



Building His Body
By
Reflecting the Son

November 2012

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:45 am Fellowship

9:05 am Sunday School

&

Bible Study

10:15 am Worship

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TRINITY TIDBITS

A monthly newsletter for the people of Trinity Lutheran Church of Sealy, Texas



Something New

We will be adding soon something new to the chancel area at Trinity. A processional crucifix will be given in memory of Carolyn Toellner, the late wife of Dale Toellner, in the near future. We will use this crucifix on special occasions as we process into the sanctuary from the narthex area at the beginning of services. Otherwise it will be placed next to the pulpit in the chancel area.

First of all, I suppose I should define the term. A crucifix is a cross with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ hanging on it. It serves as a powerful reminder of the sacrifice that Christ made on the cross to pay the price for the sins of the world. As Paul writes in 1 Corinthians, "We preach Christ and Him crucified." The crucifix depicts this better than any other piece of art. This new crucifix may very well bring about some questions regarding the use of a crucifix in a Lutheran church. It may be that the only place that many of you are accustomed to seeing a crucifix is in a Roman Catholic Church. It is true that you are more likely to see a crucifix in a Roman Catholic Church than anywhere else, but it is also true that the crucifix has historically been used in the Lutheran Church as well. The very first LCMS churches always featured crucifixes on their altars and elsewhere in the sanctuary, but a number of outside forces brought about a gradual shift in the use of crucifixes among Lutherans.

One such force was the influence of Pietism. Pietism rejected much of Lutheran doctrine, but most importantly for our discussion here, held that the use of crucifixes was actually wrong. This viewpoint continues to be espoused by Reformed Christianity in the United States (this includes much of Protestantism outside of Lutheranism). Lutherans have been guilty for many years of trying to fit in with other Protestants in the US. This has factored into the decline in the use of crucifixes in Lutheran Churches as well as a decline in the use of vestments and other elements of Lutheran worship.

Another common opinion is that the empty cross is a symbol of the resurrection. This is not really true. You see, the cross would be empty whether or not Christ was raised from the dead. Whether the cross is empty or depicts Christ hanging on it, it is a symbol of Christ's death for the salvation of the world.

There is much more that could be said on this topic and I invite more discussion. But, more than anything else, it is my prayer that the saints of Trinity find comfort in the powerful reminder that this beautiful addition to our sanctuary brings us as a depiction of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

In Christ, Pastor Vandercook



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the Month!



11/01 Bev Ekarius	11/11 CLAYTON SNEED	11/22 Nettie Swearingen
11/01 Hoffman Foerster	11/12 Casey Killough	11/22 Ernestine Schneider
11/01 Clayton Schavrda	11/12 Dale Toellner	11/22 Madison Pursley
11/05 Tracy Semmler	11/13 CAROLYN ADAMS	11/23 LAUREN LUTHER
11/05 Joseph Smith	11/13 Karen Every	11/23 Johnnie Sodolak
11/06 Fay Alexander	11/14 ALEXIS HORELICA	11/23 Nathan Nadia
11/07 Robert Emshoff	11/15 ELIZABETH ADAMS	11/23 Hannah Browne
11/07 Melissa Schmidt	11/15 La Vonn Schier	11/24 COLTON POWERS
11/08 Barbara Koy	11/17 Gwen Gonyer	11/24 Susie Busse
11/08 Zachery Terrell	11/18 Jeffrey Schmidt	11/26 Charlie Sams
11/09 Cody Barrett	11/18 Leslie Pacher	11/27 DAKODA SCHUKNECHT
11/09 Larry Koy	11/19 GRACE KRUZEL	11/27 Betty Richter
11/09 Jason Sams	11/19 Vernon Ekarius	11/27 Kristen Cash
11/10 GRAYSON ROBERTS	11/20 Dorothy Coody	11/27 Krystal Cash
11/10 KAYTLIN VANDERCOOK	11/21 Nancy James	11/28 Gaylan Christiansen
11/11 Pam Epperly	11/21 Rhonda Pavelka	11/30 Bruce Terrell
11/11 Margaret Jatzlau		11/30 Evelyn Michaelis



Happy Anniversary



Let's rejoice with these couples as they celebrate the designated anniversaries.

