

## Pentecost Time

What does the Festival of Pentecost mean to you? How will you celebrate the Day of and the Season of: Pentecost? How will your spirituality and lifestyle reflect this long season that takes us all the way to the next Advent?

These are some basic questions that we might ask ourselves and each other as we consider the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. Let me help you answer these questions by looking at several foci for this discussion.

1. **The miracle of Pentecost Day.** Occurring 50 days after the Resurrection, the disciples found themselves with an extraordinary ability to communicate with people of different languages. These people were also given the ability to hear the Gospel of Jesus in their own language. Thousands of people were able to come to faith on the first day of the Church. Ask yourself how will you communicate the Gospel to others in a new way? Also, how will God help open your ears to Hearing the Gospel in a fresh way that helps you grow in your faith?
2. **Giftedness.** Each one of us has God-given spiritual gifts. Sometimes we see these develop early in life, other times later in life. What is sad, is that many of us have untapped talents that have NEVER been allowed to be developed in our lifetime. How have you gone about identifying your giftedness in the Spirit? Do you spend time and resources developing these gifts? For instance, if you have the gift of teaching, do you get continuing education so that you can be more effective in teaching others? If you are a prayer partner, have you been on a retreat to learn new ways to pray for others?
3. **Discipleship.** The Gospel lessons for the remainder of the Pentecost season bring us back to what we call “The Time of the Church”, otherwise known as the “Sundays after Pentecost.” We return to the Gospel of Matthew to focus on Jesus teachings and sermons to his followers. This is when we focus on what it takes to follow Jesus in our life and times. How can we, the Church of Jesus Christ, manifest these teachings for our own lives and our lifestyles? How can we get beyond the Sunday morning only routine (actually having one is better than not) of Christianity to having a Way of Life that is consistent with being a devotee of the One who is the Incarnate Son of God?

Let us celebrate Pentecost with enthusiasm, **find some red clothing**, adorn the sanctuary with red paraments and other red décor. Let us sing praises filled with the Spirit of the Living Christ. Let us be bold in our hearing, let us venture beyond our comfort zones to **invite others** into the fellowship we call Christ Lutheran Church. Now that Pastor Gayle Pope is only a month away from starting, let us spend the remaining time together focusing on being Spirit-led and Spirit-filled in welcoming a new under-Shepherd into our midst.

**Remember, we don't take the summer off here at Christ Lutheran.**

Pastor Chris Hale, Interim



# Christ Lutheran Church

## Congregational Council Meeting Minutes— May 10, 2011

**Members present:** Sue McLennan; Pastor Chris Hale; Sue Reeder; Reth Stollberg; Jim Bailey; Tom Holte; Ashley Maas; Bruce Holderbaum; Bonnie Scranton; Trish Santos. **Absent:** Joan Kammerlohr; Dick Klusmeyer; Donna Parke

Opening prayer was given by Pastor Hale and Sue Reeder provided devotions. Tom Holte will provide devotions in June.

**Call to order:** Meeting was called to order by President Sue McLennan at 6:40pm.

**Additions to the Agenda:** approval of minutes from special meeting on 5/8/11

**Approval of the Minutes:** Minutes of the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved with one typo correction and the date of next meeting corrected to 5/10/11. Minutes of the special meeting of 5/8 were approved with the addition of Pastor Hale's name to those absent and the corrected spelling of Tom Holte's name.

**Treasurer and Financial Secretary Reports:** Motion was approved to file both reports for audit.

**President's Report:** Sue has been busy attend numerous meetings of various ministry teams and the call committee over the past month. She also met personally with Pastor Hale regarding the call process and the identification of a potential permanent pastor, along with having numerous conversations with the Bishop on this matter.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Hale provided a written report summarizing the feedback from the cottage meetings. Feedback was generally positive. There was significant discussion regarding times for worship, number of services, and style of worship. He advised us to work through these issues slowly and carefully once we have a new full time pastor. Pastor Hale also encouraged us to get the new bishop on our calendar sooner rather than later. He handed out two articles from the ELCA website and also read a letter regarding contributions to the ELCA Fund for Leaders scholarship in honor of Bishop Freiheit.

Pastor has made a few home visits. He asked us to let him know if any are needed/desired. He also discussed an anonymous letter that was received about concerns from our youth. While we do need to listen to them and address their concerns, we also need to encourage them to communicate in a more appropriate manner – not anonymously.

