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

**COUNCIL DELEGATES & OFFICERS ABSENT:** Cody Church

**ELDERS PRESENT:** Alex Montgomery

**ALTERNATES PRESENT:** Sarah Woltzen

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**VISITORS:**

**MODERATOR:** Rev. Jerry Bertelson

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Sarah Woltzen

**DEVOTION AND OPENING PRAYER:** Sarah Woltzen

**\*APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Dick Dawson made a motion to approve the May 28 2023, agenda as printed. Eric Tieszen seconded the motion. Council VOTED and approved the agenda.

**\*APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Ivan Ortman made a motion to approve the April 23, 2023, minutes as printed. Carol Woltzen seconded the motion. Council VOTED and approved the minutes.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**TRUSTEES:** air conditioner unit fixed (patched) and the sprinkler system at the parsonage will be fixed this week.

**STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE:** Finance members met Monday May 15, to review the Presbytery report that they had done regarding a review of our church’s financial capability to consider the 3rd stage of construction project of our church. We found some of report helpful but felt we had more questions than answers. We have reached out with the Presbytery again to review and have received no reply.  
In discussion with finance committee we felt the need to review with the exploratory committee some of finances concerns in regard to the 3rd stage. The exploratory committee & finance met on Tuesday May 16th to discuss more on these matters. The guidelines that finance has established for 3rd phase costs will be given out in the question & answer session for the next few Sundays.  It was also discussed that if the congregational vote is to move forward with seeking donations and goals are reached on the first phase of funding, we will then require a more detailed drawing & estimate prior to the major decision of starting project. At this time no church finances have been spent on this 3rd phase and will not, till the required donations are met, that finance has established.  
Submitted by  
Dianne Dawson

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| **FUND** | **April 1, 2023**  **BALANCE** | **DEPOSITS** | **DISBURSEMENTS** | **April 30, 2023**  **BALANCE** |
| **General Fund** | 253,519.33 |  |  | 251,672.91 |
| **Capital Improvement** | 44,534.49 |  |  | 44,534.49 |
| **Special Services** | 6,242.96 |  |  | 7,364.96 |
| **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:**

We celebrated Mother's Day and Graduation Day on May 14th. There were 6 graduates this year: Maison Montgomery, Trace Ortman, Josiah Schroeder, Noah Kleinsasser, Taylor McGregor, and Will Ortman.  VBS was held this week from May 22 through the 26. The theme was Stellar: Shine Jesus Light!

Submitted by Michael White

**WORSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP:** no report

**PASTORAL RELATIONS**: May PPR report:

PPR committee met on April 30.  Our goal this year is to review and update the Job description/responsibilities of the staff. Discussion on staff evaluations--Pastor Jerry will complete evaluations of the administrative assistant, custodian, and music coordinator.  Stewardship and Finance will complete the evaluation of the financial secretary.  PPR will complete Pastor Jerry's evaluation. The committee recommends that Karyn establish more consistent office hours--at least 2 days a week for 4 hours be established hours and the remainder of the weekly hours to be flexible. Pastor Jerry and Karyn will work on this schedule. The committee recommends that staff submit their monthly hours to Pastor Jerry for his approval and he will  forward them on to the financial secretary.

submitted by Carol Woltzen

**WORLD OUTREACH**: no report

**UWS:**  May UWS report: The school year ended with 36 food bags being sent home with elementary students each week. A big thank you to Tami Remacle for ordering the food and making sure they were ready to be taken to school each week and Sarah Woltzen who delivered the bags to the school!! We are continuing to work on choosing new flooring and a new sink in the kitchen. On Friday, June 23, the Presbytery of South Dakota will be meeting at the church.  We will be providing lunch and snacks for the meeting.

Submitted by Carol Woltzen

**MEMBER AT LARGE:** no report

**ELDERS:** no report

**COMMISSIONER TO PRESBYTERY:** no report

**LAY MEMBER TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE:** The thirtieth session of the Dakotas Annual Conference will be held June 8-10, 2023, at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The gathering will include inspiring worship, business, conversations about who and where we are, and celebrating clergy milestones

​ In response to the increasing numbers of deaths by suicide, ideation of suicide, and attempts among youth in North and South Dakota, and the mental health crisis in our nation, the 2023 Miracle Offering recipients are the Helpline of South Dakota and FirstLink of North Dakota. Our goal for the 2023 Miracle Offering is $50,000 to be shared with Helpline of South Dakota and FirstLink of North Dakota.