11/04/1978 Lee & Kim Hobratschk	11/16/1963 David & Carol Jean Hauschild
11/10/1990 Robert & Melody Anderson	11/23/1963 Robert & Betty Richter
11/12/2010 Dale & Susie Toellner	11/27/1965 Pat & Mary Buechmann
11/15/1997 Cliff & Krisha Langton	



Please keep in your Prayers our Nursing Home Residents

Ellie Michaels Eddie Svinky Lillie Wittenburg

Estella Heintschel Louise Kinsey

Shut Ins

Edd and Clara Gerstenberger Joe and Bernice Hintz

Sharon Salyer Lavonn Schier Joyce Meyer



The Fellowship Committee would like to say a Huge Thank You to everyone who volunteered their time to help unload 508 large pumpkins off the truck. Thank you to the amazing attendance of so many congregational members and friends who came together from the cancellation from Sunday when we found out the truck was not going to arrive until Monday. Everyone enjoyed pizza, cookies and ice cream. Again thank you for your dedication.

Mary and Johanna Buechmann



Preschool - Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner Tickets are \$8.00. You may purchase the tickets on Sunday mornings before and after the worship service or come by the church or preschool office. Remember that 500 is the limit! Call the church office to see if tickets are left to purchase.



Dear Trinity Lutheran Church, We thank God for you and your two gifts to The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod totaling \$500.00. It will be used in support of: James and Ardith Vandercook

And

Erika Sommermeyer

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? (1 Thessalonians 3:9)

In service to our Lord, Jesus Christ, Mark D. Hofman, Executive Director



DINNER TICKETS! (If Not Sold Out!)



Ladies

Christmas Luncheon

The Ladies Christmas Luncheon will be Saturday, December 8, 2012 in the Fellowship Center. You and your invited guests are welcome to attend. Fellowship will begin at 11:00 am followed by a catered roast to share with everyone.

Bring your favorite dessert to share with everyone. Let us know if you would like to decorate a table. There will be extra tables set up and decorated for those who do not choose to decorate one.

Tickets for the lunch will be \$7.00 purchased in advance in the church office from Ms. Maggie. Tickets will be sold during and after the worship service on November 11 thru December 2nd.

If you plan on taking part in this event, please let us know by November 25th. This will give us ample time to announce due to participation that this planned event will or will not take place.

We will also be collecting small toys to give to the children at the Christian Food Pantry at Christmas. Nonperishable food items to help the Food Pantry will also be accepted.

This year we will enjoy the event by doing a cookie exchange instead of an ornament gift exchange. Bring a dozen of your favorite cookies in a clear bag or container. It will be exciting to see all the different kinds and flavors of cookies and to see what great tasty cookies you will go home with to enjoy.

If you have any questions, please call Johanna or Mary Buechmann at 885-2730. Let's make this a Joyous Christmas Event!

Johanna Buechmann

Mary Buechmann



SENIOR



DAY LUNCHEON!



SENIOR DAY! - Mark your Calendar!!

The TLC Seniors' Day Luncheon was held on October 3rd, 2012 at Trinity's Fellowship Center welcoming forty-one attendees.

After Mary Buechmann graciously welcomed everyone, Pastor Vandercook presented a brief devotion and offered a prayer of blessings on the food.

Mary Buechmann recognized the following October birthday celebrants: Grace Holtkamp, Estelle Remmert, Ursula Kutra, Doris Schaffner, Ruth Paben, Ruby Emshoff, and Betty Remmert. The lunch consisted of delicious Chicken Spaghetti, served with Italian green bean-artichoke salad, tossed salad and garlic bread. An extra special thanks to the TLC Preschool for providing the delicious Chicken Spaghetti and to Ruby Emshoff, Doris Schaffner, Betty Remmert, and Gerri Barrett for providing a variety of delicious desserts!

Janice Wied invited everyone to participate in a delightful game, entitled "Farm Fun". Each participant received a copy of the Farm Fun Test listing 20 questions regarding farm activities; "Have you ever gathered eggs from a henhouse? "Worn a shirt or dress from a feed sack?", "Churned cream into butter", etc. It took us down a walk on memory lane and the "good 'ole days"... Following, everyone enjoyed socializing, playing bingo and dominoes.