### **Ministry Team and Committee Reports:**

**Stewardship:** - no report

**Service:** - block party was a success although attendance from the neighbor's was down. Easter reverse offering was successful. Thanks to Wendy Maas for her leadership and others who helped distribute the baskets and to the congregation for their contributions.

**Property:** - Sue McLennan reported for Dick Klusmeyer; we will be adding more energy efficient lighting; cabinets; and a locking exterior door to the old Sunday school room, which will now become a youth room. Property team members will also build locking storage space in the fellowship hall outside the pastor's office for Sunday School supplies.

**Worship:** - hymns have been selected through July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Next meeting is June 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

**Witness:** - no report

**Learning:** the LMT has started work on transitioning the former Sunday School room to a youth room. They hope to get paint & carpet donated from Sherwin Williams. Property team will do the painting. They need some additional furnishings. It was recommended that they work with Best-Buy on their electronic recycling program as a way to earn funds for those furnishings. If anyone has stickers, especially of a religious nature, that could be used with Sunday School projects, donations would be appreciated. Council approved the request to allow Quincy Community Theatre to use the fellowship hall for rehearsals June 1-3. The recent date night was a success. The next one will be bowling & burgers in June. Date is yet to be determined.

**Fellowship:** - no report

**Call Committee:** Tom passed out a written report recommending the Reverend Gayle Pope as our next senior pastor. Her background and strengths as a pastor were discussed. Letters are going out to all congregational members inviting them to a meet & greet with Pastor Gayle on 5/16 at 6:30pm as well as announcing the special congregational meeting at 9:15 on Sunday, May 22 where a vote will be taken on extending a call.

### **Old Business:**

Lutherfest – no report

Updating membership information/statistics – Bonnie Scranton reported that significant progress is being made on this project with help from Sue Reeder, Ashley Maas, Bonnie Conover, and Pastor Hale.

Synod Assembly Delegates – Council appointed Ron & Joan Larner to represent our congregation at the upcoming Synod Assembly in June

Northwest Conference Report – no report; we were not represented

**New Business:** ELCA Fund for Leaders – a motion was approved to contribute \$200.00 from the crosses fund to the ELCA Fund for Leaders in honor of Bishop Freiheit's service to our synod.

**Council Retreat:** The retreat is being postponed pending a decision by the congregation on calling Pastor Gayle Pope.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Bonnie Scranton on behalf of Joan Kammerlohr

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING—Tuesday, June, 8, 2011 @ 5:30 PM**



*AVERAGE SUNDAY  
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE  
FOR JANUARY through MAY 2010*

16 Weeks 2011— 84

15 Weeks 2010 — 85

*Thank You*

**SUPER SALE  
THANKS TO EVERYONE**

Through all of your efforts, we outdid ourselves this year. Final total is around \$2,000.00.

- We had a superb selection of baked goods and lots of helping hands
- Thank you to each person for your donations
- The Church Council will determine where the donations will be used

Garage Sale Committee



**EASTER REVERSE OFFERING**



We wish to thank Christ Lutheran Congregation for the tremendous food donations! We were able to give three needy families lots of food, plus we gave Madonna House a car full as well. Thank You Again. A special THANK YOU to Patti Kruse, Donna Parke, Trish Santos and Wendy Maas for delivering the baskets.....Service Ministry Committee

**BOWLING & BURGERS**



WHEN: Friday, June 10th at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Tangerine Bowl

Come on out and have some fun. Please call Pat Bell @ 593-7309 to let her know if you will be joining us. Then she can call ahead to reserve lanes. This should be lots of fun.



Charlotte Tooke would like to thank everyone who has called, visited, sent cards, brought food and especially all the prayers. Hope to see everyone soon.

Charlotte, on behalf of the Fellowship Committee would also like to thank Jennifer Stollberg, Virgene Gilkerson and Daune McCulloch for their kitchen supply of Measuring Cups, Cookie Sheets, 5-Quart stove top Dutch Oven and a much needed Ice Pick. Believe it or not one is needed to break up the ice when it has laid in the freezer for a period of time.

