**COUNCIL DELEGATES & OFFICERS PRESENT:** Jerry Bertelson, Cody Church, Sarah Woltzen, Susie Schroeder, Eric Tieszen, Doreen Fry, Carol Woltzen, Nicole Perry and Karyn Montgomery **A Quorum Was Present**

**COUNCIL DELEGATES & OFFICERS ABSENT:** Alex Montgomery, Jeff Scott, Lindsey Mehlbrech, Dick Dawson and Ivan Ortman

**ELDERS PRESENT:**

**ALTERNATES PRESENT:** Susie Schroeder and Nicole Perry

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**VISITORS:**

**MODERATOR:** Rev. Jerry Bertelson

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Cody Church

**DEVOTION AND OPENING PRAYER:** Cody Church

**\*APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Carol Woltzen made a motion to approve the October 22, 2023, agenda as printed. Eric Tieszen seconded the motion. Council VOTED and approved the agenda.

**\*APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Eric Tieszen made a motion to approve the September 24, 2023, minutes as printed. Carol Woltzen seconded the motion. Council VOTED and approved the minutes.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Committee Responsibilities and Bylaw discussion

**TRUSTEES:** fixed a water leak in the sanctuary.

**STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE:**

Finance reviewed reserves and purchased short term CD’s. Review of 3rd quarter was done. Next meeting is Sunday November 19th. after church.

Submitted by Dianne Dawson

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| **FUND** | **Sept. 1, 2023**  **BALANCE** | **DEPOSITS** | **DISBURSEMENTS** | **Sept. 30, 2023**  **BALANCE** |
| **General Fund** | 249,986.61 |  |  | 251,469.61 |
| **Capital Improvement** | 35,614.29 |  |  | 46,081.03 |
| **Special Services** | 7,464.96 |  |  | 32,464.96 |
| **Music-Choir Fund** | 124.25 |  |  | 124.25 |
| **Scholarship Fund** | 40,734.53 |  |  | 40,734.53 |
| **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

**PASTORAL RELATIONS**: PPR committee met on Oct. 1.  After meeting with Pastor Jerry to get his input on items included in his compensation package and discussion with the committee our recommendations are as follows:  Salary--increase recommendation made to the finance committee for their consideration (Pastor Jerry indicated he did not want an increase); vacation--4 weeks, including 4 Sundays; continuing ed.--11 days, including 1 Sunday; Personal leave--5 days.  An announcement will be put in the bulletin for a volunteer to be available on an "as needed" basis for assistance with the computers in the office and sanctuary.  Pastor Appreciation Sunday was celebrated on Oct. 22.

Submitted by Carol Woltzen

**WORLD OUTREACH**: no report

**UWS:** Golden Age Sunday was celebrated on October 1.  We are currently providing food to 28 students through our weekend backpack food program. UWS received a $1000.00 donation from the Pipestone Systems company for the backpack program.  UWS will be holding a "Fall Back Sunday" Egg Bake breakfast fundraiser for the backpack program on November 5th.  The 50th annual Turkey Supper was held on October 18th.  We served approx. 500 people.  Thank you to all who volunteer in various capacities to make it happen!! A special thank you to Del Church, Cody Church, Sarah Woltzen, Janine Nielsen, and Mandy Keller for coordinating everything.

Submitted by Carol Woltzen

**MEMBER AT LARGE:** no report

**ELDERS:** no report

**COMMISSIONER TO PRESBYTERY:** The Presbytery of South Dakota will be meeting on Oct. 27 and 28th at Camp Rimrock in the Black Hills.  Pastor Jerry and Carol Woltzen will be attending.

Submitted by Carol Woltzen

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

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE:** no report

**PASTOR’S REPORT:**

October 2023

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Below are a few ministry notes from October:

* Hosted three premarital counseling sessions
* Celebrated in-home communion with two church members
* Hosted a confirmation class on October 1, 22, and 29
* Met to discuss bylaw changes on October 2
* Met with congregational members for pastoral care and counseling (three times)
* Hosted Commissioned Ruling Elder meetings
* Participated in UMC Scripture Circle on Mondays at 10:30 am
* Led worship w/communion at the Good Samaritan Skilled Nursing Facility in Canistota two times (October 10 and 22)
* Officiated at two weddings (John and Rebeka Butz on October 14 at United Church, and Lia and Michael Anderson on October 21 in Red Wing, MN)
* Made numerous hospital visits, two home visits, eleven nursing home visits, and many text messages and phone calls, and continued preaching, teaching, and leading worship.
* Continued participating in community activities (Canistota Lion’s Club, Canistota school board, Sioux Falls Children’s Choir board, Commissioned Ruling Elder commission for SD Presbytery) & attended school activities (volleyball games, football games, coronation, and homecoming activities)
* Attended weekly(ish) book discussions with three pastoral colleagues in Sioux Falls
* Facilitated a celebration of life memorial service for a nursing home staff member on September 12
* Participated in Doctor of Ministry practicum course on Tuesday evenings (completing Doctor of Ministry degree Fall 2024)
* Met with director of a listening ministry called Befriender Ministries to discuss partnership and training
* Facilitated Lay Leadership Committee (i.e., nominating committee). Will have nomination slate prepared for November meeting.
* Attended Presbytery of South Dakota meeting on October 26-28 at Camp Rimrock in the Black Hills
* Participating in a South Dakota School Lunch Legislative Coalition
* Trunk or Treat will be held on October 31st at 5:30 pm

Upcoming in November

* Baptism of Walker DeKramer on November 5
* Thanksgiving Service will be held on November 22 at 7:00 pm
* TBD: Youth bonfire, Mission Trip Parent Information meeting, Book club / Small group

A special thank you to UWS for hosting Golden Age Sunday fellowship time, and for all who helped organize and participate at the annual Turkey Supper.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Jerry

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**UPCOMING FOR NEXT MONTH: Nov. 4th –Tres Dias Meeting, Nov. 5th—Baptism, Nov. 25th—Bridal Shower**

**NEXT MEETING: November 26, 2023** at 7:30 PM Christian Education will have opening devotions.

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

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Rev. Jerry Bertelson

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