

A Message from our Pastor

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ greetings to this year's Annual Meeting. We have much to celebrate this year, from growth in membership to the development of stronger kids programs. From a bigger food shelf that services more clientele to a neighborhood ministry with the big block party and food distribution lines.

This year marked another year of relationship with Nu Way Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the Rev. Willie MacAfee. We are doing more things together now from sharing worship services to teaching Bible studies. Nu Way's chicken distribution has also done much to engender hope in our neighborhood well of feeding people.

This year also marks the time where we finished renovating the church sanctuary. We now have a beautiful red oak floor, refurbished church pews, Power Point screen and the new Baptismal Font and The Lord's Supper table – just in time for our church anniversary. And of course this year will be the one we remember as the year of the new church roof! Thank you to all of the generous donors who gave much to tend to keep the elements out. Thank you, as well, to the Rev. Willie McAfee for being the general contractor to get the roof done. What a blessing it has been to attend to some of the deferred maintenance in our building!

2013 will also be the year that we remember how we expanded our food services to the neighborhood. We now have breakfast served every Sunday plus a bag of groceries with it twice a month. We now have community meals every Wednesday evening where people can come with their families, eat a meal, go to a Bible study and leave with a bag of food. The remarkable thing that is happening with these expanded services is that the people who are coming to use them are sticking around. They are volunteering to help run and support each of these programs; and they are joining our church! Praise God for the way the Spirit moves through all of our lives.

As I look to 2014, I am mindful of how the Spirit will move through the life of our congregation. The direction that I feel called to this year is to lead us in Discipleship. Using the metaphor of "feeding people", how is it that we can 'feed' the people that God is bringing to us? Beyond bread, milk, and eggs, how is it that we will feed those whom God is bringing to us on the Word? Our strategy will be straight forward. Using Hospitality as our working metaphor, we will continue to invite people to The Table, to small groups, to bible studies, to fellowship, trusting that God will feed them through us, as much as, we will be fed through those whom God is bringing. This will be an exciting year in God's neighborhood!

On a final note, thanks to all those who serve in our congregation. From the circles to the Bible studies to the church council, from the drivers to the food shelf volunteers to the GLCW and of course the amazing paid staff at Gethsemane, it is a remarkable thing to see how a small community continues to do so much for the sake of Jesus in our neighborhood.

May God continue to bless and keep us as we walk as His disciples.

Amen!

Pr. Jeff Nehrbass

Gethsemane Lutheran Church

Annual Meeting

January 19, 2014

39 Members were present.

The meeting was called to order by President John Nelson at 12:47PM.

Devotions were given by Pr. Jeff: he read from Matthew 28.

The Pastor's Report:

- A few years ago this church was \$17,000 in debt and contemplating the possibility of closing. We have grown into a community of disciples.
- We said goodbye to 7th Day Adventist Church and hello to Nu Way Baptist. We have a greater partnership in giving back than ever before.
- We have made great changes in our relationship with the neighborhood. Serving breakfast every Sunday, mostly served by neighborhood people that were not here a couple years ago.
- As a church we cannot solicit for resources or grants from corporations or others as a religious organization. We then made the decision to form the non-profit (TCP) with a purpose to secure resources that churches are not able to receive.
- It is important for everyone to be on the same page that we are not 2 separate entities. It is **OUR** non-profit.
- We are making a change in how we are apportioning payroll. You will notice that when we get to the treasurer's report. This is because of the number of things that are done inside of TCP. Now we will share that expense by demonstrating TCP has bills to pay. Roxi will be a part time employee of TCP and a part time employee of Gethsemane. Her job and hours do not change.
- I want this year to be about making disciples. We can all talk about the living relationship with God. We added 14 members through this in 2013.
- Want to thank Roxi who is still on the mend, Yolanda who shares great music and continues to grow in her role Thanks to our janitor John and all he gets done during the week. Thanks to office staff and Pat in particular for her hard work. Thanks to the President, executive leaders and the entire council for standing strong and making difficult decisions.

The Camden Promise (TCP) Report

- Ben Knaus shared this report
- We are taking on two positions this year. An executive Director and a portion of Roxi's salary.
- God is pulling the people we need to us which is a testimony to this congregation.
- At first, we focused on food and the summer program. In 2014 we will begin the adult program Opportunity Center for employability skills helping them gain employment.
- Spirit Moves March 1st. please purchase tickets sooner rather than later.

