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Thrift Sale



The Fall Thrift Sale is coming up September 20

*Now is the time to check your closets, attics and
garages for all the extra items you no longer want or
need.*

Pre-priced items should be brought to church
beginning September 14 for this all-important money
raising event. Please watch for the sign-up to help at
the sale too!

GETTING READY FOR CHURCH

10:30 A.M. Worship

Communion the first Sunday of the month

September Worship Notes

September 7

13th Sunday after Pentecost

St. Francis Food Pantry offering

Exodus 12:1–14 or Ezekiel 33:7–11;
Psalm 149 or Psalm 148 or Psalm
119:33–40; Romans 13:8–14; Matthew
18:15–20

September 14

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayers for the People

Exodus 14:19–31; Psalm 114 or Exodus
15:1b–11, 20–21; Romans 14:1–12;
Matthew 18:21–35

September 21

15th Sunday after Pentecost

OCWM offering

Exodus 16:2–15 or Jonah 3:10–4:11;
Psalm 105:1–6, 37–45 or Psalm 145:1–8;
Philippians 1:21–30; Matthew 20:1–16

September 28

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 17:1–7 or Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32;
Psalm 78:1–4, 12–16 or Psalm 25:1–9;
Philippians 2:1–13; Matthew 21:23–32

In September, we are praying for these individuals/families: Micah & Jennifer Adams, Jackie Andersen, Jim (Mina) Bliss, Bonnie Carter, Darrick Carter & Joy Lobo-Carter, Kevin & Kristina Champion, Steve & Nancy Champion

Food for Thought

There will be no pot luck in September. We will take our St Francis Food Pantry offering on September 7.

Also, don't forget the Plymouth Street Ministry. There are immediate needs for families with children starting school shortly. Please contact Mike Henry if you would like to help. As always there is a need for water, food and gas cards!

Early notice: We will serve at the Community Table on November 22. We will need volunteers, money, and milk.



Pastor David will be on vacation through September 7. Pastoral emergencies will be covered by Rev. Dave Stratton (Sept 1) and Rev. Mark Pirazzini (Sept 2–7).

September Birthdays

2	Steve Strassman
6	Katelyn Phillips
7	Cindy Halfen
9	Nicole Ivkovich
13	Benji Stygar
15	Josie Hulke
20	Keith Zehms
22	Kathryn Hamilton
25	Jan Bliss Isaac Ivkovich
29	Nancy Salter
30	Audrey Salter

Johnson, Chun-Yin, Lay, Lucas, & Sophia Chong, Dave Whiteley, Tom & Deb Lockhart, Carol Figi, Amy Krammes, Ann Marie & Jane Hoepfner, Gary & Kathy Field, Janice Thompson, John & Amy Dominski, Edmund, Janice, & Scott Fink, Charles & Lucille Bauer, Joanne & Sharon Miller, Dorothy Kruschke, Bea Butler-Hancock, Marian Penn, Matt & Aurora Robison, Dale & Kathy Miller, Doug, Betty, & Claire Rasmussen, Lori Koepke, Terry & Mary Gilbertson, Mary Rosolack, George & John Stecher, Dorothy Gilbertson, Elmer & Millie Winters, Dean Steines & Ann Gordon, Tami Eisberner, Nancy Becker, Martin & Diane Degenhardt, Ann Abere, Dianne Jones & Lori Borders, Anna Rumery, Sherry Macaul, Theresa Roscoe, Eric Olson, Carol Kortekamp, Lea Ann Richie

Memorials

● General Fund

In memory of Kay Stecher: Louise Partlow, Christena Strandt, Gordon & Audrey Heimstead, Floyd & Pat Sexter, Brad & Janet Smith, Rev. David Huber, Richard Swenson & Amy Thorpe-Swenson, Cathy Lee, Aaron & Melissa Willis, Mr & Mrs Fred Roycraft, Terri Gilbert, Debbie Ashley, Cathy Clark, Tom & Sue Thompson, Gladys Ulry, Thomas Savaloja & Amy Rantala, Bob & Shelly Froehlich, Mary Boettcher, St John's Celebration Choir, Rob & Tammy Martens, River Looks Hair Care, Joyce Cupery, David & Barbara Rogers, Joyce Rannow, Jeffrey & Debra Heath, Helen Knight, John & Sandy Moore, Blake & Katie Eakright, Lloyd & Yvonne Joyal, Eric, Kathy, Emily, Sarah, & Megahn Dahm, John Lindrud, Kevin & Jean Phillips, Mark & Meredith Pirazzini, Joanne Lowry, Joanne Hayden, Paul & Julie Saether, Jeffrey & Linda Stock, Edward & Susan Stehulak, Vera Stecher, Larry & Barb Kleist, Ron & Nancy Wendt, Dennis & Renee

In memory of John Rippenburg: Lyle Shepler Family

In memory of Christena Strandt: Joe & Terri Gilbert, Floyd & Pat Sexter, Tami Eisberner, Paul & Gay Gilbertson, Bea Butler-Hancock, Larry & Barb Kleist, Dorothy Kruschke, Joanne Miller, Jill Roffers, George Stecher, Family & Friends, Gordon & Audrey Heimstead

Street Ministry

In memory of Kay Stecher: Steven Oas

Quilters

In memory of Christena Strandt: Dorothy Gilbertson, Sally Liddell, Family & Friends, Gloria Berg

PASTOR'S PEN



Dear friends and family of Plymouth,

Summer draws to a close and we approach the fall season. Whatever the calendar says about solstices and equinoxes, summer ends for me with Labor Day, or when school starts up again. And that seems to be when the church year starts again, too, whatever the liturgical calendar says about the church year beginning with Advent.

