

ST. STEPHEN SCROLL

St. Stephen Lutheran Church is a community of believers, saved by the grace of God, who are called to:

- *share his love through words and actions;*
- *welcome others into the family of Christ.*

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” – Philippians 4:6-7

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ –

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As we read the Bible we see the importance of prayer. Abraham prayed. Moses prayed. Hannah prayed. King Saul, King David, King Solomon all prayed, and so did the prophets.

We know Jesus prayed. Jesus prayed before raising Lazarus from the dead (John 11:41-42). He prayed before the feeding of the 5,000 (Luke 6:11). Jesus prayed before meals (Matthew 26). He searched out quiet places to pray and to be alone with God (Mark 1:35). Jesus taught his disciples how to pray, and he prayed with them (Matthew 6:9-13). He prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night he was betrayed (Matthew 26). Jesus prayed as he was dying on the cross (Luke 23:44). Jesus' example shows us the importance of prayer in our lives.

Prayer is important for all of us. It is a way for us to talk to God. Prayer gives us the opportunity to share with God what is in our hearts and on our minds.

Prayer is also an important part of our life together as a Christian community. We are called by God to pray with and for one another. Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote: “A Christian community either lives by the intercessory prayer of its members for one another, or the community will be destroyed. The face that may have been strange and intolerable to me is transformed into the face of one for whom Christ died” in and through prayer.

Prayer is powerful. It matters. Prayer changes lives.

Throughout the history of Christianity, the season of Lent has been a time set aside for contemplation and prayer. On Wednesday, March 11th Saint Stephen will be having a prayer vigil. The prayer vigil will take place in the church library (the old narthex). You are encouraged to sign-up for one or two of the time slots on the poster in the narthex or to simply drop in as your schedule permits. This can be time for prayer, reflection, repentance, thanksgiving, or simply a quiet time to be with your Lord.

May God bless you and keep you today and always.

In Christ –
Pastor Kerri



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2015 Council Members

Brenda Firquin,
President
Buddy Zimmerman,
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Cheryl Markley,
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Rod Firquin,
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Larry Faue,
Andrea Goebel,
Paul Kiser
Connie Miller,
Michelle Sarson,
Duane Steines
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Lenten and Easter Worship Schedule

Prayer Vigil (Wednesday), March 11th, 8 am - 8 pm

Wednesday Evening Studies of Jesus' Ancestors:

Rahab, March 4th at 6:15 pm
 Prayer Vigil, March 11th, 8 am - 10 pm
 Ruth and Boaz, March 18th at 6:15 pm
 King David, March 25th at 6:15 pm

Maundy Thursday Worship, April 2nd at 7:00 pm, Sanctuary
 Good Friday Worship, April 3rd at 7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
 Easter Sunday, April 5th at 8 am and 10 am

Golden Sneakers to Enjoy Lunch & Bowling

The Golden Sneakers will enjoy lunch and then bowling on **Wednesday, March 18th. Meet at 11:30 am at Jumbo Buffet & Grill, 2731 S. Hurstbourne Pkwy. After lunch, we will head to the Fern Bowl, 5518 Bardstown Rd.** Bill & Meg Thompson, 239-4285, are hosting this event. If you plan to attend, please sign up in the narthex so that we will know how many are coming.

Jr Youth Going To Lazer Blaze

We will be going to Lazer Blaze at 4121 Shelbyville Road to play laser tag on **March 15th**. If you are participating, please bring a sack lunch to eat at the church. We will leave the church around 11:50 am to head to Lazer Blaze. Everyone needs to bring \$15, which will buy a standard value pak that includes: 2 games of laser tag, \$3.00 in tokens for the arcade & a small drink. If you don't want the tokens or drink, bring \$13.00 to play 2 games of laser tag. We should return to church between 2 & 2:15 pm. If you plan to participate, please sign up on the sheet outside the office and indicate if your parents are willing to drive. Additional drivers may be needed, depending on the number of participants. If you have questions, please call Cheryl Markley, 426-9845.