Secretary's Report:

- The report from our last annual meeting is in your Annual Report. Are there any corrections or additions? No.
- M/M by Bonny Wald to accept the Secretary's Report as printed. M/2 by Jill Taitt. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- Accidentally printed the 2013 actual budget report incorrectly. They include the proposed budget and not the actual expenses. We will get the corrected 2013 actual report next week.
- The 2014 budget proposal - we have made many changes with how we are handling the expenses between TCP and Gethsemane so TCP is actually carrying a larger part of the burden.

- We are planning for the deferred maintain on our building. We have planned for the technology changes we would like to do with power point, internet and computers.
- Significant change in our ELCA giving - we are not giving anything in 2014. Pastor has shared this with the Bishop. We need to address the deferred building maintenance and they understand our position.

Questions

- Ben asked about the Utility reimbursement figure from TCP. The \$13,000 figure should be \$12,000 – in order to maintain a balanced proposed budget, the Buildings and Grounds expense will be reduced to \$11,000.
- Harry asked about if the NuWay rate has been proposed to them already. No we typically send that out in May so currently they do not know.
- M/M by Pat Stiegler to accept the Treasurer’s Report. M/2 by Norma Rydholm. Motion passed.

Ministry Reports:

- GLCW has one correction; no Spring Salad luncheon will take place due to low participation and help. Helping
- Hands Fund Marge wants to thank everyone for the generous giving so we can help as many people as possible.
- Quilters, Parish Report, Youth Ministry, Camden Promise. - No questions were asked.
- M/M by Pat Stiegler to accept the Ministries Reports. M/2 by Norma Rydholm. Motion passed.

Youth Report

- Thanks to Roxi and all the youth do in the church.
- George wants us to teach the youth to make things out of cardboard
- No questions asked

Parish Ministry Report

- New member numbers are most exciting.
- M/M by Jim Ericksen to accept all Ministries reports as submitted. M/2 by Jeff Peterson. Motion passed.

Council Positions for 2014 – Ballot

Treasurer.:

- Pat Stiegler has withdrawn due to conflict of interest as a paid staff member.
- Dianne Szach will not job share Treasurer position, but will remain on council.
- Ann Johnson has accepted the position

Events Chair.:

- Cross off Kathy Oliver she will not be on council
- With no volunteers the Events Chair position will remain empty.
- As those events come up the council will appoint leaders

Member at Large:

- *Marge Klinger has accepted*
- *Jean Bailey has accepted*
- *Pat Steigler has accepted*
- *Dennis Stiegler has accepted*
- *Dianne Szach has accepted*
- *Randy Schepker will stay on another year.*

John called for a motion of a “White Ballot” vote.

M/M by Ben Knaus M/2 by Linda Omark Motion passed.

Meeting closes with Lord’s Prayer at 1:50pm

GETHSEMANE 2013 PARISH MINISTRY REPORT

Baptisms – December 1, 2013

Chase Anthony Kellermann
Gavyn Chance Pietz
Lawrence Samuel Pietz
LouAnn Potter
Stanley Wilkinson, Jr.

Confirmatiions – May 19, 2013

Abby Bekhit
Jacob Nehrbass
Sarah Grace Nehrbass

Members Deaths in 2013

John Harry Dohrn – January 10, 2013
Ragnild (Ronnie) Isaacson – June 14, 2013
Ronald Raymond Knaus – Sept. 12, 2013
Beatrice Ellefson – October 17, 2013

Weddings in 2013

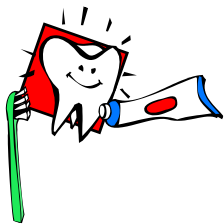
Jonathan & Susan Hanson – June 1, 2013
Ben and Brittany Schiebe – August 3, 2013
Cody and Claudia Wood – Sept. 22, 2013

New Members in 2013

Kevin Alger
Paul & Mary Cederberg
Shelene Dumdei
Christy Hayes
Chase Kellerman
Christiane Knaus
Lawrence Pietz
Gavyn Pietz
LouAnn Potter
Kirk Proctor
Dennis Stiegler
Michael Thompson
Stanley Wilkinson

In March 2014 the GLCW will be having a “Personal Items” Drive for a local Women’s Shelter.

**Below are some examples of the vital needs for these women:
Please help where the need is so great – Travel size items work
Very well for this project, as well as, full size items.**



Shampoo
Deodorant
Conditioner
Hand Lotion
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Combs
Hairbrushes
Hair accessories
Cotton Swabs
Cotton Balls



WE THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH

SCRIPPS Cards

Many of us think of using gift cards only for gifts at Christmas, Birthdays, Graduations, etc. But these cards can be used **all the time throughout the year**. Many places that we visit everyday don't take checks anymore. And, with the news about security breaches on our debit or credit cards, we might not want to use them. And, who carries that much cash with them?