We will be getting an early start on Thanksgiving festivities, so mark your calendars for the next luncheon on **Thursday**, November 1st! Turkey and Dressing with

traditional side dishes will be served. Please feel free to bring any additional games you wish to play! Don't forget to invite your friends! The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex; along with a sign-up sheet for desserts (bought desserts are always welcome!)

Hostesses for November will be Mary Buechmann, Antoinette Romano, and Geraldine Barrett. Hostesses are scheduled for January, February and March; we will be delighted to add additional hostesses to the 2013 list!

Looking forward to having this special time with each of you!

If you have any questions, please call!
**Antoinette (885.7932), Mary (885.2740),
Geraldine (885.3450)**



Ladies Aid News

Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid Society met on October 4th with nine members present.

The meeting was opened with a prayer.

Betty Herridge gave the program from Martin Luther's small instruction book, "God Wants Us to be Glad."

After the minutes and treasurer's report of the previous month were given and approved, committee reports were given.

Betty Herridge and Ursula Kutra will be hostesses in November.

Betty Remmert and Ursula Kutra were appointed to be on the nominating committee.

After the table and closing prayers, refreshments, brought by members were served by hostesses, Betty Remmert and Ruth Paben.

The next meeting will be on November 1st. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Loretta Dziadek



Mission of the Month

This year we highlighted several ministries of our synod that give witness of our faith and show mercy to people worldwide. Some of these ministries many of us had heard of before like LCMS World Mission, but others we might not have known about like Lutheran Malaria Initiative or Orphan Grain Train. We hope that throughout this year you were to learn about many of the different ways that our church body supports those around the world. There are many, many more ministries of our synod, so if you did not find a favorite, please keep looking! You can find out more about these ministries on the LCMS's website at www.lcms.org, then under the "Get Involved" tab, click "Recognized Service Organizations." As we near Christmas, the Preschool collects food for Sealy Christian Pantry. Look for more details to follow in upcoming newsletter articles and announcements in the Blues.



Wow the sign up list is doing very well for the Thanksgiving Dinner. We are getting ready for our Fourteenth Annual Preschool Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner, which will be on **Thursday November 8th, beginning at 5:30 p.m. and ending at 7:00 p.m.**

The cost of the ticket is \$8.00. This is the major fundraiser for the preschool which helps with the cost for teacher training, criminal background and fingerprinting of teachers, playground upkeep, classroom toys, supplies, snacks, repairs, carpet cleaning, exterminating or for whatever else arises in the year. In the next few years, the preschool would like to save enough money to replace the copier in the preschool office. The proceeds from the Thanksgiving Dinner will help cover the cost on a couple of items and set aside for bills to get through the summer.

Since this is a fundraiser to benefit the preschool, we need parents and church members to donate food items towards the dinner. This is posted on the large glass window as you enter the preschool. We are in need of **sixty-five** turkeys and you can purchase

a turkey for \$12.00 and make your check out to Trinity Lutheran Preschool or you can give cash. We will make one check out to H E B in Columbus since we are purchasing the turkeys from them. Please have your turkey money donation in the office by Wednesday October 31st, so I can pick up the turkeys on Friday morning to deliver to Mikeska's in Columbus to be pit smoked.

We are also in need of **thirty-two** of the huge cans of the corn, **thirty-two** of the huge cans of green beans, **thirty-five** cans of the huge yams, **ten** cans of the huge cranberry sauce, **thirty** desserts and **thirty-five** loaves of bread and silent auction items. Please feel free to take a look at the thanksgiving dinner fundraiser sign-up list and write your name on the items you wish to donate. Please bring to the preschool as soon as you have purchased your items. This will give me an idea of what I need to purchase for the dinner. Now you can see how expensive this event can be, but with all the parents and congregation donating food items, this can be a success.

During the dinner we also have a silent auction. If you would like to donate towards the silent auction, this would be greatly appreciated! You can donate new items, hand crafted items, baked goods, gift certificates or whatever you can think of to make this a success. Please give us a starting price on your item.

We also have a work sign-up list to help in the kitchen. This is a very important job and beginning Monday November 5th, we begin preparation of our thanksgiving dinner. Please sign up if you would like to help in the kitchen. We try to do most of the preparation during preschool hours.

