



Christ Lutheran Church

August 2015

We Welcome Rev. Dr. Ed Kloos

July 13, 2015

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus
At Christ Lutheran Church in Reese Michigan,*

Peace be unto you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!

I have just received my call letter from you. I am humbled to be asked to be your Sheppard. As we have all put our trust in the power of the Holy Spirit, may our ministry together be fruitful as we together proclaim the good news of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

I have always believed in shared ministry. I am not greater or better than the smallest child at Christ Lutheran. Therefore, let our ministry be stated as; "Ministers – Every member of Christ Lutheran Church, Pastor – Rev. Dr. Ed Kloos."

I can't tell you how happy and excited that our Lord has sent me to you. My two visits showed me that Christ Lutheran is a congregation of true saints ready, willing and able to minister with love and compassion.

With your help and the Lord's blessing we will build a church based upon scripture and the Lutheran Confessions empowered by the Holy Spirit.

"May the Lord watch over thee and me while we are apart one from another."

*Your servant brother in Christ,
Pastor Ed*

Pastor Ed will be here on Sunday, August 9th.



Ed Kloos, Pastor
Linda Lubaczewski, Office Manager

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Church Council Minutes
May 31, 2015

Pastor Ed Kloos started in prayer.

The Call Committee asked Pastor Kloos if he would be willing to take on the role of Senior Pastor here at Christ Lutheran and he said yes.

A motion was made by the Call Committee to call Pastor Kloos and for the Call Committee to hold a question and answer session in between services on Sunday, June 14th and Sunday, June 21st. Motion to accept the Call Committee's recommendation made by Tom Janson, 2nd by Robbie Oldenburg.

A Congregational meeting for a vote to call Pastor Kloos will be set for Sunday, June 28th. Motion made by Dale Bremer, 2nd by Jan Histed. This date needs to be announced in church and put in the bulletin for June 7th, June 14th and June 21st.

Pastor Kloos could be here as early as beginning of July or as late as the end of August.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Walz, Secretary

Church Council Minutes
June 9, 2015

Present: Rick Zimmer, Harold Avery, Jan Histed, Ellen Schultz, Kelly Walz, Robbie Oldenburg, Tom Janson, Maria Wagner, Darla Kolomak, Kevin White and Dale Bremer.

Absent: Todd Felske and Rich Marotzke,

Rick called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Devotion was read by Darla Kolomak.

Monthly Reports:

Secretary's report: Submitted by Kelly Walz. Motion to accept by Harold, 2nd by Jan. Dale requested minutes from our meeting on May 31st to be submitted with this month's minutes.

Current Expense Fund: Motion to accept by Tom, 2nd by Dale

Check Register Reports: Checks #28031 thru #28062. Motion to accept by Dale, 2nd by Harold

Building/Memorial Funds/Other Special Funds: Memorial Fund is down to \$1,300 in savings and \$5,700 in checking. Deva still has to audit the General Fund. Tabled until next month.

Ministry Of Property: Lighting project to start Thursday, June 11th.

Ministry Of Finance; Worship; Social Ministry & Outreach; and Congregational Life: Nothing to report.

Ministry of Education: Position still available for Sunday School Superintendent. Linda to post in the newsletter and bulletin along with a job description. Scholarships were awarded last Sunday. Community Vacation Bible School will be July 13-16.

Ministry of Communications: Nothing to report.

Ministry of Youth & Family: Nothing to report.

Pastoral Report: Nothing to report.

Office Reports: Nothing to report.

Youth Report: Nothing to report..

Unfinished Business: Starting to replace light bulbs on June 11th. Request was made to try to get more lighting up by the altar.

The Baptismal Font Committee has requested that it be drained so that they can get quotes to inspect the cracks.

New Business: A congregation meeting is set for Sunday, June 28th in between morning services. It was announced in church on June 7th and will be in the bulletin June 14th and 21st. Call Committee will have a Question and Answer Session in between services on June 14 & 21.