Palm Sunday Parade

If you arrive for worship on Sunday, March 29th and find the sanctuary without children – don't worry. Just as last year, the kids, Pastor Kerri, and Hank are getting ready in the fellowship hall for their annual **Palm Sunday (March 29th)** parade. After everyone has received a palm branch and/or ribbon wand, we will have our very own Palm Sunday processional parade from the fellowship hall into the sanctuary. Hank will again be sharing his accordion playing skills at Saint Stephen for our parade!

Easter Basket Auction Fundraiser

We will be having an auction of Easter Baskets after church on **Palm Sunday, March 29th**, for our spring St. Stephen fundraiser. Families, groups, or individuals are asked to "adopt" one of the basket themes listed on the sign up sheet in the narthex and provide a basket of your own design for the auction. There is no limit on the value of the goods and services that could be included. Go as fancy or as frugal as you like, but keep in mind that all of the money raised will go directly to support St. Stephen Lutheran Church. **Completed baskets should be delivered to the church by March 22nd.**

Easter Lily Donors

Easter lilies will be placed around the altar on Easter to enhance the worship space. If you wish to honor or memorialize your loved ones with donations of Easter lilies, there will be a sign up sheet in the narthex soon. We do not yet have a price for the lilies, but they were \$14 last year. The price will be printed in the bulletin announcements as soon as we have it. We need to have your requests **no later than Sunday, March 29th**. You may take the lilies home after the 10am Easter worship service.

Easter Candy Donations

The St. Stephen Senior Youth will again be hosting the annual St. Stephen Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:00 am worship service on Easter, April 5th. In preparation for this fun event, they will be diligently stuffing plastic eggs during their Sunday school classes until then. They would prefer not to do all of this work on Palm Sunday and Easter mornings, so they are asking for your help in providing small, individually wrapped items for the eggs starting now. Please bring items any time (preferably early) throughout this month, and place them in the Senior Youth classroom. Thanks for your help!

Easter Breakfast

Come and enjoy a continental breakfast with your fellow Lutherans on **Easter morning, April 5th, at 9:00 am between the worship services** in the fellowship hall. Bring your relatives and friends, but please, if you can, sign up in the narthex so that we will know how many to expect.



First Communion Classes



Pastor Kerri will be offering First Communion classes soon. If you would like for your child to participate, please see Pastor Kerri so that she can arrange times. We would love to celebrate First Communion on Easter.

Help Our Ronald McDonald House Team

We have a small core of people at St. Stephen who faithfully prepare & serve dinner on the 4th Tuesday of every month to those staying at Ronald McDonald House (RMDH) who have very sick children being treated at downtown hospitals. This small core of people often buy food for this ministry without reimbursement. If you can help provide food for this ministry, there is a list of items needed on the table in the narthex. If you would like to provide money, please put your donation in the offering plate with a note on the envelope & check that it is for the Ronald McDonald House ministry.

Keep Saving for the Yard Sale!

We plan to have a St. Stephen yard sale on **Saturday, May 16th**. Start looking for items to contribute now! (**But please don't bring them to the church just yet.**) We will give you a date just after Easter. We need volunteers to serve on the yard sale committee and to do pricing, set up, clean up, work on the day of the sale, and serve as cashiers. Also, we would like to have a bake sale to raise additional funds and to nourish our shoppers. If you can serve in any of these jobs or provide baked goods, please contact Chuck or Ellen Ullom, 231-4327.

Lutheran Summer Camp Forms & Brochures Available

We now have summer camp brochures from the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Camps in Indiana-Kentucky. The brochures are in the narthex. There are 3 different camp locations in Indiana, but the camp closest to Louisville is Lutheran Hills in Morgantown. Most available camps are \$325 or less. Several families in the congregation have previously sent kids to these camps. You can find out more information at the website, www.lomik.org. See Pastor Kerri if you are interested.

