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There They Go Again!

Now that the Christmas season is fast approaching the media pundits are all in a dither once again about a “new” discovery that Jesus was married to a prostitute and had two children with her. This, of course, is really nothing new, as this isn’t the first time this has been reported, and almost every year someone comes up with a sensational “new” scandal in an attempt to derail pious Christians from their faith.

In 1980 when Ronald Reagan was running for President of the United States, he repeatedly questioned the validity of his opponents' opinions, especially the increasingly desperate President Jimmy Carter, with the now-famous phrase, "There you go again." The same could be said of the volume of atheistic propaganda which is being bandied about in our culture today. Richard Dawkins and Christopher Hitchens have been keeping up the virulently atheistic side that arises from the academic world with their books, “The God Delusion” and “Is Christianity Good for the World?” respectively. And this atheistic drumbeat has also given rise to echoes in the general culture especially in the modern entertainment media, which has never shown much sympathy for religion

generally, or for orthodox Christian belief in particular. There they go again.

One of those echoes was sounded by Bill Maher in his 2008 movie, “Religulous.” Maher, of course,

for so loved
God the world
He
GAVE
His only Son

THAT whosoever believeth in HIM
SHALL NOT PERISH
but have
Eternal LIFE

mocks Christian believers because, according to him, they are irrational. In an article in the Wall Street Journal, Molly Ziegler Hemingway reported on the penchant for atheists to believe all manner of nonsense, such as Bigfoot and psychic healing. Those who stand against God will fall for any-

thing. Maher boldly says, “The plain fact is religion must die for man to live.” Yet, Maher himself holds some very strangely irrational opinions. Hemingway pointed out: “It turns out that the late-night comic is no icon of rationality himself. In fact, he is a fervent advocate of pseudo-science. The night before his performance on Conan O’Brien, Mr. Maher told David Letterman – a quintuple bypass survivor – to stop taking the pills that his doctor had prescribed for him. He proudly stated that he didn’t accept Western medicine. On his HBO show in 2005, Mr. Maher said: ‘I don’t believe in vaccination ... Another theory I think is flawed is the Louis Pasteur [germ] theory.’ He has told CNN’s Larry King that he won’t take aspirin because he believes it is lethal and that he doesn’t even believe that the Salk vaccine eradicated polio.

“Anti-religionists such as Maher bring to mind the assertion of G.K. Chesterton’s Father Brown character that all atheists, secularists, humanists and rationalists are susceptible to superstition: ‘It’s the first effect of not believing in God that you lose your common sense, and can’t see things as they are’” (Molly Ziegler

Hemingway, "Look Who's Irrational Now," Wall Street Journal [19 September 2008]).

We may easily chuckle at this less-than-rational critic of the rationality of the religious, but Maher presents a problem for the propagation of the faith. Many people will chime in with Maher's mocking humor and never give the Christian Gospel a thought. They will have been told that it's all just lunacy and clap-trap by Maher, at best, worthy only of a good belly laugh, or, at worst, worthy to be persecuted and rooted out of civil society by fire and sword. In any case, many people will be led into ignorance of the teaching of the Christian religion with its promise of eternal salvation through the work of Christ Jesus, who dies for sinners like us. As Christmas draws near it ought to remind us that we should not merely laugh at Maher for his many gaffs, but as Christian people we should pray for his conversion. After all, Christ died for Bill Maher, too.

We have a response from a gracious God who redeems even those who hate him, including Bill Maher, whether He likes it or not. It is nothing new for Christianity to be rejected and reviled, therefore it is incumbent on the church and her children to defend the faith once for all delivered to the saints (Jude 1:3). There they go again.

Martin Luther wrote: Therefore you who devote yourselves to Holy Scriptures should above all be sure of what you must believe in the Christian religion – that you may have the articles of faith defended with good texts of Holy Scripture and have considered them well. Then when either Satan or his instruments, the heretics, wish to dispute with you, hold these texts up

to them and let them go, saying: 'I do not wish to hear your sophistries and speculations. For this is what the Holy Spirit says. He has warned me to hear and incline my ear. A new and powerful teaching is coming, at which many will be offended: that we must let all righteousness go and simply trust and depend on Christ alone and His righteousness; moreover, that this Christ is by nature God and must be adored. So I am certain I do not err, and the argument is refuted that is raised from the First Commandment and the Prophets regarding one God.' If they object: 'Then you make many gods,' I reply: 'I do not make another or many gods, but I say that Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are one and the same God. There is a unity of substance and one essence though there are three persons. I do not want to have many gods, because many gods compete among themselves. Nor can there be many gods. But here is unity. If I do not understand how the persons are differentiated, it is enough for me that Holy Scriptures say this and call Father, Son, and Holy Spirit by name (Mt 28:19). If I could grasp this with my reason or senses, what need would there be for faith? Of what use is Scripture revealed by God through the Holy Spirit? If I believe nothing but what I can comprehend by my reason, I must reject baptism, the sacrament of the altar, the Word, grace, original sin, and everything. Reason understands none of these things.'