De-boning turkeys is a big part of the thanksgiving dinner. We desperately need help in tearing the meat off the bones and placing the meat in pans. There is a sign-up list for church members and preschool parents to help in de-boning. De-boning usually starts around 12:30 pm. If you can save the date Thursday, November 8th to help de-bone this would be greatly appreciated! Sign up if you can help.

Breads and desserts may be brought in on Wednesday and Thursday November 7th and 8th in the morning. If you would like to purchase bread that is closest to homemade, go to Bill's Country Market. If you would like to bake Mrs. Smith's pies, that would be great also. We try not to make this difficult for anyone, so

just remember to be simple. If you are looking for Yams in the large can, Bill's Country Market will have them in stock for you to purchase for the preschool.

Tickets will be on sale until we have sold out for \$8.00. Once we reach our limit of 500 tickets sold, no tickets will be sold after that time. The kitchen is only equipped to handle about 500 plates. No tickets sold the night of the dinner. Remember that this is a fundraiser and by the time we pay to pit smoke the turkeys, purchase the dry goods and ingredients for the dressing, it is worthwhile to have this fundraiser! Please have all items here at the preschool by Thursday or Friday November 1st, and 2nd. Can goods and turkey money may be brought in as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for all your dedication and support of the preschool program.

(Everyone's efforts are worthwhile and serve a noble purpose)



Themes! The themes for the month of November are: Transportation and Giving Thanks. The children will learn the color GREEN, the shape OVAL, and the letter sound, if they are ready, T, C, O, R and N. The Bible verse for the month is: "Thanks be to God" (1Corinthians 15:57).

The children work on the Ten Commandments during Chapel and this month they will be learning "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it Holy". They will learn the meaning of the commandment that we should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it. The Bible stories for the month are:

Week of November 5th – November 9th

God Rewards Ruth's Loyalty

God Chooses David

Week of November 12th – November 16th

David Fights Goliath

Solomon Saves a Baby

Week of November 19th – November 23rd

The Wisdom of King Solomon

Thanksgiving Holidays

Week of November 26th– November 30th

Elijah the Prophet

Jonah Tries to Run From God



Family of the Week!

Family of the week is a program we have that aids children in being able to share their family with everyone at preschool and church.

Each week a family will be chosen to be Family of the Week.

What this entails is for your child to bring about five to ten pictures of their family to be placed on the preschool bulletin board in the gym. Always check your calendar of events to see if it is your turn to be family of the week. Families of the Week for the month of November are:

Nov. 5th – Nov. 9th

Aiden Johnson & Christopher Faerman

Nov. 12th – Nov. 16th

Heather Johnston & Jacie Kainer

Nov. 19th – Nov. 23rd

No Family-Thanksgiving Holidays

Nov. 26th – Nov. 30th

Erin Keener & Kane Killough

Please bring your pictures Friday before your child is Family of the Week!

 **Wear Green Day!** Since we are learning the color GREEN for the month, we would like the children to wear something GREEN to preschool on Friday, November 16th. Children can wear green clothes, socks, shoes, hair bows, neckties or whatever you can think of to reinforce the color GREEN!

 **Sack Lunch Day!** The children will have Sack Lunch Day on Tuesday November 20th outside on the preschool playground. Look for a decorated lunch sack from your child to use as their lunch sack!

 **Gift Basket Items!** For the Preschool – Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner Silent Auction, we need all the parents to bring in their items for the class baskets by Friday Nov. 2nd. The room mothers have been working and collecting these items and now would like to prepare the baskets for the silent auction.

 **Christmas Pictures!** Kay from Treasured Portraits will be at the preschool on Wednesday November 28th to take Christmas pictures.

Please fill out the picture order form and hand back to the preschool office by Wednesday, November 14th along with the money. Please make your check out to Treasured Portraits. If your form is not handed in your child will not have his/her picture taken.

 **Late Pick Up!** We have a few parents picking their child up late. We understand sometimes circumstances can arise and you could be a few minutes late. But be aware of the time and know that your child is wondering why they are

the only ones left and all other children have gone home. So please do not let time get away and cause you to be late.

Remember there is a late charge of \$1.00 per minute after 12:05 pm.

Tuition Fees! Tuition is due the 5th of each month. Please have your tuition turned in by this date.

 **Updated Information!** Please make sure all phone numbers are updated in your child's file. Also make sure you have people on your child's list as pickup in case of an emergency.

