**COUNCIL DELEGATES & OFFICERS PRESENT:** Cody Church, Doreen Fry, Gayle Janzen, Pat Letcher, Dick Dawson, Carol Woltzen, Eric Tieszen, Katie Ortman, Michael White, Jeff and Angie Scott and Karyn Montgomery. **A Quorum Was Present**

**COUNCIL DELEGATES & OFFICERS ABSENT:**

**ELDERS PRESENT:**

**ALTERNATES PRESENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**VISITORS:**

**MODERATOR:** Rev. Jerry Bertelson

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Cody Church

**DEVOTION AND OPENING PRAYER:**

**\*APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Carol Woltzen made a motion to approve the January 30, 2022, agenda as printed. Jeff Scott seconded the motion; Council VOTED and approved the minutes.

**\*APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Angie Scott made a motion to approve the November 28, 2021, minutes as printed. Jeff Scott seconded the motion; Council VOTED and approved the minutes.

**COMMITTEES REPORT CHAIRPERSON, DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE:**

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| **COMMITTEE** | **CHAIRPERSON** | **DELEGATE** | **ALTERNATE**  **DELEGATE** |
| **TRUSTEES:** |  |  |  |
| **STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE:** | Dianne Dawson | Eric Tieszen | Dianne Dawson |
| **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** | Angie Scott | Michael White | Steve Richarz |
| **WORSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP** | Dick Dawson | Dick Dawson | Starlyn Church |
| **PASTORAL RELATIONS** | Larry Nebelsick | Larry Nebelsick | Carol Woltzen |
| **WORLD OUTREACH**: |  |  |  |
| **UWS:** |  | Carol Woltzen | Janine Nielsen |
| **MEMBER AT LARGE:** |  | Ivan Ortman | Susie Schroeder |
| **ELDERS:** |  |  |  |
| **COMMISSIONER TO PRESBYTERY:** |  | Gayle Janzen |  |
| **LAY MEMBER TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE** |  | Katie Ortman |  |

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Cody Church has agreed to serve in this position)

**Chairperson:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nominated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for Council Chairperson. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ moved nominations cease and secretary cast unanimous ballot, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Council VOTED and approved.

(\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has agreed to serve in this position)

**Vice-Chairperson:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nominated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for Council Vice-Chairperson. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ moved nominations cease and secretary cast unanimous ballot, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Council VOTED and approved.

Karyn Montgomery has agreed to serve in this position)

**Secretary:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nominated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for Council Secretary (Clerk of Session). \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ moved nominations cease and secretary cast unanimous ballot, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Council VOTED and approved.

Doreen Fry has agreed to serve in this position)

**Financial Secretary/Treasurer:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nominated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for Council Financial Secretary. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ moved nominations cease and secretary cast unanimous ballot, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Council VOTED and approved.

Dianne Dawson has agreed to serve in this position.)

**Audit Committee:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nominated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the Audit Committee, Class of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ moved nominations cease and secretary cast unanimous ballot, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Council VOTED and approved.

Jeff Nielsen has agreed to serve in this position.)

**Audit Committee:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nominated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the Audit Committee, Class of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Katie Ortman moved nominations cease and secretary cast unanimous ballot for all of the above, seconded by Gayle Janzen. Council VOTED and approved.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**TRUSTEES**: no report

**STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE:** no report

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** no report

**WORSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP:** no report

**PASTORAL 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:** no report

**PASTOR’S REPORT:**

December 2021 / January 2022

As 2021 gives way to 2022 I look forward to the direction that God will takes us in the new year. The past two years have been a time of stress, change, but also a period of renewal and growth. I pray that 2022 will be a year of new opportunities that help us to draw nearer to God and deeper in our theological reflections on life and faith in the ever-changing world.

As I look back on the past two months I reflect on the seasons of Advent and Epiphany with utmost joy. From the communal spirit of the community Christmas worship service to the excitement at the Christmas talent show to the delivering of poinsettias and carols to the homebound the past two months have offered a window into the heart of our congregation – a heart of grace, truth, and love.

Below are a few notes from the past two months of ministry:

* Hosted communion at the nursing home in Canistota on December 14 and January 10. A total of 24 individuals were served at the visits.
* Participated in a SD Presbytery moderators call on December 16 and January 20. Participated in a SD Presbytery MDE call on December 2.
* Met with a representative from the Dakotas UMC Conference to discuss the nature of the Federated Church on December 1.
* Continued to host the God in America video discussion. Last session will be on February 2.
* Facilitated the Community Christmas Worship Service. Churches from the Marion/Canistota area participated.
* Hosted a Senior High youth mission trip meeting on December 15. A total of 17 individuals (youth and adults) have shown interest in attending the trip on May 30 – June 6.
* Held staff meetings on December 22 and January 26.
* Participated in two continuing education events – Spiritual Enrichment book discussion with the Benedictine Sisters in Yankton and the Faith Leadership Seminar at the Bowen Study Center at Georgetown University.
* Completed a sermon series on Technology & Faith. Current sermon series is Christianity & the World’s Religions.
* Hosted a confirmation meeting on January 23. Confirmation Sunday will be May 22nd.
* Continued with typical pastoral duties of home visits (limited currently), phone calls, texts/emails, preaching, teaching, and leading worship.

Coming up:

* New member Sunday (TBD)
* Ash Wednesday on March 2
* Lenten book study in lieu of Lenten services. Details forthcoming.
* Confirmation on May 22

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Jerry

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Request permission to serve communion once a month.

committee meeting before Council Meeting.

**NEXT MEETING: February 27, 2022,** andWorld outreach will serve and have opening devotions.

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

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Cody Church