The SCRIPPS gift cards are the answer. They can be used at brick and mortar stores like, Target, Walmart, Super America, Applebee's, etc. And you can use them on line when you order from Amazon, Walgreen's. . . . And by purchasing something that you use every day you also help the youth.



What is different with Scripps than other companies . . . ? is if you purchase a \$25 Amazon card . . . you get a \$25 Amazon Card. If you purchase a \$25 Walgreen's Card . . . you get a \$25 card. Other companies would give you maybe a \$20 card and the remaining \$5 would go to the youth and originating store.

Scripps buys in volume . . . so they get a deal with the stores. Then they have worked it out with the stores, that the group (us) would get a % donation (1-10%) from the store based on the value of the card. Scripps keeps 1% of the donation from the store - and that is how they make their money. What is important is that the customer gets the full value of the card they purchase.

Order by February 23 and your cards will be delivered to church by the next Sunday, March 2nd. Please give your orders to Anne Johnson or leave in the file holder near the youth room door. Thank you for your support of Gethsemane Youth Ministry.

Please recycle



We recycle aluminum cans, paper, plastic bottles and we will recycle ink cartridges. Aluminum cans are recycled by Gethsemane Youth. That money is used to help with extra things in the youth area or for a gift of love to someone in need. We take ANY kind of aluminum. Please rinse the container out, you can put them in a plastic bag and leave by the youth office or by the pop machine. Paper can be put in the receptacle in the area between New Horizon and our church. Plastic bottles can be left in the containers that will appear throughout the building in the next few weeks or in a bag and leave by the youth room.

Senior Tea

Gethsemane's Youth love to do the Senior Tea. I'm not sure why we call it a "tea". But it is a great event. You will be served lunch by our youth group and each table will have a youth host. And, of course, there will be a way for you to meet new people. You are always so nice to fuss over the "Grandma/Grandpa" gifts that our youth make. This year the date is May 4th 1-3 pm. Put it on your calendars now. You don't want to miss it!



Night Of The Stars



It's a true Variety Show. You are invited to attend and to participate on April 27th, 2014.

NOS will again be on a Sunday afternoon where there should not be any snow and we are ready to be outside after the long winter.

Play an instrument? Sing? Dance? Tell jokes? Juggle? Kazoo Band? Let us know . . . we need you. And as always, our Gethsemane Youth Spirit Award will be given.

Last year we had a few acts courtesy of our congregation. We are hoping that we have more this year. Our youth are talking to their friends who may want to sing and dance for you. Come on . . . we really need you. Kids are raising money for their Mission Trip this summer. Please help us!!!!

Tickets go on sale April 6th!!!!!!



Silent Auction Items Needed

As part of NOS, we always have a Silent Auction. We have had things like baskets, quilts, collectibles, certificates and even surprise baskets. It's always fun to see what people donate. We appreciate all the wonderful items that are donated.

Monies from Night of the Stars and the Silent Auction go into individual youth fundraising accounts. Kids can use it for Bible Camp, Mission Trip or to help pay for expenses throughout the year. Auction Items can be brought to the Youth Office with your name and value on it. We will accept donations now thru April 20th.

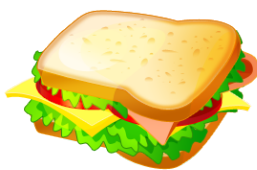
Questions? See Roxi Mork



Breakfast and A Bag & Wednesday Evening Dinners

Breakfast is every Sunday and dinner is every Wednesday. What a deal. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make breakfasts. We are scheduled thru May and have someone making breakfast every Sunday. There are still lots of opportunities beginning in June - all you have to do is contact Roxi and you will be put on the schedule.

Wednesday dinners are really quite easy. Jean Bailey and Anne Johnson have been making them all January and February. They could use some help. Do you have some time? Can you help out? Kristy Hayes comes in to serve dinner and clean up. Dinners don't have to be complicated. Pizza and fruit, sandwiches and chips, hot dish and veggies Contact Roxi Mork, Anne Johnson or Jean Bailey if you can help . . . we have ideas for menus.



What is it?
What is going to happen?
How Can I help?

What is it?

Each March, Minnesota Food Share directs the March Campaign, the largest food drive in the state and restocks 300 food shelves across Minnesota. It recruits thousands of congregations, companies, schools and civic groups to run local food and fund drives to aid in the effort.

What is going to happen?