ELCA World Hunger & Disaster Response Campaign Continues

The ELCA World Hunger and ELCA Disaster Response Campaign has started at St. Stephen and will continue through Easter. There are at least 3 ways at St. Stephen that you can collect money for this campaign to help feed and help people around the world:

1. For just \$1, you may decorate a paper chick. Each dollar donated will provide a needy family with a chick, which will eventually provide eggs to eat and sell at the market. Through Easter there are paper chicks, crayons, and markers available during coffee hour. Color as many as you want! If you don't want to color, Pastor Kerri will find someone who will gladly do it for you.
2. Collect your spare change in the pig-shaped collection boxes available in the narthex for you to take home during Lent & bring back on Easter.
3. There are new envelopes in the pew racks for the hunger campaign. You may place your donation in the envelope in the offering plate.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

"Souper" Bowl of Caring Thanks

Thank you to all who donated food for "Souper Bowl" of Caring and who at the same time donated money for our quarterly social ministry collection. The food collected for FCHUM included **99 cans of soup, 60 cans of pasta, 6 cans of beans, 12 boxes of pasta, 9 cans of veggies or fruit, and 5 other food items**. We also collected **\$251.82** for social ministry. Half will go to Fern Creek Highview Ministries (FCHUM), and half will be kept at St. Stephen for other social ministry needs. Thank you again.

Thanks to Jim Brotzge

We thank Jim Brotzge for making candle holders for St. Stephen for both Advent candles and festival candles. These holders protect the oil candles as they are being stored. We are lucky to have such a talented wood craftsman in the congregation!



St. Stephen Lutheran Church Congregational Council Meeting February 8, 2015

The regular meeting of the council was called to order by council president, Brenda Firquin. A quorum was established. Pr. McFarland opened the meeting with prayer.

Members present: Brenda Firquin, Cheryl Markley, Connie Miller, Larry Faue, Buddy Zimmerman, Bill Thompson, Rita Sarson, Kenna Markley (youth), Paul Kiser, Pastor McFarland, Rod Firquin (recording secretary). Members absent: Andrea Goebel

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the January meeting were printed in the February newsletter.

M/S- B. Thompson/B. Zimmerman to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter.

Pastor's Report: Pr. McFarland

1. Lenten service schedule was presented. The services have been printed in the newsletter and bulletins. All members are encouraged to attend and be involved in the worship and fellowship leading up to Easter.

President's Report: B. Firquin

1. January weekend attendance averages 82. Last weekend attendance was 99, including approximately 10 from St. Alban's.

Financial Reports: P. Markley, B. Wise, B. Zimmerman

1. The January treasurer's report was presented and discussed. M/S- L. Faue/C. Miller. Carried. See report printed at the end of the minutes.

Old Business:

1. Another contact has been made by the realtor, representing the developer, of the property just south of the church's property. There is still interest in purchasing a small strip of our property. At this time no offer or negotiation has been discussed. The council will be updated if/when this moves forward.
2. Cheryl Markley presented the draft of the annual meeting packet. The agenda and reports were approved to be presented to the congregation.
3. One of the fundraising suggestions discussed at the January meeting was a seasonal/event basket auction. Paul Kiser has put together a list of possible basket themes. The live auction will be held on Palm Sunday, March 29th following the 10:00 am service. Look for a list of baskets members can "adopt" and put together individually or members can donate items to help complete a basket. The council is very excited about the suggestions congregation members offered at the budget workshop in January. This is the first one of a number of events planned for the coming year. The youth will provide a light luncheon during the auction. It is hoped the luncheon will encourage many members to stay and even invite guests to participate in the basket auction and fellowship.
4. The 2015 Budget proposal was presented with no changes to the draft presented in the January council meeting. M/S- L. Faue/P. Kiser to accept as presented. Carried. This budget will be recommended to the congregation at the annual meeting on February 22 following the 10:00 am worship service.

New Business:

1. The audit of all the church's financial records was completed on February 4. All accounts were found to be in very good condition. The treasurer, financial secretary, and finance chairperson and finance committee are to be commended for their diligence in keeping the financial matters of the church very clear, clean, and precise.
2. A blood drive has been set for June. An exact date has not been selected by the American Red Cross. When the date is determined, it will be announced immediately so all donors can make plans to donate. Our goal will be 15 successful donations.
3. Another fundraiser event will be held on July 25. It is being called a "Kentucky Tasting Event". Plans are still being made, but initial discussions involve tastings of all things Kentucky. Just think of all the things brewed, distilled, grown, produced, and made in our Commonwealth. If you are interested in helping plan and carry out this new event, please contact Brenda Firquin.
4. Another discussion at the January budget workshop involved making additional payments on the building mortgage. After much discussion, the council entertained a motion addressing this issue. The following motion was made by Larry Faue: At the close of the 2015 calendar year, the amount in excess of 6 months payments in the mortgage fund account (\$6,456.00) and what is in excess of \$10,000.00 in the annex (rental house) account will be paid directly on the principal of the mortgage. This motion was seconded by Paul Kiser and carried by voice vote of the council.

