**COUNCIL DELEGATES & OFFICERS PRESENT:**  Rev. Jerry Bertelson, Cody Church, Sarah Woltzen, Jeff Scott, Eric Tieszen, Michael White, Ivan Ortman, Katie Ortman. A **Quorum Was Present**

**COUNCIL DELEGATES & OFFICERS ABSENT:** Karyn Montgomery, Doreen Fry, Carol Woltzen, Dick Dawson, Bo DeKramer, Alex Montgomery,

**ELDERS PRESENT:** none

**ALTERNATES PRESENT:** none

**STAFF PRESENT:** none

**VISITORS:** Renae Lindbloom

**MODERATOR:** Rev. Jerry Bertelson

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Cody Church

**DEVOTION AND OPENING PRAYER:** Katie Ortman

**\*APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Ivan Ortman made a motion to approve the August 27, 2023, agenda as printed. Eric Tieszen seconded the motion. Council VOTED and approved the agenda.

**\*APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Michael White made a motion to approve the June 25, 2023, minutes as printed. Jeff Scott seconded the motion. Council VOTED and approved the minutes.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Bylaws-The proposed changes to the bylaws will be presented to the Council for approval at the November 2023 Council meeting.

Committee is working on the policy for Security and Safety and will bring a proposed policy to the Council for approval at the September 2023 Council meeting.

**TRUSTEES:**

The bathroom renovation has been completed.  New flooring, repainted walls, and new vanities were installed in the men's and women's restrooms. In the women’s bathroom, the stalls were removed and repainted.  The handicap-accessible restroom needed a new toilet due to the previous one being broken.

New flooring was also installed in the kitchen as well.

An insurance adjuster from Church Mutual came and inspected the parsonage’s roof.  In his opinion, the roof looked to be in very good condition and definitely does not need to be replaced.

Clint Stencil from Stencil Construction came and looked at the settling floor and walls in the southeast Sunday school rooms.  He felt that his company would be able to lift the floors back into place and they could lift the walls also but couldn't guarantee they would go completely back together due to how they are built.  His bid came in at $2,500.00.

Jeff Scott will contact another company for an estimate to repair the settling floor and walls in the southeast Sunday School Rooms.

Jeff Scott will be meeting with Cordell Hofer to discuss the rental agreement on the church’s farmland.

The Council discussed the brick sign out front that is in disrepair. The Trustees will look into options for the sign.

The Trustees will look at the bushes and landscaping on the south side of the church and decide what needs to be done. Submitted by Jeff Scott

**STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE:**  Brad Schroeder and Eric Tieszen met with the Methodist and Exploratory committee on Sunday, July 23, 2023 to review the building plan.

The Stewardship and Finance committee met on Wednesday, July 26, 2023. Members present: Dianne Dawson, Eric Tieszen, Cathee Bruinsma, Phil Hofer, and Brad Schroeder.

The Committee reviewed the mid-year Income statement report, Balance sheet report, and Detailed category report. Finances at mid-year are stable.

Reviewed items to continue to work on with committee members are submitting receipts for expenditures/payments.

Doreen Fry is doing a great job of including memos on entries!

After contacting Starlyn Church, the purchase of new bells is on hold until next year.

Phil Hofer will be working with the trustees to update the land contract.

  An additional $500, was given to the scholarship fund last year and was divided and given out this year to applicants in addition to our scholarship fund disbursement. Those receiving scholarships were: Blake Anderson, Noah Kleinsasser, and Tyce Ortman. $1,189 was dispersed. Submitted by Dianne Dawson

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| **FUND** | **June 1, 2023**  **BALANCE** | **DEPOSITS** | **DISBURSEMENTS** | **June 30, 2023**  **BALANCE** |
| **General Fund** | 245,565.77 |  |  | 238,985.86 |
| **Capital Improvement** | 44,523.85 |  |  | 43,755.76 |
| **Special Services** | 7,414.96 |  |  | 7,414.96 |
| **Music-Choir Fund** | 124.25 |  |  | 124.25 |
| **Scholarship Fund** | 41,234.53 |  |  | 41,234.53 |
| **Riverside Cemetery** | 11,681.23 |  |  | 11,681.23 |
| **Memorial Funds** | | | | |
| **Undesignated** | 8,837.91 |  |  | 8,837.91 |
| **Library** | 311.60 |  |  | 311.60 |
| **Music** | 2,065.15 |  |  | 2,065.15 |
| **cd #4878** | 4,649.93 |  |  | 4,649.93 |
| **Horse Camp** | 4,516.61 |  |  | 4,516.61 |
| **TOTAL MEMORIAL FUNDS** | 20,381.20 |  |  | 20,381.20 |
| **riverside cemetery upkeep** | 789.78 |  |  | 789.78 |

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| **FUND** | **July 1, 2023**  **BALANCE** | **DEPOSITS** | **DISBURSEMENTS** | **July 30, 2023**  **BALANCE** |
| **General Fund** | 238,985.86 |  |  | 246,156.45 |
| **Capital Improvement** | 43,755.76 |  |  | 39,729.54 |
| **Special Services** | 7,414.96 |  |  | 7,941.96 |
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**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** The committee decided to have yard games this year instead of inflatables. There will be a potluck style lunch. There will be sloppy joes and everyone is invited to join and bring a side dish to share. There will be ice cream for dessert. The kickoff is on September 10, 2023. SHINE starts on September 13, 2023 and the youth groups start on September 20, 2023. Bibles will be given to 2nd and 6th graders on September 10, 2023.