Well, it is our hope that individuals, churches and businesses across the metro area will hold food drives for us and contribute money. Every pound of food that we collect our Food Shelf keeps. Every penny that we collect goes to the Food Shelf. At the same time, MN Food Share is also raising funds. Twice a year our Food Shelf will be sent a check based on information submitted from last year. The information that was requested was the total number of pounds of food and the number of people we served thru the Food Shelf. This is our second year so we want to beat last year. Thru Second Harvest, we can buy lots of food for pennies on the pound.

How can I help?

There are so many ways to help. You can collect food and bring it to church. Let's see if we can collect a ton of food - that's only 2000 pounds. Our church does remarkable things and many miracles have happened. Let's witness another one. Bring your food in, make sure Jean Bailey, Pastor Jeff, John Boyd or Roxi Mork know that is food for Minnesota Food Share. We need to weigh it. If a donation of money is easier for you -- we are happy to do that. All monies and food donations are counted.

Go to your hairdresser, doctor, any place of business, schools, family members, their churches and ask them to collect food or money for us. Let Roxi Mork know who is doing it and we will get posters, info, publicity ideas out to them.

Volunteer to pick up food and money from various places of businesses each week in March. Food has to be collected and weighed, with statistics submitted on Mondays.

Volunteers are needed to process the food donations when it reaches the church. Dates and physical aspects of cans and boxes need to be checked, barcodes crossed out, etc.- just like we do in the Food Shelf.

Please see Roxi Mork with questions or to say "I want to help"!

Pray. Pray. Pray. Thank God for all He has given us.

PRAYERS, PRAISES AND THANKS

-- Prayers for the following loved ones:

- Pray for Louaine Larson, one of our homebound members, who fell and broke her tailbone.
- Please pray for Marilyn Chapman, a long-time member of Gethsemane. She is now in hospice
- John Wicklund – hospitalized again after a recent heart attack. Pray for continued healing & strength
for him & his wife, Lavonne.
- Pray for recovery for Roxi Mork. She fell and broke her knee cap.
- Pray for Joyce Turner for continued recovery from her knee surgery.
- Margrete Schmidt as she recovers from a fall & gets therapy at Maranatha N.H. (763-549-9696)
- Denny Stiegler for chronic back and feet pain
- Pat Stiegler's sister, Evie, for recovery from shoulder surgery to reattach tendons.



Dec. 1-22 = Offering= \$ 5,676.44

Offering for the year = \$54,142.46

Offering on Jan. 26 = \$1,330.00

Jan. 1-26 = Offering= \$ 4,399.06

Thank you, Dianne Szach



Food Shelf Need Of The Month



People ask what we need. Maybe we can keep a month or two ahead with "Needs of the Month". So here is the "Food Shelf Needs of the Month"

FEBRUARY NEEDS: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cake Mixes, etc., Cans of dinner foods (ravioli, stew, spaghetti, etc., PAPER GROCERY BAGS with handles

Have you ever wondered what is really needed at the Food Shelf? Besides people working? There are many kinds of products in the Food Shelf. We have everything from "soup to nuts". There are many things that we can order from Second Harvest and there are things that we can "shop" for at Second Harvest. And there are many things that we can't find at Second Harvest for any number of reasons. They don't have it. It's too expensive. We have to purchase too much.

Thanks for your help. Please see Jean Bailey with questions or donations.



February Birthdays

Arnie Hanson	Feb. 4
Noah Kozicky	Feb. 5
Paul Cederberg	Feb. 6
Jordan Kozicky	Feb. 6
Leona Vaughn	Feb. 6
Mary Ballanger	Feb. 9
Ron DeLaittre	Feb. 11
Madison Fondow	Feb. 11
Chase Kellerman	Feb. 11
Brooke Edberg	Feb. 12
Earle Edberg	Feb. 14
Luke Lease	Feb. 15
Aidan Whittaker	Feb. 15
John Nelson	Feb. 16
Gavyn Pietz	Feb. 16
Denny Stiegler	Feb. 17
Cynthia Herrmann	Feb. 18
Kathy Nelson	Feb. 18
Beth Peterson	Feb. 18
Frances Morrow	Feb. 21
Valerie Dawes	Feb. 23
Jason Laube	Feb. 23
Dale Szach	Feb. 23
Darrel Taitt	Feb. 24
Michael Thompson	Feb. 24
Barb Scheib	Feb. 28



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All are welcome at Gethsemane

Bible Study	9:15 am
Worship	10:00 am
Coffee Fellowship	11:00 am
Sunday School	11:00 am
Confirmation	11:00 am
Youth Group	Noon

Website: www.glcmpls.org
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“We Love Because He First Loved Us”