Church Committee Reports:

Finance: See report printed at the close of the minutes.

Evangelism: R. Sarson

1. Rita will continue to serve on this committee as chairperson. She will report to another council member for inclusion in the minutes of the regular church council meetings.

Fellowship: C. Miller

1. Committee will set up and provide drinks for the annual meeting/chili cook-off on February 22.
2. Thanks to all who provided food for Marian Gerwick's reception at the church following her funeral.

Worship and Music: B. Firquin

1. The council wishes to thank Jim Brotzge for his design and construction of the advent candle and oil candle holders. Jim is a skilled and gifted wood worker. Thanks Jim for your work.
2. The Good Friday service will be held in the Fellowship Hall. The service will utilize the Biblical passages for each of the Stations of the Cross. The artwork is on display in the Fellowship Hall. Look for more information on this service as Good Friday approaches.
3. A 24 Hour prayer vigil is being planned for March 11. It has been a number of years since St. Stephen has held a prayer vigil and the committee hopes this will add to the Lenten season of prayer and reflection on God's love and sacrifice. Look for more details soon on how members can participate.
4. The committee reports very positive feedback from congregation members on the children's Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall. The ornaments were made by the Sunday school children with great love and pride.

Property and Grounds: R. Firquin

1. So far, the tractor has not needed to be used to remove snow. It is ready if needed. Hopefully, we can remove the blade without ever using it this winter.

Christian Education: A. Goebel: No report

Social Ministry: R. Firquin/Pr. McFarland

1. The FCHUM annual Gala is planned for the second week in May. Mark this important day on your calendar and watch for ways to support this important fundraiser for the ministry.
2. Please see information about the "Souper Bowl" donations to the FCHUM food pantry elsewhere in the March newsletter. Thanks to all who donated to the drive. The need continues to be great in our community. The council wishes to thank the Boston's for transporting the canned goods to the pantry.

Youth: K. Markley

1. The youth will be collecting candy, filling eggs and hiding the eggs for the annual Easter egg hunt. Watch for information about how you can donate candy. The hunt will begin immediately after the 10:00 am Easter morning service.
2. As noted earlier, the youth will host the Palm Sunday luncheon prior to the basket auction.

The council is reminded of the annual meeting on February 22. There will be a short council meeting following the annual meeting adjournment.

The next regular meeting of the council will be on March 8, 2015 following the 10:00 am service.

M/S- P. Kiser/B. Zimmerman to adjourn the meeting. Carried.

Treasurer's Report:

January 2015	Republic checking	memorial	social min.	mortgage fund	mission plus	property annex
Beginning Balance	5,703.40	1,799.77	527.93	6,231.27	6,285.11	9,476.54
Deposits	10,818.00	0	0	335.00	0	0
Disbursements	10,733.24	0	57.46	1,076.00	0	0
Ending balance	5,788.16	1,799.77	470.47	6,490.27	6,285.11	9,476.54

No statements yet this month for Mission Investment and Property Annex.

The current mortgage is \$151,873.58.

St. Stephen Lutheran Church
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
February 22, 2015

The annual congregational meeting of St. Stephen Lutheran Church was called to order following the 10:00 A.M. service and the chili cook-off fellowship by Council President Brenda Firquin. A quorum was established with approximately 40 members present. Pr. Kerri McFarland offered prayer to open the meeting.

The meeting packet was distributed prior to the close of the fellowship to allow those in attendance to review the reports included and the minutes from the 2014 annual meeting. Motion by Pat Markley and seconded by Paul Kiser to approve the minutes as printed in the packet. Carried by voice vote.

Reporting for the Council Nominating Committee the following names were placed in nomination for the vacancies on the 2015 Council:

Michelle Sarson- 3 year term and Duane Steines- 3 year term. No other names were placed in nomination from the floor. Motion by Buddy Zimmerman and seconded by Janette Constantino to accept the names placed in nomination to fill the vacancies on the council. The names nominated were elected by voice vote.