**Christ Lutheran Church  
Special Council Meeting  
May 22, 2011**

**Council Members present:** Sue McLennan, Dick Klusmeyer, Joan Kammerlohr, Jim Bailey, Trish Santos, Bonnie Scranton, Pastor Hale, Reth Stolberg, Ashley Maas, Bruce Holderbaum, Sue Reeder  
**Absent:** Donna Parke, Tom Holte

A special meeting of the Church Council was called to order by President Sue McLennan at 9:55 on May 22, 2011. The compensation package for Pastor Gayle Pope was presented. Pastor Pope has agreed to this package. Some adjustments will be made on the next budget. Motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the compensation package of \$70,222 for income and \$5600 for Pastoral ministry needs. The total compensation package was \$75,822.25.

If Pastor Pope accepts the Call, she will be installed on July 10, 2011. Jackie Linden Shade or someone else from Synod will be there for the installation. We discussed whether installation after one service or an afternoon installation would be appropriate. Sue will contact Pastor Pope to discuss which one it will be. Motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Kammerlohr  
Secretary



## JUNE 12TH — PENTECOST — WEAR RED

The Day of Pentecost is Sunday, June 12th., for which the liturgical color is red. The congregation is invited to wear red for this celebration..

Let's make this a festive occasion and brighten up the church with our red garments



Altar Guild received an order for an Easter Lily that was excluded from the May Seed as well as the Easter Sunday Bulletin. Judy Kauffman — given in memory of her husband, Jim and her parents, Paul and Thelma Merritt. We sincerely apologize for this omission.

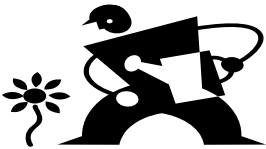


## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC

Be sure and put June 12th on your calendar. Our annual congregational picnic will be held on that Sunday after second service. Coffee Group #4 is scheduled for that day and is asked to help plan, set up, serve and clean up, along with

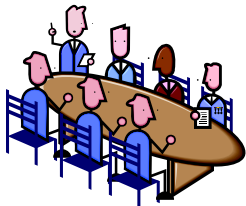
any other volunteers.

**Bring a dish to share**—appetizer, salad, vegetable, or dessert—and Fellowship Ministry Team will provide meat (Chicken) & potatoes, drinks and table service. Fellowship Team will also have a cake honoring our graduate, Austin Rettenmeier. The congregation may share a card if they so desire. Feel free to wear picnic clothes to worship. Do invite others to join us for fun & fellowship.



**CALLING ALL GARDENERS:** The flower gardens and shrubbery need some attention. If you are able, would you come to the church on alternate Wednesday mornings at 8:30-10:30 a.m. to weed and trim and just spruce up our gardens.

Bring your gloves, trowels, hoes, etc. & join us starting June 1st, 15th & 29th. Everyone is welcome, both men & women. Thank You Barb Rhinberger & Mary Reeve



## THANK YOU TO CALL COMMITTEE

I am thanking the members of the Call Committee—Crystal Burnett, Bonnie Conover, Tom Holte, Patty Kruse, and Kathy Wolters—for the many hours in meetings, countless phone calls, and innumerable e-mails that they did in our search for our new pastor. Each one of these persons contributed ideas and helped in morale building when the scene seemed bleak. Without them, we would not have reached the point that we have. I also thank Sue Reeder, past Council President, who started the Call Process successfully, and Sue McLennan, present Council President, who has done so much to finalize the Call Process successfully. Thank you, also, to the members of Christ Lutheran Church who offered support, encouragement, and a smile when it was most needed. We are a great group of people!

Ron Larner

*Give me a sense of humor, Lord, Give me the grace to see a joke  
To get some humor out of life, And pass it on to other folk*

## WORSHIP LEADERS FOR JUNE

	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bonnie Scranton Crystal Burnett	Tom Holte Jim Bailey	Joan Larner Jerri Klusmeyer	Sue Reeder Mary Reeve
<b>USHER</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Jerry Shackelford Cheryl Brinkman	Stu Bell Amy Stollberg	Virgene Gilkerson Wayne McLennan	Bob Bolte Bonnie Clark
<b>READER</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Marilyn Shackelford Bonnie Clark	Pat Bell Judy Kauffman	Peggy Bailey Richard Klusmeyer	Virgene Gilkerson Bill Shuler
<b>GREETERS</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Phil & Bonnie Conover Kaye Marshall	Tom & Nora Holte Joan Kammerlohr	Ron & Joan Larner Norma Tofall	Jerry & Marilyn Shackelford Trish Santos
<b>DEACON</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Joan Larner Mary Reeve	Sue Reeder Reth Stollberg	Ron Larner Barb Rhinberger	Bonnie Scranton Jim Bailey
<b>SOUND SYSTEM</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Stuart Peters Ashley Maas	Bill Wolters Andrew Maas	Kathy Wolters Bruce Holderbaum	Bruce Holderbaum Olin Shuler
<b>COFFEE HOUR</b>	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6

