to God, neighbors, and the community.



July 12, 2017 Congregational Council Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Steve Ebert. Members present were Steve Ebert, Jim Odness, Bruce Thompson, Lynn Nelson, Pastor Lowell Bolstad, Ryan Johnson, Stephanie Rumstick, Keith Nelson, Kevin Eid and Linda Odness, Brandi Berg arrived later.

Pastor Lowell led us in devotion with several scripture readings from the Call Committee guide book. Readings were presented from Colossians which emphasized the peace of Christ, along with reading from 1 Corinthians, Acts and Ephesians with all directing us to keep in mind our Faith in One God.

Treasurer's Report provided by Brandi Berg and presented by Steve Ebert.

- Checking Account - \$11,372.12
Building Fund Checking - \$6,711.36
- 2020 General Fund - \$25,229.30
Building Fund CD 2 - \$13,526.99
- Church Savings- \$5,710.95
Memorial Fund - \$3,053.34

Jim made a motion to transfer \$5000.00 from general checking to the 2020 General fund, 2nd by Stephanie motion approved.

Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Linda; 2nd Bruce; motion approved.

Secretary's report for June's Congregational Meeting was read by Linda Odness; motion made by Keith; 2nd Jim; motion approved.

Pastor's Report

- Pastor Lowell reported that his sermon at the ball park in Pleasantville on Sunday the 2nd went very well.
- He also shared that he was looking forward to helping as get started in our Shared Ministry as well as the Call Process.
- Pastor also stated that home visits are a priority for him and that Eddie Schafer sends his greetings to the congregation from his home in Fountain City as he visited him.
- Pastor feels Crystal is doing a nice job in her new position and is very competent and organized.
- Discussed his plans for the Church in the Barn service are underway and he is hoping for a Gospel type service with a lot of music.
- Pastor had questions about the process for confirmation with a discussion held and perhaps contacting Pastor Lorenz may be

beneficial.

- He is still reviewing Church Constitutions for the Synod and was questioning the status of ours and shared that much of his work was with Dick Schermetzler. It was suggested that he contact Dick as he had the final information, which needed to be typed by our past Recording Secretary and then would be ready to be sent to the Synod. He was going to reach out to Dick.

WELCA

- The last meeting held looked at changing some of the groups in the ladies book.
- Reminder that the ladies would be offering \$100.00 to any lady interested in attending the convention in Minneapolis later this week.
- Ladies were also wondering about the floor in the dishwasher room - Jim stated he would follow-up with Osseo Plastics about the decline in the condition of the floor.
- Donna Kerhmeyer also indicated that she and Bart would like to share about their mission trips sometime later this summer or early fall.

Old Business

1. Black top project will be on hold until the earliest next spring.
2. Discussed starting a fund raiser for the black top project, but nothing finalized as of yet.
3. Discussed possible need for fill on the hillside and possible remove of some of the pine trees to improve visibility and eliminate root systems impacting the future blacktop.
4. Lights for the parsonage are \$109.00 apiece and will look at getting one and installing that for the time being.
5. Church secretary position was offered to Crystal Johnson, she accepted and started on July 3rd. Plan is for personnel committee to meet with her on September 5th, to get feedback regarding the position.

New Business

1. Call committee update from Keith with lengthy discussion. Plan is to Face Time or Skype all of the current candidates in the next few weeks.

2. Ryan shared that Brad would like another lesson on how to clean/maintain the water filter on the line.
3. Assessor came on July 5th as a result of an anonymous call received by the town of Hale commissioner. He stated he will be getting back to us about the assessment figures and plan.
4. Steve shared that the Parish Council will be

meeting on Monday July 17 at 6:30.

Motion to adjourn made by Jim, 2nd by Kevin; Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:02. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.
Respectfully submitted by Linda Odness, Recording Secretary.