Written reports from the various committees were included in the meeting packet. Each chairperson or representative was available to highlight the reports and answer questions. Written reports were as follows:

- President's Report- Brenda Firquin
- Pastor's Report- Pr. Kerri McFarland
- Treasurer's Report- Pat Markley/Buddy Zimmerman
- Christian Education- Janette Constantino for Andrea Goebel
- Evangelism- Rita Sarson
- Fellowship- Connie Miller for Marilyn Mills
- Property and Grounds- Rod Firquin
- Social Ministries- Pr. McFarland
- Worship and Music- Brenda Firquin
- Financial Audit-Pat Markley/Buddy Zimmerman
- Church rental property/Annex- Pat Markley

Council President Brenda Firquin noted in her report the quarterly finance workshops hosted by the council and finance committee during 2014. The council believes these discussions have given congregation members an opportunity to participate in financial decisions and offer suggestions for budgetary decisions not only for 2014, but for 2015 and beyond. The president thanked all who attended these meetings.

Pr. McFarland noted in her report St. Stephen has welcomed 21 new members in 2014. She also highlighted the numerous ways God has worked through the members of St. Stephen to support ministry outreaches as well as opportunities to welcome the community into our church through VBS, trunk and treat, and support of FCHUM. The church is strong and vibrant in the Fern Creek community and we will look for other ways to show God's love through our work and worship.

Buddy Zimmerman, Treasurer, reported 2014 ended on a very positive note. All accounts showed positive balances after all expenses were met for the year. Giving exceeded expenses, which is an excellent record going forward. Buddy noted the \$2,000.00 transferred from the money market account (mission investment fund) in January 2014 to the general fund, has been replaced.

It was noted during the Christian Education report that this year's VBS will begin on a Sunday night and complete on Thursday night. It was noted the Friday night attendance has been in decline for a number of years. It is believed many families leave town on Friday evenings which impacts the attendance. This change will be monitored and discussed for future VBS planning.

Rita Sarson rotates off the council this year after serving two three year terms. She will continue to chair the Evangelism committee and Michelle Sarson will report the committee's work to the council.

The Membership report shows 21 members received during the year, 12 by affirmation of faith, 6 by baptism, and 3 by transfer; 6 members were removed, 2 by death and 4 by transfer to other congregations. Total baptized membership reported as 272 and total confirmed membership reported as 211. Average weekend attendance, not including Easter was reported at 87.

Connie Miller reported a very busy year for the Fellowship committee. Of special note was the installation of the ceiling fan in the kitchen in memory of Kay Bunner.

Pat Markley reported that the Finance Chairman's report includes good news. Net income showed a \$2,680.53 positive balance, meaning actual expenses were under projected budget amounts. It was noted we did not meet the budget benevolence amount and that fact has been addressed in the 2015 budget proposal. Mr. Markley encourages the congregation to continue the trends in giving throughout the year, especially during the summer months when attendance normally drops as well as giving.

Property and Grounds chairperson, Rod Firquin, reported the wooden parts of the building were painted this summer. Only a small high eve portion still needs completion, which will happen in the early spring. Overall, the grounds, church building, and rental house are in good shape. Replacement windows were installed in the rental house this summer. As noted in the finance report, the rental house continues to generate income. Some landscaping, tree trimming, and driveway gravel work is planned for the spring and summer.

Pr. McFarland reported on the Social Ministries work for the year. We continue to provide financial and food pantry support for FCHUM. The annual FCHUM gala is held every May and this past year St. Stephen won the penny challenge with \$377.00 donated. During Lent, \$400.00 was collected for ELCA World Hunger Relief. Walkers representing St. Stephen raised \$225.00 for the DARE TO CARE hunger walk in September. Many thanks to Charlie and Phyllis Boston for transporting all of our donations to FCHUM.

The Worship and Music committee, chaired by Brenda Firquin, had a very busy year. It was noted two services were held on Easter morning. Both were well received and well attended. The chairperson made special mention of our pianist and music director Hank Evans. His talent, dedication, and enthusiasm have added greatly to our worship and fellowship. His talented group of friends has added much to our fellowship activities and we look forward to many more opportunities to enjoy Hank's talents.