Therefore, this should be the first concern of a theologian that he is a good textualist, as it is called, and that he hold fast to the first principle of not disputing or philosophizing about sacred things. If reasonable or apparent arguments had a

place in this, I could distort every article of faith. But in theology one must simply hear, believe, and hold firmly in his heart: 'God is faithful, no matter how absurd what He says in His Word may appear to our reason.'"

Martin Luther, Commentary on Psalm 45

Lord Jesus, Your compassion for the world is displayed in Your willingness to give Yourself up to death for those who despise and hate You. Turn the hearts of all who despise and hate You, as You have turned ours. Grant that we might speak Your Word to those who know You not. Make us able defenders of our holy faith, that You might be honored and glorified. Amen.



Ken Meier	12/1
Mallory Swain	12/1
Camiran Brockhoff	12/1
Sylvia Herrell	12/4
Mary Ellett	12/5
Helen Buchlinger	12/8
Gretchen Mayes	12/8
Norm Sowell	12/11
Lisa Starkebaum	12/11
Penny Harris	12/15
Dorothy Riley	12/16
Linda Newman	12/16
Natalie Jackson	12/20
Debra Rhea	12/22
June Lueckert	12/25
Christi Fent	12/31
Jonah Korondi	1/3
Ellen Propst	1/8
Eli Ramer	1/10

Baptisms

Tom Clemens	12/1
Keith Wornson	12/5
Diane Schmidt	12/6
Bill Moore	12/9
Anthony Propst	12/10
Zackery Schmidt	12/11



Ken Meier	12/12
Andy Starkebaum	12/12
Sullivan Korondi	12/12
Erma Altis	12/13
Jessica Blunk	12/15
Sarian Blunk	12/15
Mallory Swain	12/17
Lois Edmiston	12/18
Sylvia Herrell	12/19
Julie O'Neal	12/19
Shirley Kueck	12/21
Kay Sowell	12/22
Gretchen Mayes	12/25
Colleen Jackson	12/29
Nancy Oldag	1/1
Mark Young	1/1
Leslie Young	1/1
Natalie Jackson	1/1
Lisa Starkebaum	1/2
Tanner Mayes	1/5
Dorothy Riley	1/8
Linda Newman	1/8
Matthew Cuba	1/8

Anniversaries

Ian & Blythe Larson
12/11/2004

David & Deann Benningfield

12/20/1986

Ken & Brenda Meier

12/26/1970

Stacy & Nanette Stout

12/27/1997



Ryan & Laura Schmidt

12/27/2003

Shari & Craig Schley

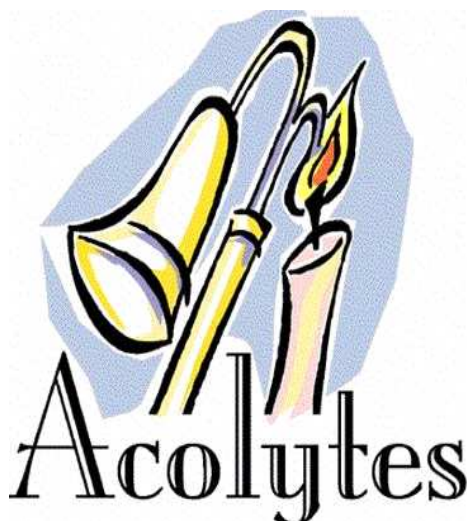
1/1/2011

Jeremy & Angel Harms

1/9/1999

Elders

Vic Edwards
Larry Goodroad
Ken Meier
Dallas Hoffman
Peter Korondi
Bill Moore, Jr.