The parsonage is in need of repairs and the

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request was made to form a committee. Sue Schluckbier will try to set one up. A preliminary budget of \$4,900 was set to get carpet replaced, drywall fixed in bathroom, new paint and flooring in the kitchen. Motion to accept by Darla, 2nd by Jan.

Pastor Sue was given the letter to release her of her weekly services as Associate Pastor. The LCMC has stated that we must release her of her services before they will help us acquire a full time interim pastor. Once this is in place, then the LCMC may be able to have an interim pastor within a week or two. Sue is in the process of reaching out to the LCMC to start a supply pastor list for pulpit support in other communities in the area. She will continue to be a member and worship with us. A ceremony to release her and a thank you dinner will be set up in the near future. Rick to find out what dates are good for Sue. A letter will be sent out to the congregation to explain the situation. Sue's last day is June 9th. Rich Marotzke will preach on Sundays until an Interim Pastor is found.

Motion to adjourn by Darla, 2nd by Robbie. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Walz, Secretary

Congregational Meeting Minutes June 28, 2015

President Rick Zimmer started in prayer. Rick thanked Rich Marotzke for his service.

Maria Wagner made a motion to vote for Pastor Ed Kloos to be called to Christ Lutheran as Senior Pastor. Dave Hausbeck 2nd the motion.

The vote passed by 85%. 96 voted: 85 yes, 10 no, 1 impartial vote.

Dave Naverro asked where we stood with an interim pastor. Rick told him that Pastor Kloos

planned on being here in 2 to 3 weeks, so for now we were just going to go with a supply pulpit pastor.

Dorothy VanOchten asked if we are going to have a Liason Committee to help Pastor Ed and also asked about trying to get together a hospital committee. Rick told the congregation that we are trying to get a committee of about 3 people together to help Pastor Kloos.

Jodie White has a painting business and will paint the parsonage.

Several people donated to the building fund to help clean up the parsonage. Anyone is welcome to help clean up, paint, drywall, etc. with the parsonage.

Dorothy mentioned that the Torrez family helped tear up the carpet in the parsonage.

Rick closed in prayer.

Don made a motion to adjourn and Deva 2nd the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Walz, Secretary

Christ Lutheran Church Council Minutes July 21, 2015

Present: Rick Zimmer, Darla Kolomak, Tom Janson, Maria Wagner, Robbie Oldenburg, Linda Babechenko. Excused: Kevin White, Jan Histed, Kelly Waltz, Ellen Schultz, Dale Bremer

Rick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened with devotions.

Monthly Reports:

Secretary's report: Motion to accept the June meeting notes by Darla, 2nd by Robbie, approved.

Current Expense Fund/Check Register Approval

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#28063-28095: Motion made to accept Check Register by Tom, 2nd by Darla. Motion to accept Current Expense Fund by Darla, 2nd by Tom, approved.

Building/Memorial/Special funds report: Motion to accept May/June Building/Memorial/Special funds report by Tom, 2nd by Darla, approved.

Ministry Reports:

Finance: Linda Babechenko had a question about her Thrivent Dollars; Rick is going to look into this.

Worship: Report provided. Amanda will be gone August 9, 16, and 23 but has all services covered. Kelly is checking into getting CD's of the music used for hand bells instead of cassettes.

Congregational Life: Linda Babechenko is working with Beth Houghtaling for the Community picnic. Picnic will take place here on September 20th with St. Elizabeth. Provided will be pulled pork, brats, and hotdogs. Rick will get tent and provide bounce house for younger children.

Property; Social Ministry & Outreach; Education; Communications and Youth & Family: No new business.

Reports:

Office Report: Request from Ed & Diana Giza to transfer to Trinity Lutheran Church, Reese. (LC-MS). Motion to accept the transfer by Darla, 2nd by Robbie, approved. Council wishes each of them well.

A bonus request from Pastor Jeremy Kleino. Council agreed with the precedent of a one time only \$100 bonus.

