**COUNCIL DELEGATES & OFFICERS PRESENT:** Jerry Bertelson, Cody Church, Sarah Woltzen, Lindsey Mehlbrech, Doreen Fry, Eric Tieszen, Alex and Karyn Montgomery, Jeff Scott, Ivan and Katie Ortman, Mark Jerman and Dick Dawson. **A Quorum Was Present**

**COUNCIL DELEGATES & OFFICERS ABSENT:** Larry Nebelsick

**ELDERS PRESENT:** Alex Montgomery

**ALTERNATES PRESENT:** Mark Jerman

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**VISITORS:** Hunter Mehlbrech and Adam Kleinsasser

**MODERATOR:** Rev. Jerry Bertelson

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Cody Church

**DEVOTION AND OPENING PRAYER:** Lindsey Mehlbrech

**\*APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Eric Tieszen made a motion to approve the February 26, 2023, agenda as printed. Alex Montgomery seconded the motion. The council VOTED and approved the agenda.

**\*APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Lindsey Mehlbrech made a motion to approve the January 29, 2023, minutes as printed. Dick Dawson seconded the motion. The council VOTED and approved the minutes.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Software and terms of committee limits

**TRUSTEES:** no report

**STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE:**

Stewardship and finance met on Sunday 19th following church.  
We reviewed the 2022 end report & introduced new members. Finance will meet every month to review previous month financial activity. The audit date for church books is February 27th.  
Submitted by  
Dianne Dawson

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| **FUND** | **Jan 1, 2023**  **BALANCE** | **DEPOSITS** | **DISBURSEMENTS** | **Jan 31, 2023**  **BALANCE** |
| **General Fund** | 248,179.42 |  |  | 248,705.19 |
| **Capital Improvement** | 29,745.32 |  |  | 41,589.27 |
| **Special Services** | 20,505.35 |  |  | 2,592.96 |
| **Music-Choir Fund** | 124.25 |  |  | 124.25 |
| **Scholarship Fund** | 40,734.53 |  |  | 41,234.53 |
| **Riverside Cemetery** | 11,646.11 |  |  | 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 |

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** no report

**WORSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP:** no report

**PASTORAL RELATIONS**: no report

**WORLD OUTREACH**: no report Sarah Woltzen asked for permission for a goodwill offering--Daylight Savings, Spring forward with Donuts.

**UWS:** no report

**MEMBER AT LARGE:** no report

**ELDERS:** no report

**COMMISSIONER TO PRESBYTERY:** no report

**LAY MEMBER TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE:** no report

**EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE:**

Building Exploratory Committee Report

The Building Exploratory Committee met on February 19, 2023. Committee members present were Sarah Woltzen, Cody Church, John Remacle, Tami Remacle, Justin Engbarth, and Pastor Jerry. Several items that needed to be finished from Phase 1 were discussed. John is going to install baseboards along the front wall of the sanctuary. New floor vents, a cable cover for the cables coming from the visual and audio console and a 42” TV for the nursery have been installed. Pastor Jerry is going to contact an acquaintance regarding how to repair the communion rails. Depending on if there is a cost to repairing them, we will consult with the trustees on this. Proceeding with Phase 2 was discussed. John is going to update construction costs based on drawings of Phase 2 that we already have. The committee is going to invite Misty Miller to our March meeting to discuss fundraising options.

**Submitted by Sarah Woltzen**

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE**: no report

**PASTOR’S REPORT:**

February 2023

Below are a few notes from February:

* Continued hosting confirmation meetings with confirmands on Wednesday nights. Meeting with confirmands two-three times each month.
* Led worship w/communion at the Good Samaritan Skilled Nursing Facility in Canistota on February 26th at 2:30 pm.
* Made zero hospital visits, seven phone calls, texts/emails (many), and continued preaching, teaching, and leading worship.
* Hosted church staff meeting. Discussed upcoming dates.
* Distributed letter to church on February 23. Details included in the letter are below.

Continued ideas for future ministry:

* Befriender Ministry Program
* GriefShare Ministry
* Women’s and Men’s Group
* Prayer room / prayers available after each service in library

Coming up:

* Tami and I will be on vacation March 2-6. Rev. Mike Japenga will preside.

March

* Wednesday, March 1– “Ash Wednesday” service at 7:30 pm. Since the February 22nd Ash Wednesday service was canceled due to snow, a service will be held on March 1st. Shine will conclude at 7:15 pm.
* Sunday, March 12 – Exchange students from the ACES program will be preparing and sharing food from their home countries at 1 pm in our fellowship hall. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.
* Sunday, March 19 – Committees meet after worship service.
* Friday, March 24 – Youth groups / confirmands service project at Faith Temple Food Giveaway from 2:30 pm – 6:30 pm. Please meet me at church at 1:45 pm. Additional drivers needed.
* Sunday, March 26 – Confirmation banquet will be held at 5:30 pm. Church council meeting at 7:30 pm.

April

* Saturday, April 1 – youth prepare for pizza delivery at 9 am
* Sunday, April 2 – Confirmation Sunday and Palm Sunday worship service
* Thursday, April 6 – Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 pm with communion
* Friday, April 7 – Good Friday service at 7:00 pm
* Sunday, April 9 – Easter Service at 9:30 am with the baptism of Flynn Kerrigan. Youth will host a continental breakfast fundraiser at 8:30 am (donuts, rolls, fruit, etc…).
* Sunday, April 15 – Committees meet after worship service.
* Sunday, April 23 – Church council meeting at 7:30 pm.
* Wednesday, April 26 – Last Shine and youth groups Wednesday.
* Sunday, April 30 – Shine Sunday! Celebrate all that God has done through Shine in the past year.

May

* Sunday, May 14 – Mother’s Day and Graduation Sunday worship service
* Sunday, May 21 – committees meet after worship service.
* Monday, May 22 – Friday, May 26 – Vacation Bible School
  + Meal at 5:30 pm
  + VBS from 6:00 pm – 8:15 pm
* Sunday, May 28 – church council meeting at 7:30 pm

Also, Pastor Jerry will be facilitating a small group discussion on a video series called *“What is the church? Why it still matters”* featuring Dr. David Fitch from Northern Seminary. There is no prep work involved. All are welcome! The five gatherings will be held at Erin and Cody’s house on Sundays from 4 pm – 5 pm. Dates are listed below. Kids are welcome to come and play!

March 19 April 30  
April 2 May 7  
April 17

Three weddings coming up in 2023 are Anna Schroeder’s out at Camp Judson on May 20th. Pastor Jerry will be presiding.

June 10th is Kim Bunger’s wedding here at the United Church.

October 14th is Rebecca Hoffman’s here at the United Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Jerry

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Dick Dawson made a motion to approve the committee reports. Ivan Ortman seconded the motion, Council VOTED and approved the reports.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**NEXT MEETING: March 26, 2023,** at 7:30 PM Worship and Membership will have opening devotions.

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

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Rev Jerry Bertelson

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