Nov. 30	Tom Goodroad
Dec. 3	Sammy Harms
Dec. 7	Conner Jackson
Dec. 10	A.J. Martinez
Dec. 14	Eli Ramer
Dec. 17	Gabriel Sowell
Dec. 21	Alex Abend
Dec. 24	Joe Goodroad
Dec. 25	Tom Goodroad
Dec. 28	Sammy Harms

Ushers

John Bosky, Wayne Suter
November 30

Jeremy & Steve Harms
December 3 & 10

Jim Hargrave, Max Goodwin
December 7

Allen Harris, Nelson Hayes
December 14 & 17

Curt Henke, Dallas Hoffman
December 21 & 24

Craig Schley, Rick Strack
December 25 & 28

Greeters

11/30	Max & Judy Goodwin
12/3	P. Harris, N. Hayes
12/7	Steve & Marcea Harms
12/10	Curt & Char Henke
12/14	B. Hensel, S. Herrell
12/17	Allen & Bonnie Harris
12/21	Dallas & Dee Hoffman
12/24	Bob & Marlo Howard
12/25	Mike & Colleen Jackson
12/28	Gary & Diane Schmidt

Altar Guild

11/ 30	Clemens, McCubbin
12/3	Owens
12/7	Ellett, Owens
12/10	Clemens
12/14	Ramer, K. Goodroad
12/17	K. Goodroad
12/21	Hoffman, Young
12/24	McCubbin
12/25	Owens
12/28	Clemens, McCubbin

Advent/Christmas!

Advent/Christmas is just around the corner and preparations are already underway. On Sunday afternoon/evening, November 30, 4:00 PM, the Youth Group sponsored the annual "Hanging of the Greens," where the youth and other members of our congregation put up the Advent decorations, the Christmas tree, garlands and all the other things that make the holiday more festive in our preparations to celebrate the end of the Church Year and the beginning of a New Year in Christ. A soup supper followed at 5:00 PM. We had great attendance this year and want to thank everyone who helped out.

Wednesday Advent Services are being held at 7:15 on the Wednesday's before Christmas Week. These services are relatively short so that parents with young children will still be able to have their kids home early enough to get a good night's sleep. Advent Dinners are being served at 5:45 for the CBS students and choir, and for the rest of the congregation beginning at 6:00. Dinners this year are being sponsored by Thrivent and will benefit projects like our elevator, a new proposed chair lift and the Bell Choir.



This has always been a great time to put some emphasis on the "Reason for the Season" and an opportunity for each of us to refresh ourselves and our families in the midst of the otherwise hectic season. We are grateful for the good turnout this year. We know everyone has many other things they could be doing.

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service will be held at 7:00. Tyler Walworth will be preaching at this year's Christmas Eve Service. It may be one of the last opportunities we will have to hear him preach before he receives his call this Spring. **Please Note:** We are also having a worship services on Christmas Day at 10:00 AM to give everyone time to spend some time together as a family on Christmas morn yet still join us for worship as we kneel together around the manger of our Newborn King, Jesus!

Voters' Meeting & Pot Luck

The meeting will be held following Sunday School & Bible Study on December 14. Please bring a casserole and dessert to share. We will be electing several board positions, approving a budget for next year, submitting our nomination for the District President, Vice-President and Circuit Visitor.

Please plan to attend.

Lutherans For Life

The Northland Chapter meets the quarterly at the home of Fran and Marsha Szarejko. If you have any questions, please contact Kimberly Murphy, 628-6815. Everyone is invited to join us at these meetings.

Trinity Care Group

Do you need assistance because of illness, birth of a baby, death, hospitalization, etc.? Trinity Care Group can help. We would be happy to arrange for providing meals, doing errands, visiting with the family, etc. Please contact Penny Harris at 628-4121.

LUMA Garage Sale

Help support the LUMA Garage Sale being held at Ascension Lutheran Church, 4900 Blue Ridge Blvd, KCMO. Proceeds will benefit *Christmas in the City* to be held December 9-12.

LWML Minutes

Date: October 13, 2014

Call to Order: Penny Harris, Vice President

Opening Hymn: #633

Opening Prayer: In Pastor Newman's absence prayer led by Penny Harris.

LWML Pledge was recited.

Attendance: Judy Goodwin, Janis Bozarth, Dee Hoffman, June Lueckert, Diane Schmidt, Marlo Howard, Penny Harris, Janet Miller and Carol Diaz.

Minutes: September meeting minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: June Lueckert reported for Kay Sowell a current balance of \$956.30. A free will offering was taken.

Mite Report: June reported total mites of \$62.73. Meeting mites were collected. The Mission Grant Story for October was for \$50,000 to prepare church workers at the Concordia College, Selma, Alabama, to serve the diverse cultural needs of the church. It is the only Lutheran historically black college in the nation.

Unfinished Business: Plans were finalized for the October 18th Fall Zone Rally to be held at Trinity. Carol Diaz will make the chicken noodle soup and Dee Hoffman will make cinnamon rolls for our lunch. The rest of the food items had been set at an earlier meeting. In-gathering donations will be for Rachel House. Set up for rally will be at 10:00 am Friday, October 17th with members bringing their fall items for decorations.

