



Devotional

JESUS, THE EVERLASTING FATHER

December 16, 2011

Scripture Reading: [Isaiah 9:1-7](#)

To us a child is born, to us a son is given ... And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

Jesus, the second person of the Trinity, existed long before he was born on this earth. As God, he does not have a beginning; he is the source of all things.

Before the world existed, he lived in eternal glory and had perfect communion with the Father and the Holy Spirit. He was the Word that was with God in the beginning (John 1:1-2). He was coequal, coeternal, and consubstantial with God.

He was not created; he is one with the Creator. "Through him all things were made," and nothing that was made was made without him (John 1:3).

The universe was in God's mind before the foundations of the earth were laid. The starry worlds were created by him. He measured the waters of the seas in the hollow of his hand and weighed the dust of the earth on his precision scale. He called by name each and every one of the stars in the heavens, and none of them is lacking in splendor. He brought into existence the things that did not exist and created everything from nothing, for his glory and our enjoyment.

As our provider and protector, the Son born to us is called Everlasting Father; he loves us and came to save us!

Prayer:

Lord and God, I extend to you all my praise and worship for the security I enjoy in the person of your Son, Jesus Christ, Savior and Everlasting Father. Through him I offer you all honor and glory. Amen.

Hernandes Lopes



Consistory Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 12th, 2011

Attendance: Rev. Lee Johnson; Elders Mike Burbach, Melvin Burbach and Bob Davis;
Deacons Dan Hans, Rich Novak, Ben Torell and Mike DeWitt

At 8:06 p.m. the meeting was called to order.

The meeting was opened with devotions from John 1:1-14 and prayer.

The minutes from the November monthly meeting were read. A correction was noted in that the money for the new office chair is to come from the Building fund rather than the Deacon's fund. The minutes were adopted as corrected by common consent.

The following old business items were reviewed.

- The light on the south side of the church building has been repaired.
- No additional advertisement was placed in the Omaha World Herald as the estimated cost was much higher than originally thought.

The September month-end Treasurer's report was reviewed by the Consistory.

- Overall Checking account balance – \$26,456.94
- Conference Fund balance – \$9,916.70
- Education Assistance Fund balance – \$3,428.03
- Roof Replacement Fund balance – \$677.41
- Building Fund balance – \$2,735.62
- Certificate Of Deposit balance – \$6,023.71
- Savings account/Deacon's Fund balance – \$3,251.09 (with \$2,117.68 owed to the general fund)
- Total inflows for the month – \$6,699.01
- Total outflows for the month – \$37,130.10

The October month-end Treasurer's report was reviewed by the Consistory.

- Overall Checking account balance – \$32,288.12
- Conference Fund balance – \$7,190.50
- Education Assistance Fund balance – \$4,122.03
- Roof Replacement Fund balance – \$6,458.26
- Building Fund balance – \$3,175.62
- Certificate Of Deposit balance – \$6,027.51
- Savings account/Deacon's Fund balance – \$3,251.09 (with \$2,252.68 owed to the general fund)
- Total inflows for the month – \$13,738.89
- Total outflows for the month – \$7,907.71

The November month-end Treasurer's report was reviewed by the Consistory.

- Overall Checking account balance – \$31,030.19
- Conference Fund balance – \$5,658.13
- Education Assistance Fund balance – \$4,336.03
- Roof Replacement Fund balance – \$6,458.26
- Building Fund balance – \$3,175.62
- Certificate Of Deposit balance – \$6,027.51
- Savings account/Deacon's Fund balance – \$3,251.09 (with \$2,252.68 owed to the general fund)
- Total inflows for the month – \$5,709.15
- Total outflows for the month – \$6,967.08

A motion was made to approve the September, October, and November Treasurer's reports. The motion was seconded and carried.

A motion was made to pay the 3rd and 4th quarter Synod and Classis guidelines. The motion was seconded and carried.

The following up-coming events were reviewed by the Consistory.

- Dec. 14 – Caroling and chili feed – 6:00 p.m. at Milder Manor
- Dec. 14 – No Kid's Quest / Catechism
- Dec. 24 – Christmas Program – 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 25 – No Sunday School
- Jan. 01 – No Sunday School
- Jan. 16 – Next Consistory meeting
- Jan. 22 – Annual Congregational Meeting

No parsonage concerns were voiced.

Regarding the Omaha Bible Study, Rev. Johnson reported that there are additional families that may be interested in attending. A suggestion was made to obtain a mailing list for the surrounding area.

The following items were discussed regarding Consistory office positions.

- The Consistory terms for Elder Mike Burbach and Deacon Ben Torell will have been fulfilled at the end of this year. There is also 1 vacant Elder position.
- No nominations were forwarded to the Consistory. Discussion ensued regarding nomination of existing office holders. Deacon Torell agreed to be nominated for the office of Deacon, and Elder Mike Burbach agreed to be nominated for the office of Elder.
- A motion was made to forward the name of Ben Torell to the congregation as a candidate for the office of Deacon. The motion was seconded and carried.
- A motion was made to forward the name of Mike Burbach to the congregation as a candidate for the office of Elder. The motion was seconded and carried.