July 09, 2017 Meeting of Elk Creek WELCA

Meeting was called to order by President Jan Berg at 9:05am, and opened with Creed. Secretary's report was read, amended to include the stitched picture for Pastor Gail had been done by Stephanie Rumstick, motion to approve by Lynn, 2nd by Stephanie, placed on file. Treasurer report given:

June Income: \$520.07

Expenses: \$1306.28

Ending Balance: \$11,675.00

Max Rate: \$4422.10

Seminary Fund: \$10,217.25

Motion to approve by Stephanie, 2nd by Josie, placed on file.

Old Business:

Bids on flooring for the kitchen reviewed. Russells was higher than those from Halama or Howards. Halama suggested tile or planks would be easier to lay around the island and sink area than sheet vinyl. Tammy will get sample, check on warranty/wear layer for next meeting. Would like to stay in the brown or neutral color palette.

New Business:

Email from Terry Lorenz on the need for a Volunteer to act as coordinator for the Osseo Food Pantry. Would call/organize workers. Takes place 3rd Saturday of the month for about 2 hours.

Check the bulletin board for information on the following 2 upcoming events: Dairyland Conference August 17 and 18th at Luther Park, and Whitehall Church Basement Ladies Salad Luncheon.

Thanks to Lindsey and Kellen for displaying the quiet books in the narthex – they are really getting used!

Discussed asking Donna and her son to give a presentation on their mission trip. If possible hold in October as that is Mission month. Thought to do it on an evening with light supper. Possible Oct. 1st if that worked, as there is no Packer game that Sunday.

Currently large group #1 is scheduled to serve at Church in the Barn on 8/13.

Discussed putting listing of members on work groups on the website. No phone numbers would be listed. Suggestion to go to 2 groups only next year, find out notification/communication preferences of phone call or text. Could have a "caller" and "texter" for each group.

Motion to adjourn by Lynn. Meeting closed at 10:20am.

Respectfully,

Barb Fischer

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Lines from LaVerne...

Who says, "Prayer changes things" should say, "Prayer *can* change things." Whether it does or not could depend on the prayer. If you say a heartfelt prayer God would see more meaning in it and it will likely to be answered. If they don't cry out to God with their heart, the prayer is not as effective. What is the purpose of prayer? It is to contact God and to have Him listen and to respond to our needs. When the disciples came to Jesus and asked Him to teach them to pray, He answered them with the Lord's Prayer. Jesus gave His prayer outline to His disciples in Luke 1:18. Jesus stressed how we "always ought to pray and not lose heart." Pray with a sense of purpose, perseverance reflected in sincere petitions. Sometimes we may need to pray about some matters repeatedly but there are times we request only once and our request is granted. God knows when to grant a request, and He is not always in such a hurry as we are. You first ask for God's forgiveness for your sins, and then make your requests known to God. Pray with all your heart and believe and trust that God will answer your prayers, or don't even pray. God is not a genie. He knows if this prayer is good for us. If it isn't, He may say "no". Later we may find out that was the best answer we could have gotten. Talk to God wherever you are and any time. He loves to hear from you and don't forget to praise him. He loves to be praised. The line is never busy, so, please, use it. Don't just call when you are in really deep trouble, or he may not know who you are. Amen.

Your Lay Minister,
LaVerne

wash your
HANDS
and say your
PRAYERS
because
Jesus
and germs are
EVERYWHERE

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Dates to Remember:

Sunday, August 6 – 10:30 am Church Service
Deacons: Barb and Allen
Greeters/Ushers: Johnsons
WELCA Mtg at 9 am
Monday, August 7 – Elk Creek Council Mtg at 7 pm
Sunday, August 13 – CHURCH IN THE BARN – 10:30 am,
lunch will be provided
Greeters/Ushers: Johnsons
Wednesday, August 16 – Bible Study at Church – 1:30
pm
Sunday, August 20 – 10:30 am Church Service

Greeters/Ushers: Johnsons
Bulletin Sponsor: In honor of Jim Odness' birthday on
the 17th!
Monday, August 21 – Bible study at Barb Nelson's – 6
pm
Sunday, August 27 – 10:30 am Church Service
Greeters/Ushers: Johnsons
Osseo Nursing Home – Group 3