*If you cannot help on your assigned Sunday, please find a replacement and make a change on the appropriate sheet on the office bulletin board. Many Thanks!*



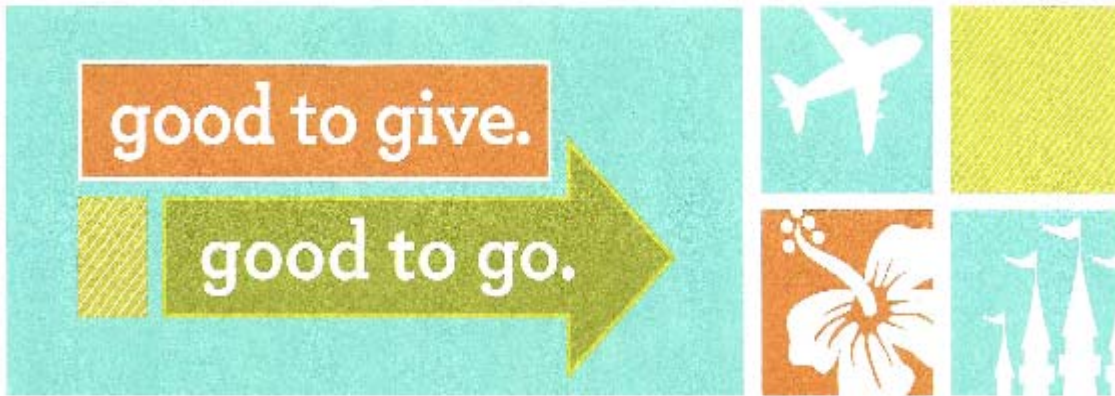
If you have a birthday in June and your name does not appear on the following list, we would appreciate it if you would notify us so that we can complete our records.

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| June 1 Matthew Bailey | 17 Mark Sill         |
| Nelson Colgrove       | Lorna Legreid        |
| 2 Anita Wall          | David Probert        |
| 7 David Maas          | 18 Marc Conover      |
| 8 Sue Tabb            | 22 Zachary Maas      |
| 10 Norma Shuler       | Kristi Chitwood      |
| 14 Kristi Bigley      | 26 Amber Crowley     |
| 15 Mindy Wolf         | 27 Jonathon Franklen |
| Wayne McLennan        |                      |
| 16 Darrell Kruse      |                      |



If you have a wedding anniversary in June and it does not appear below, please notify the church office. Also notify us if any that are shown are incorrect.

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| June                      |                         |
| 8 Steve & Roene Bartle    | 16 Paul and Mary Hesse  |
| 9 Bill and Kathy Wolters  | Stuart and Kris Peters  |
| 12 Marc and Wendy Conover | 28 Tom and Sue Reeder   |
|                           | 30 Don and Oneta Burner |



Give blood this summer, help save lives and have a chance to win a trip for four to Orlando & other great prizes!



**Tuesday, June 28**

**1:00pm – 6:00pm**

## Christ Lutheran Church

333 S 36<sup>th</sup> Street, Quincy

For an appointment, please call Virgene Gilkerson @ 217-223-3744  
or 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

*You may be eligible if you haven't donated since 5-3-11. Bring ID - Red Cross donor card or photo ID.*

*Sponsored by Christ Lutheran Church  
Sandwiches served in the donor canteen.*

Get a chance to win a portable GPS unit  
when you present to donate between June 27 - July 6, 2011!



**American  
Red Cross**

**2011 Summer Giveaway**

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ChristLutheran  
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# Picnic

Sunday June 12th

11:30 A.M

Bring A dish  
To Share



**R**ain

**Or Shine**



**Help the Youth get a NEW TV for  
the Youth Room**



**Youth Room Fundraiser  
Bring in your T.Vs/Monitors (less than 32')  
to recycle!**

**Call 217-653-3545 for Pick-Up  
Drop off at Christ Lutheran  
Church On June 25th or Call 217-653-  
3545 for Pick-Up  
10-2**

*Minimum  
10\$  
Donation*

