

**Spirit of Christ Community Lutheran Church**  
**Council Minutes for June 9, 2011**

*Spirit of Christ Community Lutheran Church*  
*5801 Minnetonka Boulevard*  
*St Louis Park, MN. 55416*

*Attendance: Dave Latvala, Nancy Malone, Nicole Goerges, Jason Goerges, Kevin Roetzer, Anne Kraft, Sara Blood, Pastor Wes Syverson, Jeanne Worm*

**I. Devotions**

Congregation President, Anne Kraft, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with a word of prayer. Nancy Malone led devotions, “connecting the life dots”; reminding us to allow The Trinity to guide our lives.

**II. Approval of the Agenda**

No additions to the agenda at this time.

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Under “Ministry Team Reports letter c”, correct team name to Children, Youth & Families.

**Motion:** To approve the May 2011 minutes as written with the team name correction Children, Youth & Families.

**Vote:** M/S/C

**IV. Treasurer’s Report**

A down payment has been made for the EMI sound system using money from past memorials. The new sound system is expected to be installed June 15<sup>th</sup>. The Synod has not been paid at the time of this meeting, but is being sent this week. The custodian is being paid monthly rather than weekly. \$900.00 has been donated toward window replacement. There were no questions for Dave at this time.

**V. Pastor’s Report**

Pastor Wes stated that Wayside is looking for help in painting a few of the rooms for the women’s shelter. He will pick a Saturday in July or August, and invite members of the congregation to help with this. The recent Community Day had 674 volunteers sign up. Most were from Faith Communities in Hopkins, Minnetonka, and St. Louis Park. Money had been collected to help cover the cost of community projects that were not able to be completed due to the weather on that day. Those who organized this event will do so again next year.

**VI. Ministry Team Reports**

**A. Social Action** The Summer Food and School Supply Drive is scheduled for July 13<sup>th</sup> (bag delivery) and July 16<sup>th</sup> (collection and sorting). Mark Cohen has gotten 4,000 plastic bags from Cub, and the flyer will be put in the bags before delivery. Lydia Monahan is checking with Emmaus Road to see if they would like to join in the drive to cover the area around their congregation. There will be sign up sheets set out for people to sign up for this event. Backpacks will be hung around the church to remind people to start collecting school supplies for the next school year. The STEP donation of the month will be “kid friendly” foods. 400 rolls of toilet

paper were collected for STEP during May. Pat Latvala has taken blankets to STEP and to Reach and Restore. Some of the blankets were collected from Luther Park when the women were there for a retreat in April. Feed My Starving Children is July 9<sup>th</sup>; Joanne Stone is the coordinator for that day. The Social Action Committee requested/received Council approval to plan a "Walk for Water" event to raise funds for wells in areas where fresh water is not available. Joanne will develop a waiver for people to sign to be a part of this event. She also is connecting with Lutheran World Relief on where the wells are needed most. Pastor Wes suggested walking from Lake Calhoun to the church. Sara stated she would help with articles for the Sailor, if requested. There is \$88.00 available for TreeHouse; Jeanne will let Lydia know.

**B. Children, Youth & Families** The garage sale last weekend was a success, raising \$500.00 toward the convention in New Orleans in 2012. Marc Cohen and Cheryl Hanson helped make the donuts on Sunday. The Mission Trip to Chicago is set for June 20-26. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church for participation in the Parktacular Parade June 18<sup>th</sup>. The team is looking at plans for the next Christmas Program.

**C. Fellowship** There are Young Adults meetings planned through the summer, Nicole will be in contact and inviting people to those events. Nicole is working with Wendi Harmson on the Jump Crew concert to be held in August. Root beer floats will be served this Saturday as part of the Sorenson Neighborhood garage sales.

**D. Worship and Music** Dan Ruth will lead the worship service on June 26. They are currently planning a Membership Sunday.

**E. Other Reports**

- a) Women of Spirit-No report at this time
- b) Mission Outreach Coordinator Kristina Fruge is working on Full Circle Training on October 29<sup>th</sup> for adults from SOC, Westwood and Wooddale. Lyle Griner from Peer Ministry will lead the training session. The focus is to equip and encourage adults to be supportive adults and mentors in the lives of young people they encounter. There is a Metro Partner Fund Grant available for hiring a Program Manager for Homeless Youth as part of the Host Home Project.

**VII. Old Business**

Sara received the packet that needs to be completed in order to develop the Congregational Profile. It was suggested that Anne talk with Lowell Brandt and Mary Ann Murray to see if they have suggestions for the best way to approach completing this. Sara will check with Luther Seminary to see if Spirit of Christ can be considered for a reading (site assessment) as part of the seminary's Reading the Audience class.

**VIII. New Business**

**A. Other New Business** There is an article in the Newsletter about upcoming vacancies on the Executive Team at the end of the year. Dave did mention the need to finding a treasurer.

**IX. Next Council Meeting: Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. Hospitality: Sara**

**X. Adjourn**

Being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8pm with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Worm/Sara Blood