Unfinished Business:

Electrical: Maria provided a report from Rod Wagner on electrical and lighting project. Rod is continuing to work on the sanctuary wiring and lighting problems. Tom said that Rod saved the church a ton of money on the lighting project and made it possible to have the project done.

Baptism Font: Committee is seriously thinking about removing the Baptism Font, covering the floor, and purchasing a new one.

Sunday School Superintendent: Position is still open. Dale to look at the roster - maybe a parent would like to volunteer.

Audit: Audit was completed on June 29th - one transfer needs to take place from the General Fund to the Memorial Fund to correct an error in the amount of \$1,914.12. Motion made by Tom to accept audit report, 2nd by Darla.

Trust: Documentation has been completed. Endowment and Education funds are all in the trust. Motion by Darla to accept the Trust, 2nd by Robbie.

Youth Ministry: Rich Marotzke's Position has ended. Council would like to have a reception for Rich during a Sunday 5 p.m. ONE Service; date pending.

New Business:

Pastoral Call Accepted by Rev. Ed Kloos. Installation of Pastor Ed is pending with a target date of September 13th; Rick will check with LCMC to see if they are available for that date.

Resignation from Council by Todd Felske: Motion by Tom, 2nd by Darla to accept resignation. Tom made a motion to appoint Linda Babechenko to council for remainder of the year, 2nd by Darla.

Endowment Fund Committee: Renee Zimmer to head this committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Wagner for Kelly Walz

POSITION STILL OPEN

We are still in need of a volunteer for the Sunday School Superintendent Position.

Sunday School begins on September 13th.

Contact Dale Bremer at 989-928-6624 or Deva Weber at 989-868-4338 if you can help out.

Memorials

For Building Fund (to replace kitchen faucets) in memory of *Alice Haske*.

For Memorial Fund in memory of *Clara Parrent* by Al & Bernie Mielens, Ralph & Marcy Bublitz, Jim & Barbara Chernow, Darrell & Erin Andrus, Mel & Nancy Hochthanner, Neil & Janet French.

For Memorial Fund in memory of *Norine McNiven* by Karen Hess, Dale Doud, Jerry Hill Family, Glen & Leona Doud, John & Nancy Hill, Sharon Bierlein, Sue & Dale Karp, Jim & Fran Doud, Teri & David Elbers, Dennis Ackerman, Baker Family, Russell & Francis Ackerman, Jeff & Jeane Bender, Keith Prueter Family, Jean Houghtailing, Cheryl Beythan, MaryAnn Elbers, Mae Prueter, Barbara Solgat, Jeanette Elbers, Jean Kabat, Maryellen Burke.

Funerals

Clara E. Parrent, age 87, died Monday, June 29, 2015 at her home. Her funeral service was held at Ware-Smith-Woolever Funeral Home on July 3. Rev. John Pohanka officiated with cremation to follow.

Norine Rose McNiven, age 77, died July 12, 2015 at Lupton, MI. On July 16th a memorial service was held at Ware-Smith-Woolever Funeral Home.



Hospitalized

Please keep in your prayers those members who have been hospitalized in June & July:

Dorothy Heartwell, Jim Prueter, Dick Mossner, Sylvia Keyes, Shirley Grabowski, Roy Aven, Linda Redwanz, Marcy Bublitz, Donna Prueter

Thank You's

To Christ Lutheran Emergency Outreach, Thank you for your generous donation to my pancake benefit dinner. Thank you for your prayers. I am so thankful to God and you for your love and support.

God Bless You,
Wes Andrus & Family

Dear Members,

Thank you for supporting HIDDEN HARVEST with your generous gift of \$502 received 7/9/15. HIDDEN HARVEST would not exist if it were not for organizations and people like you who care about those who are less fortunate. Your gift will help with food handling supplies and transportation expenses as we continue the good work of HIDDEN HARVEST.