The Financial Audit was completed and all accounts were found to be in excellent order. It was noted the paper trail was very clear concerning the theft of payroll and blank checks from the church office. No accounts were negatively impacted due to Buddy's quick action in dealing with this issue.

The annex (rental house) while showing a negative income stream for 2014 continues to be an income producing property for the church. As noted, replacement windows were installed with the cost coming from the annex account. Other church expenses were paid from the annex account during the year as well (tree removal, yard work, and operating expenses.)

Paul Kiser discussed the church's involvement in the South Central Conference of the IN/KY Synod. He is representing St. Stephen on this committee of regional Lutheran congregations. Note the budgeted amount in benevolence giving to this conference. Paul will continue to keep the council and membership updated on the work of this group.

More detailed reports are included in the annual report packet.

A motion was made by Tammy Utley and seconded by Fred McBride to accept the committee reports as printed in the meeting packet. Carried by voice vote.

There was no Old Business.

The 2015 proposed budget was presented by Pat Markley. This budget was recommended by the council after discussion at the last financial workshop in January. No salary increases were proposed in the budget, but an increase in ministerial health care affected the overall budget. It was noted the council has committed the total budgeted amount for benevolence to be paid in full. It is planned to pay this total on a quarterly basis. Charlie Boston asked why the utilities budget did not cover the 2014 actual expenditure and should this be changed. He offered this in a form of a motion and was seconded by Buddy Zimmerman. That motion carried by a voice vote. The 2015 budget will reflect \$8,695.00 as expected expenditure in the utilities line. This change will increase the overall budget to \$153,198.00. A motion was offered by Marcus Utley and seconded by Duane Steines to accept the proposed/recommended budget with the change noted above. Carried by a voice vote.

The council president offered closing remarks. She thanked outgoing council members Bill Thompson and Rita Sarson for their devoted and thoughtful service to the church through their work on the council. She also reported yearly average attendance for the 10:00 am service was 74 and the 5:00 pm service was 9. The council plans to continue to hold quarterly meetings to keep the congregation informed on the financial health of the church. Many fundraising and fellowship events are being planned as a result of input from the congregation. Watch for upcoming announcements about these events and participate as often and as much as you are able. Finally, the council at the last regular meeting passed a motion to address the mortgage balance on the sanctuary. At the close of the 2015 budget year, any funds in excess of 6 months mortgage payments in the mortgage fund and any amount in excess of \$10,000.00 in the annex (rental property) account will be paid directly to the principle on the mortgage. It is hoped this will begin a focused effort to pay the mortgage off by the 10 year anniversary in 2017.

A motion by Fred McBride and seconded by Herb Warren to adjourn the annual meeting was carried by voice vote.

It was announced that the new chili cook-off champion is Rita Sarson. There were 9 excellent chili dishes in the competition this year. We look forward to Rita defending her championship next year.

Mardi Gras Supper Club Was a Grand Time!

Hank Evans & his talented friends entertained us on February 14th as we all celebrated Valentines' Day and Mardi Gras. Nearly 70 people had a great time together.



Chili Champ

In conjunction with the annual meeting, the annual St. Stephen chili cook-off was held on February 22nd. Rita Sarson was the champ this year. Pastor Kerri relinquished the chili champ apron to Rita, who will wear it proudly! Congrats, Rita!



St. Stephen Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes February 22, 2015

The organizational council meeting was called to order following the annual congregational meeting by council president Brenda Firquin. Members present: B. Firquin, C. Miller, C. Markley, B. Zimmerman, P. Kiser, M. Sarson, D. Steines, K. Markley, Pr. McFarland, R. Firquin (recording secretary). Members absent: A. Goebel, L. Faue.

The council welcomes two new members to 3 year terms, Michelle Sarson and Duane Steines. Thanks for volunteering to serve on the council.

The council met to organize for the coming year. The following elected positions are to be determined: Council President, Council Vice President, and Council Secretary.

Brenda Firquin was nominated to serve as council president by B. Zimmerman and seconded by P. Kiser. Brenda accepted the nomination. Voice vote to elect Brenda as council president for the coming year, carried.