New Business: Marlo Howard made a motion to transfer \$100.00 from our Hope Chest Fund to the Elevator Fund. Seconded by Dee Hoffman and motion carried.

Third Sunday Treats: Oct 19: Judy Goodwin, Dee Hoffman, Dianne Mischlich; Nov 16: Joyce Lehning, Marlo Howard, Dianne Mischlich; Dec 21: June Lueckert, Janet Miller, Dianne Mischlich

Next meeting will be Monday, November 10th at 9:00 A.M. with Janis Bozarth as hostess. Business meeting was adjourned. Penny Harris led us in prayer requests and concerns ending with everyone praying the Lord's Prayer. No Bible Study was held.

Marlo Howard served as hostess with a delicious dessert. No quilting meeting was held.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Miller for Mary Wornson

Date: November 10, 2014

Call to Order: Dianne Mischlich
Opening Hymn: Rock of Ages, #761

Opening Prayer: Pastor Newman
LWML Pledge was recited.

Attendance: Judy Goodwin, Janis Bozarth, Dee Hoffman, June Lueckert, Diane Schmidt, Marlo Howard, Kay Sowell, Erma Altis, Janet Miller, Dianne Mischlich, Pastor Newman, Joyce Lehning, and Mary Wornson.

Minutes: October meeting minutes were read and approved. Mary thanked Janet Miller for taking the October notes for the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Kay Sowell reported a current balance of \$2,471.67 which included the money from our Quilt Sale of \$1,385.00 to be applied to the Elevator Fund. A free will offering was taken

Mite Report: June Lueckert reported current Mites of \$137.60. Meeting mites were collected. The Mission Grant Story for November was for \$50,600 to increase facilities for people with developmentally challenged disabilities, who reside and work in these facilities, would learn about Jesus and their eternal salvation through ministry from chaplains, deaconesses, and volunteers in the Chicago, Illinois area.

Quilting Report: Dianne Mischlich thanked Judy Goodwin and Janis Bozarth for donating additional quilts and table runners for the November 2nd LWML Quilt Sale. The Quilt Sale was a success and all 31 quilts were sold and some additional orders taken. Suggestion and comments made: try a Silent Auction with a beginning bid listed and being open for a couple Sundays

ahead of the Quilt Sale; place name of the quilter on the quilt; add tree skirts to item choices; have more quilts available for sale; people liked having the sale right after church so no extra trip; people liked having a variety of choices in sizes and seasonal choices.

Old Business: The LWML Fall Rally went well with 23 total attendance. People enjoyed the varieties of soups and made nice comments about the beautiful decorations. A good In-gathering for the Rachel House was received at the Rally. John and Dianne Mischlich later delivered the items; and the director gave a personal thank you for the generous donation. She gave a tour of their facility to John and Dianne.

It was decided to resume our work day again at the Ronald MacDonald House beginning after the first of the year. Marlo will check on a date for us, possibly being the 2nd Friday of each month. Also Marlo had a large plastic jar to collect old pill bottles.

New Business: A motion was made by Marlo Howard and seconded by Janet Miller to contribute \$100.00 to the Kearney Family Foundation and \$100.00 to the Kearney Food Pantry to help people in our own community. We will also add contribution envelopes in the church bulletin to open it to the entire congregation. Motion passed by vote.

Third Sunday Treats: Nov 16: Joyce Lehning, Marlo Howard, Kay Sowell; Dec 21: June Lueckert, Janet Miller, Dianne Mischlich

Next meeting will be Monday, December 8, at 11:30 A.M. by gathering for lunch at Vantana's in Ex-

celsior Springs. Business meeting was adjourned. Pastor led us in prayer requests and concerns ending with everyone praying the Lord's Prayer. Pastor's Bible Study of Matthew 22:34-36 based on a reading from the book, Christ Alone, regarding what is the greatest commandment in the Law.

Janis Bozarth was hostess serving a delicious apple dessert. No quilting meeting was held.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Wornson, Secretary

Youth

The Youth group went to the new Fun Farm Corn Maze on Sunday, October 19. A total of 15 participated in the outing, 10 youth and 2 friends, and 3 adult chaperones. Everyone had a great time with all of the fun activities available.

Hanging of the Greens was scheduled for Sunday, November 30. The



youth group will provide supper prior to decorating the Church. Everyone had a great time. And we are thankful for all of you who showed up to assist.

Thank you to the Elders who volunteered to pick up snacks follow-

ing worship service the fourth Sunday of each month. We appreciate your willingness to serve in this capacity.

Trinity's youth group consists of 6th – 12th graders. We would love for you to come join us!! Please watch the bulletin and kiosk for updates on upcoming events. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

Lisa Starkebaum, Youth Director

Would You Die A Thousand Deaths?