Richard Premo
President and CEO

A huge and very special thank you goes out to all those who have been working on the parsonage to get it in tip top shape for the arrival of Pastor Ed and Paula. Your time and effort has not gone unnoticed. Also, we wish to thank those who have contributed extra dollars to the building fund to help in this renovation. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

CHURCH COUNCIL

VBS

Vacation Bible School was an exciting week of adventures as we learned about how Jesus' love is truly one of a kind with Bible stories, crafts, recreation, and snacks. There were 28 children registered over four days with 25 volunteers.

A special thank you to those from Christ Lutheran who helped make this week a success.

Robbie Oldenburg, Deva Weber, Sue Trinklein, Amanda Beson, Jill & Jerzie VanOchten, Kendyl Murphy, Lucy Markhart, Zachary & Ian Walz, Carter DeLong, Caitlyn & Bradley Haubenstricker

Kelly Walz & Lora DeLong
Christ Lutheran VBS Coordinators

Attendance	Worship
June 7	142
June 10 (Wed)	3
June 14	93
June 21	78
June 28	98
July 5	62
July 12	115
July 19	63
July 26	64

CURRENT EXPENSE FUND JUNE 30, 2015

CHECKING ACCT.	\$ 26,496.67
REGULAR SAVINGS	\$ 12.39
DONATION SAVINGS	\$ 50,007.71

THRIVENT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION: 6/30/15

Business Money Market	\$ 425.61
Checking Acct.	\$ 251.37
Savings Acct.	\$ 1.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET THRU APRIL:

Revenue - Year to Date	\$ 70,654.12
Revenue - Budget to Date	\$ 80,000.00
Expenses - Year to Date	\$ 69,594.41
Expenses - Budget to Date	\$ 80,050.00

Bible Study

The Faith Circle will have their next Bible study on Monday, September 14th at 10:00 a.m. The lesson this month is Psalm 23. All are welcome.

Watch for the date to thank Rich Marotzke for all his years of service to Christ Lutheran Church.

Project Linus

The next meeting of Project Linus will be August 12th, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Our blanket count for 2015 is 39. Please come and help make blankets during our meeting time, or just come out for the fellowship, check us out. The blankets are donated to local hospitals and other organizations.

BLOCKHEAD QUILTERS

Meeting from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, August 19th. Come join us and see how our new fundraiser quilt is coming along. All are welcome, there are many jobs to be done.

COLLECTION FOR MILITARY MEN & WOMEN

During the months of August and September we will be collecting the following. The collection box is located by the coat rack. Help Support our Troops!

Coffee (singles - 2lb bags or cans)
 Hot Chocolate & Hot Cider Packets
 Cookies (small individual packs)
 Chocolate bars & kisses
 Canned Chili, Stews, Soups, Ravioli, Vienna sausage, Tuna, Chicken or Salmon
 Canned Fruit, Dried Fruit or Fruit Snacks
 Batteries AA & AAA
 Hand held games, DVDs and CDs
 Summer sausage, beef sticks or pepperoni sticks (6 oz to 12 oz size)
 Carmel corn, Granola Bars, Trail Mix, Nuts (individual sizes) Zip lock bags (snack, sandwich, quart and gallon size)

COMMUNITY CHURCH PICNIC SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

Dinner served At Christ Lutheran starting at 11:30 a.m. ENJOY A FUN DAY OF FOOD, GAMES, AND FELLOWSHIP. Free will offering.

Provided: Pulled Pork, Brats, & Hot Dogs
 Potatoes; Vegetable; Baked Beans; Beverages
 Please Sign Up on the Bulletin Board to bring:

Dessert; Salad; Other Dish

HELP set up (September 19 at 9:00 a.m.);
 clean up; kitchen help, games.



August Birthday's

Best wishes for a Happy Birthday! We are recognizing those persons who have reached the milestone of 80 years old and above. May God bless you.