And we already have some events lined up for you to put on your calendar, to invite people to, and/or volunteer to help with. Thrift sale on September 20. World Communion Sunday October 5. Holiday Bazaar November 15. Serving at the Community Table November 22. Thanksgiving Eve worship on November 26. And there will be lunches after worship, a Christmas decorating day, Christmas Eve worship, and probably some other things as well. All wonderful things for you to invite people to come enjoy and experience our Plymouth community. And they are all wonderful things for you to enjoy and build your Plymouth relationships!

May your final weeks of summer vacation be blessed, your travels safe, and your spirits be renewed. And may we all come back from summer and into fall, whether we travelled or staycated, with an invitational spirit and a spirit to serve our church and our neighbors.

May God bless you and keep you,



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

August 14, 2014

Members present: Deb Zehms, Larry Kleist, Pastor David, Barb Kleist, Linda Jaenke, Rob Jaenke

Deb called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. The July Council minutes were reviewed and approved.

Financial Reports:

As of July 31, 2014

Year to Date Income	\$69,943.22
Year to Date Expenses	\$67,995.95
Ahead (Behind)	\$1,947.27

Treasurer's Report:

Income for July was \$5540.15. Total expenses for the month were \$7595.08, leaving us with a July loss of \$2054.93. We have about \$3800 in bills yet to pay for July. Memorial Fund had a large deposit from Kay Stecher's funeral that was earmarked for the General Fund. Some of that will be used to pay these bills.

Reserve Fund Report:

The balance is \$455.35.

Memorial Fund Report:

The balance is \$14,702.32.

Street Ministry:

The balance is \$8.77.

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Building and Grounds:

The roof leaked again and Jim Welk is working on getting it fixed.

Christian Education Commission:

There will be some sort of programing for the youth this fall. Rob will check into how to get a new signer for the Christian Ed checking account.

Stewardship Commission:

The fall thrift sale will be September 20.

Worship Commission:

The commission is working on making sure things run smoothly while Pastor David is on vacation. They are looking for some creative decorating ideas for the sanctuary for September and October.

Service Commission:

Pastor David and others are making regular visits. Remember to fill out visitation cards—even for phone visits. Thank you!

Women of Plymouth:

Barb brought up that there were comments by some of the kitchen help for funerals that when the family has the food catered in, it is much easier to handle and you need fewer workers. We should consider not offering to make the sandwiches, especially when the funeral is on a week day when we have fewer people to call on.



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*Council Minutes
continued ...*

Pastor's Report:

Pastor David will be on vacation from August 18 through September 7. We have received two new members and hope to have more.

Old Business:

- Evangelism Committee: Pastor David continues to work with the evangelism coach and has returned from the conference in Atlanta with much information. He is also attending a workshop in Minneapolis this next weekend.
- Barb and Mike Henry attended the Pride Picnic on August 10.
- We will be serving at the Community Table on November 22.
- Church Rental: Deb reported that they are still working on the wedding aspect of renting out our facility. She asked whether we felt it would be beneficial for Pastor David to become a member of the Chamber of Commerce. We all agreed it would be. She will look into that.

New Business:

- Our cleaning team is resigning. Deb will get with Mimi to come up with a task list. She will then look in the paper and possibly put an ad out.

Next meeting of the Council will be Monday, September 15.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Barb Kleist for Louise Partlow

SCRIP cards update

SCRIP cards are available for Mega, Gordy's, and Kwik Trip. It is a painless, cost-free fundraiser for our church. Here is how it works: On Sunday, you buy Scrip cards for \$25, \$50, and/or \$100. You pay with cash or check made out to Plymouth. We are able to keep 5% of the money that is paid for Mega and Gordy's cards, and 10% of what we get for Mega Holiday and Kwik Trip cards! So far in 2014, we have made a total profit of over \$1,370.00!

Be a sponsor!

Sponsor an issue of the newsletter, a weekly bulletin, or the illumination of the cross on the front of our building in memory or in honor of someone or in honor of a special event, or even just because! Bulletin and newsletter sponsors will be recognized in the issue they sponsor. Cross sponsors will be listed in all publications for the month of sponsorship. Support a bulletin for \$15, a newsletter for \$50, or illuminate the cross for \$50. Call the church office at 715-835-5475 or email Mimi at

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
	<p>1 Labor Day</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00 A.M. Quilters</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7 <i>St Francis Food Pantry offering</i></p> <p>10:30 A.M. Communion Worship</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00 A.M. Quilters</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 <i>Prayers for the People</i></p> <p>10:30 A.M. Worship</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:00 P.M. Executive Council</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00 A.M. Quilters</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Fall Thrift Sale 8:00–4:00</p>
<p>21 <i>OCWM offering</i></p> <p>10:30 A.M. Worship</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:00 A.M. Quilters</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Worship Commission</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00 A.M. Quilters</p>				