Buddy Zimmerman was nominated to serve as council vice president by B. Firquin and seconded by C. Markley. Buddy accepted the nomination. Voice vote to elect Buddy as council vice president for the coming year, carried.

Cheryl Markley was nominated by C. Miller and seconded by B. Firquin to serve as council secretary. Cheryl accepted the nomination. Voice vote to elect Cheryl as council secretary for the coming year, carried.

Brenda Firquin reminded the council this will be her last year as member of the council. A review of the remaining term limits of current council members will be discussed at the March council meeting.

New Business:

1. Rod Firquin notified the council the remainder of the snow plowing was completed by A.B.Landscaping, due to the church's tractor being inoperable on Friday. The cost will be paid from the annex (rental property) account. The tractor has been repaired and will be ready for service. Much thanks to Herb Warren for his work on the snow removal this past week.
2. Buddy Zimmerman informed the council one half of the 2015 budgeted amount has been paid to benevolence. In doing so, we are ahead of the committed budget amount for the year to the ELCA and IN/KY synod.
3. At the regular meeting of the council in March, committee chair and reporting members will be determined as well as setting dates for the fall gifts and talent auction and the OCTOBER FEST.
4. The March council meeting is scheduled for March 8th following the 10:00 am service.

M/S- P. Kiser/D. Steines to adjourn meeting. Carried.

March 2015 Servants of the Church

Sunday - 10 a.m.	3/01/15	3/08/15	3/15/15	3/22/15	3/29/15
Lector	Susan Johnston	Jan Wilkins	Bailey Goebel	Reagan Morris	Chuck Ullom
Ushers	Fred McBride Carolyn Graham	Frank Constantino Audrey Constantino	Ellen Ullom Rod Firquin	Adolphus Kahn Jim Brotzge	Kenna Markley B. Zimmerman
Acolyte	Lilly Morris	Jack McFarland	Brennan Summers	Audrey Constantino	Ella Markley
Communion Table	Marcia Peterson Sarah Giles	Cole Summers Jennifer Summers	Andrea Goebel Bailey Goebel	Steven Sarson Rita Sarson	Wendi Morris Reagan Morris
Commun. Deacon	Steven Sarson	Kenna Markley	Rod Firquin	Cheryl Markley	Tammy Utey
Nursery	Elizabeth Seifert	Jessica Allen	Julie Zimmerman	Wendi Morris	Morgan McCauley
Cantor	Karen Eisenbrey	Fred McBride	Bill Wise	Paul Kiser	Karen Eisenbrey
Worship Coord.	Rita Sarson	Rod Firquin	Brenda Firquin	Paul Kiser	Pat Markley
Greeter(s)	Dale Chapman	Darlene Clark	Bill & Vivian Wise	Frank Constantino	Carolyn Graham
Coffee Hr Host(s)	Goebels	Sarsons	Darlene Clark	McFarlands	Potluck!
For this season:				before 03/29	before 04/05
Grass Mowing				Needed	Needed



Time to sign up to mow grass!
See Rod Firquin, 231-2901, for brief instruction.



God's Blessings to these March birthdays:

Andrea Tyson 3
 Steven Sarson 6
 Cheryl Markley 9
 Lori Young 9
 Betty Peterson 11
 Patricia Reynolds 12
 Rudy Acuña 13
 Matt Young 13
 Stephen Summers 15



Kayleigh Kiser 17
 Caroline Zimmerman 21
 Tyler Clark 26
 Rod Firquin 26
 Liam Zimmerman 26
 Brian Miller 27
 Janet Utecht 27
 Tom Curtis 31

We celebrate with these couples having March anniversaries:

Buddy & Peggy Zimmerman (1st/1969)
 Duane & Debra Steines (3rd/1973)
 Bryce & Meredyth Peterson (8th/2003)
 Rick & Karen Davis (12th/1989)
 Sean & Wendi Morris (18th/2000)
 Barry & Marilyn Mills (31st/1990)

February Sanctuary Flower and Candle Donors

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8th - Barry & Marilyn Mills in memory of Alma Kinstedt
15th - Deb & Dunae Steines in honor of their anniversary
22nd - No flowers during Lent