2	Maureen Nancarrow Kathy Bublitz David Van Nest Sarah Janson	12	Logan Histed Adam Smith-Urbany	22	Adam Rupprecht
3	Ramon Spiekerman Mary Morley	13	Dorothy VanOchten	23	Lucy Markhart - over 80 Lisa Haske Dorothy Arlt
5	Cyle Spiekerman John Redwanz Jr. Rebecca Allen	14	Verna Bringold - over 80 Gail Asperger Becky Mellish Elizabeth Gillespie	24	Jackie Redwanz Stacey Wascher Spencer Palmreuter
6	Angela Luth Halie Frost	15	Tim Mielens	25	Don Hayes
8	Joyce Simpson Brandon Dirker Zoie Felske	16	Gerald Spiekerman Jim VanOchten Julie Wachowicz Lisa Wagner Bob Kolomak Aaron Hausbeck	26	Mildred Oldenburg - over 80 Lora DeLong Teresa Crawford
9	Shirley Mielens Allen Histed	17	Justin Morley Sheryl Reinke Katie Trinklein	27	Laura Smith - 80 th Scott Watkins
10	Shirley Mossner - 80 th Alexis Felske Klaire Hecht	18	Christopher Williamson	28	Kelly White Stephen Wagner
11	Anders Murphy Arick Murphy	19	Don Hausbeck Shana Wilkinson	29	Gary Keyes Mari Hecht Kevin Hecht
12	Jeanette Stuart	20	Brennan Stephens	30	Renee Zimmer Grace Connelly Lucas Connelly
		21	Penny Barrett	31	Jon Blegen

August Anniversaries

1	Lynn & Jo Achenbach	1959	12	Mike & Joanne Connelly	1972
	Dan & Julie Torrez	1998	14	Martin & Lori Gay	1976
3	Herb & Rose Stedry	1968	15	Jeff & Klisti Felske	1992
	Matthew & Michele Oldenburg	2007	16	Scott & Stephanie Magnus	2008
5	Matthew & Theresa Dirker	2000		James & Alicia Palmreuter	2014
6	Rich & Sadie Pelton	2005	18	Matthew & Kendyl Murphy	2007
	Kevin & Emily Spyker	2010	19	Roger & Gail Metiva	1983
7	Mitchell & Marsha Woolever	1982	21	Rich & Joann Marotzke	1993
	Jeremy & Whitney Kuhne	2004	22	Kenton & Brittany Morley	2010
	Ken & Sandy Ellison	2010	23	Wilmer & Mildred Oldenburg	1952
10	Bill & Judy Stuart	1963	25	Terry & Jan Histed	1990
11	Sean & Leslie Henry	2007	28	Larry & Marisa Ahrens	2010

Worship Assistants for August 2015

Date	Time	Lectors	Communion Set-up	Communion Assistant	Acolytes	Usher Teams	Money Counters
August 2	8:00	Kelly Walz	XX	XX	Luke & Grace Connelly	Teams 3	Team 2
August 2	10:30	NEED VOLUNTEER	Katie Bauer	Deva Weber	Shelby Keyes & Nathaniel Torrez		
August 9	8:00	Kelly VanDenBoom	Matt & Maria Lefler	Denise Felske	Breanna Rocha & Zach Walz	Teams 1	Team 3
August 9	10:30	Phyllis Felske	XX	XX	Allison Hawken & Libby Redwanz		
August 16	8:00	Dave Edwards	XX	XX	NEED VOLUNTEER	Teams 2	Team 4
August 16	10:30	Gracie Lefler	Rich & Joann Marotzke	Wendy Oczepk	Wyatt Schember & Faith Marotzke		
August 23	8:00	Kelly Walz	Darla Kolomak	Robbie Oldenburg	Sydney Histed & Breanna Rocha	Teams 3	Team 1
August 23	10:30	Dorothy Artt	XX	XX	Macy Hawken & Emily Redwanz		
August 30	8:00	Kelly VanDenBoom	Steve & Michelle Schmitzer	Michelle Schmitzer	Grace & Luke Connelly	Teams 1	Team 2
August 30	10:30	Renee Zimmer	XX	XX	Shelby Keyes & Nathaniel Torrez		

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