 **Fantasy of Lights!** December 1st the theme for the Trinity Lutheran Preschool Float is "Happy Birthday Jesus." I need parents to help in decorating the float beginning Monday Nov. 26th. Aaron and Carrie Ward are gracious enough to let us build the float at their home located 1162 Klatt Lane. If you need directions please contact Carrie at 627-7127.

Please return your paper to let us know if you are willing to help in decorating the float. We will begin promptly at 6:00 pm.

We are also in need of 25 bales of hay for the children to sit on.

Aaron Ward will drive and provide the truck to pull the trailer.

Preschoolers in the three and four year old classes will be able to ride on the float. Parents are limited to ride on the float. If you are planning to ride there will be no siblings.

The float will be behind the Sealy Jr. High School by the football practice field at Highway 90 West and Tiger Lane. The float must be at the start up line by 5:00 pm and all children riding the float must be on the float by 5:30 pm. Be sure your child has had a restroom break before entering the float. The parade will start promptly at 6:00 pm.

In order for this to take place we need parent involvement for the decorating of the float. Thanks for your help in advance!

Look for more information about the Fantasy of Lights in the next couple of weeks.

I need to make a correction about Sarah Siska's birthday!!! In the October Calendar I forgot Sarah's Siska's birthday. Sarah's birthday was on October 21st!

***"Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the table of your heart." (Proverbs 3:3)
Have a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving
Ms. Maggie and Staff***



UNOFFICIAL
MINUTES OF TRINITY LUTHERAN
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF TLC
FELLOWSHIP CENTER
OCTOBER 8, 2012

Members Present: Pastor Vandercook, Dale Toellner – Vice President, Linda Blume – Treasurer, Jimmie Meyer – Head Elder, Jerry Leiber – Stewardship Chair, Rhonda Pavelka – Board of Youth Chair, Jodine Meyer - Board of Education Chair, Johanna Buechmann – Fellowship Chair, Fred Paben – Trustee, Geraldine Barrett – Secretary

Members Absent: George Wied – President; Evangelism Chair (Position Vacant); Usher Chair (Position Vacant)

In the absence of President Wied, Vice President Toellner called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. Jimmie Meyer followed by presenting a brief devotion entitled “He Remembers” based on Jeremiah 31:31-34 where God speaks to the Israelites and likewise to us that he forgives our sins and remembers them no more.

Minutes from the September meeting were not available; therefore approval was postponed until the November meeting.

There being no old business to discuss, Mr. Toellner called for Chair Reports:

Linda Blume – Treasurer

Mrs. Blume presented the following financial statements for the month of September: General Fund Expenditures, Designated Funds Receipts and Disbursements and Statements of Revenues and Expenses. (Attachment 10-08-12-1) The cash balances were as follows: General Fund - \$1,872.29, Building Fund - \$66,943.53, Designated Funds \$47,582.50, disclosing a total of \$116,398.32 in all funds. General Fund Expenditures totaled \$21,310.71.

Proceeds from the Church BBQ totaled \$10,598.14 and were distributed as follows: General Fund – \$4,239.26, Building Fund - \$4,239.25,

Christian Food Pantry - \$529.91, H.O.A. – 529.91, Austin County Protective Services - \$529.90, Gordon Memorial Library - \$529.91.

Receipt of a bill for \$40.00 regarding Spanish versions of Portals of Prayer was discussed. Since currently these copies have not been utilized, it was decided to cancel renewal of the subscriptions, pending future interest.

Jerry Leiber – Stewardship Chair

Mr. Leiber reported that budget information has been obtained from Chairpersons for preparation of the 2013 Budget. Everything is running smoothly with the Stewardship Committee.

Fred Paben – Trustee

Mr. Paben advised that air conditioning issues have been resolved by the replacement of two units; the secretary’s office and the preschool. Currently there are fan issues with the upstairs unit.

Jimmie Meyer – Head Elder

Mr. Meyer advised that Pastor Hobratch, Area Vice President for the Texas District, will be conducting a Repentance and Reconciliation Service on October 18th. A service with the Elders will be held at 6:30 p.m. followed by a service with the congregation at 7:30 p.m.

Jodine Meyer – Member, Board of Education

(Representative for Rachel Wolf, Chair)

Board of Education Chair, Mrs. Meyer advised that the Board is experiencing a dilemma concerning a shortage of Sunday School Teachers. Recently there has been no alternative but to combine several classes.