Summitted by Michael White

**WORSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP:** No report

**PASTORAL RELATIONS**: The PPR committee met on July 9, 2023. We discussed the evaluation process and agreed on using the self-evaluation form that has been used in the past for Pastor Jerry and staff.  Pastor Jerry will take care of getting the evaluations to the staff and once completed, he will meet with each person to review the evaluation and make recommendations, which he will bring to the PPR committee.  Pastor Jerry has completed his evaluation. The committee will review the evaluation and meet with him in September.  The committee will review Pastor Jerry's compensation package and make recommendations after reviewing both the Presbyterian and Methodist denomination current terms of call.   Submitted by Carol Woltzen

**WORLD OUTREACH:** No report

**UWS**: The new flooring in the bathrooms and kitchen was laid and the updating in the bathrooms was completed. Thank you to Kathy Hofer and Janine Nielsen for painting the bathrooms and working with the trustees to complete the project!!  Letters were sent home in the elementary school packets to be completed and returned to the school for participation in the food backpack program.  We anticipate sending home the first bags on Friday, September 8, 2023.    Submitted by Carol Woltzen

**MEMBER AT LARGE:** Prison ministries has changed worship time at the Jameson Annex to the second Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm. Submitted by Ivan Ortman

**ELDERS:** No report

**COMMISSIONER TO PRESBYTERY:** The next South Dakota Presbytery meeting is October 27 and 28, 2023 at Camp Rimrock.

**LAY MEMBER TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE:** Katie Ortman attended the virtual Special Session of the Dakotas Annual Conference on August 15, 2023.  The ratification of disaffiliation agreements for 15 congregations were affirmed.

**EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE:** A congregational vote to continue to the next phase of the building project was held August 13, 2023. The vote passed with 43 voting yes, 22 voting no and 2 abstentions. In keeping with the proposal set forth by the finance committee, the building exploratory committee will dissolve. A building and a fundraising committee will be formed. It has been put out to the congregation asking for individuals that would be willing to serve on either or both committees. These committees will begin their duties as soon as possible. Before dissolving, the committee met one last time after church on August 20, 2023 to finish up any loose ends. Thank you to Pastor Jerry, Cody Church, John Remacle, Tami Remacle, Justin Engbarth and Sarah Woltzen for serving on the Building Exploratory Committee.

Submitted by Sarah Woltzen

**PASTOR’S REPORT:** July and August 2023

“Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.”

Psalm 25:4-5

Below are a few ministry notes from June:

* Taught adult sessions at Family Camp and Camp Judson on July 30 – August 3
* Hosted four premarital counseling sessions
* Officiated wedding in Cedar Rapids, IA on August 26
* Preparing for adult Sunday school class in the Fall
* Hosted Commissioned Ruling Elder meetings twice in July and August
* Preparing for new sermon series beginning September 10 on the Gospel of Luke
* Led worship w/communion at the Good Samaritan Skilled Nursing Facility in Canistota four times (2nd Tuesday of each month and 4th Sunday of each month)
* Made three hospital visits, six home visits, four nursing home visits, numerous text messages and phone calls, and continued preaching, teaching, and leading worship.
* Attended SD Suicide Prevention Conference on August 10-11
* Attended SD Tres Dias gathering on August 18-20 at Swan Lake Camp near Viborg, SD (thank you to Cody Church for filling in for me while I was away)
* Attended Marion Ministerial Association meeting in July
* Assisted a community member with a need that arose in their life (thank you to others who helped, too!)
* A special thank you to Eric Tieszen for fixing the communion rails
* A special thank you to UWS and the trustees for installing new flooring, fixtures, and plumbing in the bathrooms and kitchen
* Continued participating in community activities (Canistota Lion’s Club, Canistota school board, Sioux Falls Children’s Choir board president, moderator of Commissioned Ruling Elder commission for SD Presbytery)
* Attended weekly(ish) book discussions with three pastoral colleagues

Upcoming in September

* Kickoff Sunday – September 10
* Golden Age Sunday – September 10
* Shine kickoff – September 13
* Attending Dakotas American Baptist gathering at Camp Bently in ND (possibly)
* Sunday school begins – September 17
* Confirmation meeting – September 17
* Youth group kickoff – September 20
* Adult Sunday school begins – September 24
* Two chapel/communion gatherings at nursing home in Canistota (looking for helpers to assist or share a special talent)

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Jerry

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Eric Tieszen made a motion to approve the committee reports. Ivan Ortman seconded the motion; Council VOTED and approved the reports.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Pastor Jerry reported that a church in Glendale, CA has reached out to invite the Canistota high school youth group to stay at their church, lead VBS and do service missions the second week of June.

Ivan Ortman made a motion, seconded by Michael White, for the Church Council to support Pastor Jerry in researching possible separate mission trip opportunities for (1) the high school youth group and (2) the middle school youth group. Council VOTED and approved the motion.

There is $1,000 matching money available for the Children’s Home Society. The Council will decide how or if to address the money.

**NEXT MEETING: September 24, 2023,** at 7:30 PM Trustees will have opening devotions.

**UPCOMING FOR NEXT MONTH:** SHINE Kickoff-September 10, Golden Age-September 10, Bells Start-September 13, SHINE starts September 13, 2023, Sunday School starts September 17, Confirmation Meeting-September 17, youth group starts September 20, Shower on September 24th

**ADJOURNMENT:** Michael White made a motion to adjourn. Eric Tieszen seconded the motion, Council VOTED and adjourned.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Pastor Jerry Bertelson

CLERK Katie Ortman, Substitute Clerk

August 27, 2023

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