***The cost to provide altar flowers is \$20.00.**

February Sanctuary Candle Donors

1st - the Thonen daughters & family in honor of Kim Thonen
15th - Kim Thonen in honor of Candace Thonen's 21st birthday
22nd - the Sarson family in honor fo Steven Sarson's birthday

***The cost to provide the sanctuary candle is \$2.00.**



March 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00—Education Hr 10:00—Holy Communion 11:30—Coffee Hr 11:30—Fellowship Committee Meeting 5:00—Holy Communion	2	3 9:00 - 2:00— Fairview Homemakers 12:30—Prayer Shawl Group 6:30—Worship & Music Committee 6:30—Christian Education Committee	4 6:15—Lenten Bible Study (Rahab) 7:00—Choir Rehearsal	5	6	7 8:30—Weight Watchers
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins 9:00—Education Hr 10:00—Holy Communion 11:30—Coffee Hr 11:30—Council 5:00—Holy Communion	9	10 9:00 - 2:00— Fairview Homemakers	11 8:00am-10:00pm—Prayer Vigil 7:00—Choir Rehearsal	12	13	14 8:30—Weight Watchers
15 9:00—Education Hr 10:00—Holy Communion 11:30—Coffee Hr 11:50—Jr Youth Leave for Lazer Blaze 5:00—Holy Communion	16	17 9:00 - 2:00— Fairview Homemakers 6:00—Finance Committee	18 11:30—Golden Sneakers Lunch & Bowling 6:15—Lenten Bible Study (Ruth & Boaz) 7:00—Choir Rehearsal	19	20	21 8:30—Weight Watchers
22 9:00—Education Hr 10:00—Holy Communion 11:30—Coffee Hr 5:00—Holy Communion	23	24 9:00 - 2:00— Fairview Homemakers 4:30—Ronald McDonald House Visit	25 6:15—Lenten Bible Study (King David) 7:00—Choir Rehearsal	26	27	28 8:30—Weight Watchers
29 Palm Sunday 9:00—Education Hr 10:00—Holy Communion 11:30—Coffee Hr, Potluck 5:00—Holy Communion	30	31 9:00 - 2:00— Fairview Homemakers	Upcoming Events: April 5th—Easter Worship Services, 8 & 10 am April 5th—Easter Breakfast, 9 am April 5th & 12th—No Sunday school classes (Easter & JCPS break)			

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Worship Services:
Education Hr (during school yr) 9:00 AM
Sunday 10:00 AM
Sunday 5:00 PM

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April 2015 Servants of the Church					
Sunday - 10 a.m.	4/05/15	4/12/15	4/19/15	4/26/15	5/03/15
Lector	Brenda Firquin	Paul Kiser	Tammy Utley	Marilyn Mills	Connie Miller
Ushers	Tom Curtis Mikayla Curtis	Steven Sarson Rita Sarson	Marcus Utley Adam Utley	Bailey Goebel Pat Markley	Marilyn Mills Barry Mills
Acolyte	Lucy Zimmerman	Rachel Utecht	Kayleigh Kiser	Ellerie Seifert	Bailey Goebel
Communion Table	Steven Sarson Rita Sarson	Michelle Sarson Adolphus Kahn	Deb Steines Kaitlyn Kiser	Barry Mills Marilyn Mills	Paul Kiser Kayleigh Kiser
Commun. Deacon	Steven Sarson	Kenna Markley	Rod Firquin	Cheryl Markley	Tammy Utley
Nursery	Jennifer Kiser	Cheryl Markley	Elaine Peterson	Connie Miller	Elizabeth Seifert
Cantor	Fred McBride	Bill Wise	Paul Kiser	Karen Eisenbrey	Fred McBride
Worship Coord.	Rita Sarson	Rod Firquin	Brenda Firquin	Paul Kiser	Pat Markley
Greeter(s)	Jay Tyson	Ellen Ullom	Marilyn Mills	Charlie & Phyllis Boston	Jan Wilkins
Coffee Hr Host(s)	Easter breakfast	Needed	Needed	Needed	Needed
For this season:	before 04/12	before 04/19	before 04/26	before 05/03	before 05/10
Grass Mowing	Needed	Needed	Needed	Needed	Needed