**COUNCIL DELEGATES & OFFICERS PRESENT:** Jerry Bertelson, Cody Church, Karyn Montgomery, Lindsey Mehlbrech, Doreen Fry, Brad Schroeder, Katie and Ivan Ortman, Nicole Perry, Renae Lindbloom, Mark Jerman, Mike White and Matt Anderson. **A Quorum Was Present**

**COUNCIL DELEGATES & OFFICERS ABSENT:** Carol Woltzen, Jeff Scott, Larry Nebelsick, Eric Tieszen, Dick Dawson.

**ELDERS PRESENT:**

**ALTERNATES PRESENT:** Matt Anderson, Mark Jerman, Brad Schroeder, Nicole Perry

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**VISITORS:**

**MODERATOR:** Rev Jerry Bertelson

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Cody Church

**DEVOTION AND OPENING PRAYER:** Nicole Perry

**\*APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Ivan Ortman made a motion to approve the March 26, 2023, agenda as printed. Lindsey Mehlbrech seconded the motion. Council VOTED and approved the agenda.

**\*APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mark Jerman made a motion to approve the February 26, 2023, minutes as printed. Matt Anderson seconded the motion. Council VOTED and approved the minutes.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Software and Terms of Committee limits

**TRUSTEES:** no report

**STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE:** Committee members met on March 19 th. Present: Brad S, Eric T, Phil Hofer, Dianne D, and Doreen F. Items discussed were the computers requested by Pastor Jerry: 2 for office at approximately $700 each and 1 computer for sanctuary at approximately $1050 all thru Green Eggs & Ram. Software for sanctuary at approximately $260. Committee felt that moving ahead was ok but want to make sure sanctuary computer meets all needs for video etc, Brad will talk to Pastor on this item.  The office computers would come from office equipment budget & sanctuary computer from trustee budget.
Discussion on CD interest rates for possible future needs.
Submitted by
Dianne Dawson

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| **FUND** | **Feb 1, 2023****BALANCE** | **DEPOSITS** | **DISBURSEMENTS** | **Feb 28,2023****BALANCE** |
| **General Fund** | 248,705.19 |  |  | 252,798.03 |
| **Capital Improvement** | 41,589.27 |  |  | 50,733.33 |
| **Special Services** | 2,592.96 |  |  | 5,567.96 |
| **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 |

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** no report

**WORSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP:** no report

**PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS**: no report

**WORLD OUTREACH**: no report

**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 March 19, 2023. Committee members present were Sarah Woltzen, Cody Church, John Remacle, Tami Remacle, Justin Engbarth, and Pastor Jerry. Misty Miller also attended the meeting in a consultant capacity. Updated costs for Phase 2 were discussed. The updated costs are $275/square foot making the projected cost of Phase 2 $900,000-$950,000. The committee requests that a New Construction Fund be established. The committee would also like to meet with the finance committee to discuss the project. The church membership roster prepared by Karyn was reviewed. A tiered giving report prepared by Doreen was also reviewed. Misty presented an example of a feasibility study that the committee could use. She also shared her valuable experience in working in fundraising and offered the committee many excellent suggestions. The next committee meeting will be April 16, 2023.

Submitted by Sarah Woltzen

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE:** no report

**PASTOR’S REPORT:**

February 2023

 Below are a few notes from March:

* Conducted Uncle’s Funeral on March 22.
* Held two pre-marital counseling sessions.
* Attended a conference on Pain, Grief, and Suffering on March 23 in the evening.
* Re-envisioning confirmation process for 2024. Sought coaching on direction.
* Officiated an Ash Wednesday service on March 1.
* 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 March 26th at 2:30 pm.
* Made two hospital visits, seven phone calls, texts/emails (many), and continued preaching, teaching, and leading worship.
* Attempted a small group gathering, but low sign-up, so postponed. Will try again in April.
* Confirmation banquet held at the church on March 26 at 5:30 pm.
* I will be continuing facilitating conversations between two Presbyterian churches in Sioux Falls that are discussing a possible merger. Next meeting is April 1.

Continued ideas for future ministry:

* Befriender Ministry Program
* GriefShare Ministry will be starting in September 2023
* Women’s and Men’s Group
* Prayer room / prayers available after each service in library

Coming up:

* I will be attending a theological conference in Chicago April 27-29.

April

* Saturday, April 1 – youth prepare for pizza delivery at 9 am
* Sunday, April 2 – Confirmation Sunday and Palm Sunday worship service
* Pastor Jerry is requesting permission to confirm the following:
* Prayden James Acheson, son of Dustin and Jeanne (Olson) Acheson, born on 3/11/2008, baptized on 06/01/2008 at United Church of Canistota.
* Rebecca Marie Bond, daughter of Tim and Danielle (Lambertz) Bond, born 05/14/2007.
* Hadassah Annlyn Church, daughter of Cody and Erin (Krause) Church, born 06/04/2007, baptized on 10/25/2015 at United Church of Canistota.
* Jack David Michael Conn, son of Jacob Foht and Nikki Cunningham, born 2/23/2008.
* Katelyn Jane Engbarth, daughter of Justin and Carla (Villegas) Engbarth, born 4/15/2008, baptized on 12/20/2008 at Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mission, TX.
* Beckett William Hutcheson, son of Luke and Jenny (Hinckley) Hutcheson, born 7/16/2007, baptized on 5/03/2015 at United Church of Canistota.
* Adam Kleinsasser, son of Joseph and Wendy (Jensen) Kleinsasser, born 6/12/2008, baptized on 6/20/2021 at United Church of Canistota.
* Hunter Curtis Mehlbrech, son of Dustin Mehlbrech and Lindsey (Rice) Mehlbrech, born 1/11/2008, baptized on 04/27/2008 at United Church of Canistota.
* Easton James Vernon Miller, son of Brad and Misty (Dufault) Miller, born 12/28/2007, baptized on 02/03/2008 at United Church of Canistota.
* Emma Carsyn Sandman, daughter of Paul and Carmen (Stockwell) Sandman, born 5/30/2008, baptized on 12/21/2008 at United Church of Canistota.
* Landon Tieszen, son of Eric and Amy (Weber) Tieszen, born 12/28/2007, baptized on?.
* Malachi Weber son of Stephen and Melissa (Lambertz) Weber was born on 12/22/2007, and was baptized on 1/2008 at St Stephen’s catholic church in Bridgewater, SD.

Pastor Jerry requests permission to baptize 2 people on April 2, 2023.

* Jack David Michael Conn, son of Jacob Foht and Nikki Cunningham, born 2/23/2008.
* Rebecca Marie Bond, daughter of Tim and Danielle (Lambertz) Bond, born 05/14/2007.

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
* Monday, May 29 – offering prayers at the Memorial Day service at the American Legion
* 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:** Lindsey Mehlbrech made a motion to approve the committee reports. Renae Lindbloom seconded the motion, Council VOTED and approved the reports.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mark Jerman made a motion to change the wording in the Bylaws in section 3 (Length of service) to say that committee members will serve for 2 terms of 3 years, or until their successors have been duly elected and qualified. Lindsey Mehlbrech seconded the motion. Council VOTED and the motion was approved.

Matt Anderson made a motion to approve for World outreach for 2500.00 and also a special Sunday offering all to be given to the school. Renae Lindbloom seconded the motion. Council VOTED and the motion was approved.

**NEXT MEETING: April 23, 2023,** at 7:30 PM PPR will have opening devotions.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Ivan Ortman made a motion to adjourn. Mark Jerman seconded the motion, Council VOTED and adjourned.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Rev. Jerry Bertelson

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