​    After consultation with the Dakotas Appointive Cabinet, Bishop Lanette Plambeck has called a special session of the Dakotas Annual Conference for August 15, 2023, beginning at 7:00 p.m., Central Time, 6:00 p.m. Mountain Time. The session will be entirely virtual. This will be the final called conference for disaffiliation in 2023.

​Katie Ortman attended the virtual pre-conference virtual meeting on May 23,2023.

​Don’t miss Mission u 2023! United Women in Faith have a commitment to lifelong learning. Mission u is a perfect example of how that commitment is put into action—and not just for ourselves, but to better reflect God’s love to others. This summer, do yourself a favor and attend this three-day learning adventure. Southern Site: July 14-16, 2023, Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell, SD or Virtual: August 10-12, 2023.

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**EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE:**

Building Exploratory Committee Report

Pastor Jerry, Cody, Tami, John and Sarah met on Wednesday, May 10th to put together a presentation to give to the congregation about the project. On Sunday, May 14th, Cody shared the short presentation to the congregation about the project. The presentation focused on the why and how of the project. The presentation also included dates for Q&A sessions and a congregational vote. The dates for the Q&A sessions are May 21st, May 28th and June 4th. The congregational vote will be on June 11th. On Tuesday, May 16th, the committee met with the finance committee. On Sunday, May 21st, a Q&A session was held after the church service. The committee has also discussed an option for absentee voting for the congregational vote to be approved by council.

Submitted by Sarah Woltzen

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE:** no report

**PASTOR’S REPORT:**

May 2023

“May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with

you all.” – 2 Corinthians 13:14

Below are a few ministry notes from May:

 Attended a theological conference in Chicago on April 27-29 with a pastoral colleague from

Sioux Falls. The conference discussed what it means to be the church in a post-Christendom

and post-modern world.

 Had five vacation days from May 1 – 5.

 New computer was installed in sanctuary on May 10 th.

 The high school youth held a bonfire on May 10 th.

 Celebrated six graduates and Mother’s Day in worship on May 14 th.

 Met with pastor discussion group on May 9 and 15.

 Officiated Anna Davis’s (formerly Schroeder) wedding at Camp Judson on May 20 th. A special

thank you to Steve Richarz for filling in for me on May 21St.

 Led worship w/communion at the Good Samaritan Skilled Nursing Facility in Canistota on May

28 th. at 2:30 pm.

 Offered prayers at the Memorial Day service at the American Legion on May 29 th.

 Made one hospital visits, two in-person home visits, numerous text messages and phone calls,

and continued preaching, teaching, and leading worship.

 Summer mission projects in Sioux Falls are being planned for middle and high school youth.

Dates will be published by first week in June.

Upcoming in June

 Healthy Congregations Workshop that was scheduled for June 3 has been cancelled. Will

postpone until the Fall.

 I will be attending the Dakotas UMC Annual Conference on June 8-10

 I will be officiating two weddings in June: Kim Bungers on June 10 at 4 pm at the church and

John Tappin (Kassie Sellin) on June 11 at 2 pm (not on church premises).

 My family and I will be on vacation June 15 – 22. Cody Church will be filling in for me on June

18.

 Our church will be hosting the Presbytery of South Dakota gathering on June 23. The MDE

team will use the facility on the night of June 22.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Jerry

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Lindsey Mehlbrech made a motion to approve the committee reports. Dick Dawson seconded the motion; Council VOTED and approved the reports.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Katie Ortman made a motion to give 650.00 to the miracle offering. Seconded by Lindsey Mehlbrech. Council VOTED and the motion was approved.

Ivan Ortman made a motion to have a community worship service at a public venue on July 16th, 2023. Carol Woltzen seconded the motion. Council VOTED and the motion was approved.

**NEXT MEETING: June 25, 2023** at 7:30 PM Stewardship and Finance will have opening devotions.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Dick Dawson made a motion to adjourn. Jeff Scott seconded the motion, Council VOTED and adjourned.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Rev. Jerry Bertelson

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