Discussion was held regarding the recent break-in and theft with the following items discussed.

- Among the missing items were the two mowers from the shed, the safe (empty), a loose-change box, the birthday piggy bank, the projector, the DVD player, and the small clock from the pulpit.
- A police report was filed and an investigation was initiated.
- The locks on both the front and back doors have been replaced.

The following Other Business items were mentioned and discussed.

- A suggestion was made to try breaking up lengthy readings during worship service when the congregation is reading along.
- A suggestion was made to perhaps have the bulletin proof-read prior to each worship service.
- Auditors will need to be appointed to review the financial books prior to the congregational meeting.
- A review of voting members will need to occur prior to the congregational meeting.

At 9:56 p.m. a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.



Calendar

Regular Sunday Schedule:

- Sunday School (9:30 a.m.)
- Worship (10:30 a.m.)
- Youth Discipleship Group (5:00 p.m.)
- Bible Study (6:30 p.m.)

Upcoming Events:

- 12/24:
 - [Christmas Program \(6:00 pm\)](#)
- 12/25:
 - [No Sunday School \(9:30 am\)](#)
 - [Christmas Day Service \(10:30 am\)](#)
- 01/1:
 - [No Sunday School \(9:30 am\)](#)
 - [Synod & Classis Offering \(10:30 am\)](#)
- 01/11:
 - [KIDS' QUEST \(6:30 pm\)](#)
- 01/16:
 - [Women's Fellowship \(7:00 pm\)](#)
 - [Consistory Meeting \(7:00 pm\)](#)
- 01/18:
 - [KIDS' QUEST \(6:30 pm\)](#)
- 01/22:
 - [Annual Congregational Meeting \(12:00 pm\)](#)
- 01/25:
 - [KIDS' QUEST \(6:30 pm\)](#)
- 01/28:
 - [Men's Fellowship Breakfast \(8:00 am\)](#)
- 01/29:
 - [Building Fund Offering \(10:30 am\)](#)
- 02/1:
 - [KIDS' QUEST \(6:30 pm\)](#)
- 02/5:
 - [Synod & Classis Offering \(10:30 am\)](#)
- 02/8:
 - [KIDS' QUEST \(6:30 pm\)](#)
- 02/12:
 - [The Lord's Supper \(10:30 am\)](#)
 - [Deacon's Fund Offering \(10:30 am\)](#)



Nursery Schedule 2011

July	3	Sarah D. Joseph D.	Oct.	2	Jennifer O. Sarah D.
	10	Deb L. Espen A.		9	Nellie B. Hailey D.
	17	Arlene H. Kirin D.		16	Arlene H. Kirin D.
	24	Jenny Jo Nellie B.		23	Katelyn B. Grant B.
	31	Christie V. John B.		30	Jamie B. Phillip B.
Aug	7	Marilyn J. Grant B.	Nov.	6	Vicki D. Joseph D.
	14	Jamie B. Hailey D.		13	Jodi D Martha B.
	21	Sheryl B. Espen A.		20	Sheryl B. Matthew B.
	28	Natalie T. Cole V.		27	Natalie T. Espen A.
Sept.	4	Jodi D. Kirin D.	Dec.	4	Deb B. Cole V.
	11	Vicki D. Phillip B.		11	Jenny Jo J. Hailey D.
	18	Shirley A. John B.		18	Amy N. Kirin D.
	25	Heidi B. Oliver B.		25	Katelyn B. Philip B.

If the date you are assigned does not work for you, please find your substitute or call Jodi DeWitt at 488-1810 to make other arrangements. Thank you for your help!



Announcements

SALVATION ARMY FOOD DRIVE – The Women’s Fellowship is sponsoring a Food Drive for the Salvation Army. Boxes are located in the church pantry.

2011 POGO CARDS – The Christian Education Assistance group is again selling POGO cards as a fund raiser. Contact either Dan Hans or Mike DeWitt if you would like to purchase a card. Pictures and additional information regarding the cards can be found on the web at www.pogocard.com.

MEALS ON WHEELS – St. John’s Reformed Church is sponsoring a once a month Saturday morning route. We are scheduled for the 3rd Saturday of each month beginning at 10:30. Time required is about 60-90. There is a sign-up sheet provided in the entry way. This is a great project for families as shut-ins enjoy seeing children.



Prayer Requests

Our Shut-Ins:

Esther Elfring, Julia Chomos, Eleanor Heinbigner

Those with Health Concerns:

Braeden Ems, Chloe McClure, Patricia Burbach and child, Glen Davis, Shirley Engle (back problems)

Outreach:

Omaha Bible Study, Christian Education, Heidelberg Theological Seminary, Africa missions, Philippines missions

Our Mission Churches:

Chico, CA; La Habra, CA; Vermillion, SD; Bentonville, AR; Sherman, TX; new work in Minneapolis, MN