Johanna Buechmann – Fellowship

Miss Buechmann reported that plans for the Pumpkin Patch are underway, unloading and setting up is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, October 14th with lunch being served to the volunteers. Trunk or Trick is scheduled for Saturday, October 27th. Jodine Meyer advised that she would invite the youth to assist with the Pumpkin Patch and Trunk or Treat activities. Rhonda Pavelka volunteered to supply Halloween treats.

Seniors’ Luncheon continues to be successful, providing an enjoyable event for socializing and fellowship.

Rhonda Pavelka – Board of Youth

At the present time no significant youth activities are planned.

Pastor Vandercook

Pastor announced that Janice Lapham has agreed to serve as organist for Sunday Worship Services. Concordia Organist has been received, performs well and will provide an excellent source for Advent, Lenten and related week-day services throughout the year.

The 6th grade Confirmation weekly classes have been completed, 7th grade weekly classes will continue.

“Spirituality of the Cross” will be the upcoming topic for Wednesday morning Bible Study.

At the recent Area Circuit Pastors Forum, Pastor was elected the area delegate to attend the 2013 Synodical Convention in St. Louis.

Mr. Toeller called for a motion to approve the Chair Reports. Motion was made by Jimmie Meyer, seconded by Rhonda Pavelka to approve the Chair Reports as presented. Vice President Toellner called for a vote: AYES – 9, NOES – Zero

NEW BUSINESS:

Rental Fellowship Center

A letter submitted by Maggie Kent, TLC Preschool Director, requesting rental of the Fellowship Center Saturday, January 26, 2013; 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the Austin County Child Care Conference was presented. Motion was made by Fred Paben, seconded by Rhonda Pavelka to approve rental of the Fellowship Center as per the request. Vice President Toellner called for a vote: AYES – 9, NOES – Zero

Nominating Committee

Pastor presented an update on the Nominating Committee. Several members have consented to placing their name on the ballot and also on the Board of Elders. The committee is scheduled to meet again Sunday, October 14th after Church.

2013 Budget

Jerry Leiber distributed copies of the proposed 2013 Budget, reflecting a \$95,089 decrease resulting in a 2013 Budget amount of \$280,330. (Attachment 10-08-12-2) After discussion, the following revisions were made: Preaching the Gospel Amount Us - B7 and B8 were reinstated to \$49,400 and \$25,007; Board of Youth - C24, C25, C26, C28 were reduced \$5,000, \$2,000, \$1,500, \$271 respectively; Board of Education – E45 was reduced \$1,000; Doing God’s Work among Us – F47 was reduced \$1,000. The 2013

Budget would total \$288,712 based on these revisions. Motion was made by Rhonda Pavelka, seconded by Johanna Buechmann, to approve the above registered revisions as presented. Vice President Toellner called for a vote: AYES – 9, NOES – 0

Jimmie Meyer distributed copies of a report prepared by the Elders registering 2012-2013 Revenue, Expense and Net Projections; 2011, 2012 actual budget performance, 2013 projected budget performance. The report projects earnings of \$189,280 for 2013, derived from a decrease in membership, attendance and revenues in the current year. (Attachment 10-08-12-03)

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to accept the Budget as revised by Council and if necessary, be reassessed at the April Congregational Meeting and appropriate action taken at that time. Motion was made by Rhonda Pavelka to approve the 2013 Budget totaling \$288,712 as revised by Council. Geraldine Barrett seconded the motion. Vice President Toellner called for a vote: Ayes – 9, NOES – 0. Motion carried. The Proposed 2013 Budget is to be distributed to members on October 14 and October 21 complying with the constitutional stipulation that requires presentation to the members two weeks prior to the congregational meeting. (Attachment 10-08-12-04) In addition, Vice President Toellner suggested that paper ballots be provided for the voting process at the congregational meeting.

Vice President Toellner requested that the procedure for Council Minutes be revised by placing an unofficial copy of the minutes in the newsletter immediately following each meeting. Postponing until they are officially approved places a two month delay in reporting this information to the congregation.

Pastor Vandercook closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:

Geraldine Barrett - Council Secretary

Dale Toellner – Vice President