"Faith is a divine work in us that changes us and regenerates us of God (John 1:13) and puts to death the old Adam and makes us entirely different men in heart, spirit, mind, and all powers and brings with it the Holy Ghost. Oh, it is a living, busy, active, powerful thing that we have in faith so that it is impossible for it not to do good without ceasing. Nor does it ask whether good works are to be done, but before the question is asked, it has wrought them and is always engaged in doing them. Faith is a living, bold trust in God's grace, so certain that a man would die a thousand times for it. And this trust and knowledge of divine grace renders joyful, fearless, and cheerful towards God and all creatures, which [joy or cheerfulness] the Holy Ghost works through faith. And on account of this, man becomes ready and cheerful, without coercion, to do good to everyone, to serve everyone, and to suffer everything for love and praise to God, who has conferred this grace on him, so that it is impossible to separate works from faith, yea, just as impossible as it is for heat and light to be

separated from fire." (Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, Article IV, Paragraph 10ff).

Top Of The Hill

The group will meet on Tuesday, December 9, at 11:30. Please join us for lots of fun, fellowship and a delicious lunch pizza, and Christmas goodies. We will also be singing Christmas carols.

It Is To Laugh

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?" "Yes, sweetheart," he answered,



"God made me a long time ago." "Oh," she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me too?" "Yes, indeed, honey," he said, "God made you just a little while ago." Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"

A Sunday School teacher asked her class to draw her some pictures of their favorite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Kyle's picture,

which showed four people on an airplane, so she asked him which story it was meant to represent. He replied, "The Flight to Egypt." Pointing at each figure, the teacher said to him: "That must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus. But who's the fourth person?"

"Oh," he responded, "that's Pontius – the pilot!"

The Sunday School teacher asked, "Now, Johnny, tell me the truth, do you say prayers before eating?" "No sir," Johnny replied, "I don't have to. My mom is a good cook."

Ladies Night Out

Our next event is January 12 at 6:00 PM. We will be headed to Vantana Grill in Excelsior Springs. We will meet there for an evening of fellowship and good food. Please plan to join us! Please sign up on the kiosk. Questions? Contact Shari Schley at (816) 686-3270.

MLA

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Many great and exciting things are happening this school year at MLA that I would like to make you aware of and invite you to:

Saturday, December 6th – Cookie Walk – 9:00am – 2:00pm – MLA Gymnasium

Friday, December 12th – MLA Christmas Program – 6:00pm – MLA Gymnasium

Saturday, March 28th – MLA Auction – TBA – MLA Gymnasium

Saturday, April 18th – MLA Golf Outing – 1:00pm – Winterstone Golf Course

Thursday, April 23rd – Spring Ex-

travaganza Program – 6:00pm – MLA Gymnasium

Your support, prayers and involvement at MLA are greatly appreciated and encouraged. The 2014-15 school year is progressing beautifully. Please consider attending some of our upcoming events to see how God is using and preparing our awesome students!

God's richest blessings to all of you.

Yours in Christ,

Rick Schneider, MLA Principal

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Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Two very exciting events are taking place at MLA. The first activity is our annual Christmas Program. This year, it will be held on Friday, December 12, at 6:00 P.M. It will take place in the MLA gymnasium. You are all invited, and I hope you are able to attend. The second activity is our annual Open House for Prospective Families. The Open House will take place on Thursday, January 15, from 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about Lutheran education or MLA specifically, please plan on attending.

I thank you for your promotion of Christian education provided at Martin Luther Academy, and I appreciate and am thankful for all of your support.

Yours in Christ,

Rick Schneider, MLA Principal

Annual MLA Cookie Walk/Holiday Bake Sale

This year a Vendor Fair has been

added to the event. The date is December 6 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the Martin Luther Academy gym. This event wouldn't be possible without your generous donations of baked goods, cookies, cakes, pies, muffins, fudge, etc. The cookies will be sold by the pound and the larger items will be sold individually. Please bring your goodies to MLA on Friday, December 5, between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM in a container that you don't need returned. If you have any questions or would like your items picked up for delivery to ML, please call Stephanie Parker @ 816-415-9283. Thank you for your donations and please come see us on December 6th.

LUMA Christmas Store

The annual event is December 6-12. Donations and volunteers are needed. A list of requested donations is posted on the kiosk. For more information or to volunteer: www.lumakc.org.

When The Devil Comes Calling

You must be sober and vigilant in order that the body may become fit but thereby the devil is not yet vanquished; more than the outward training of the body against sin is needed. The real sword is this, that you are strong and firm in the faith. If with your heart you take hold of the Word of God and cling to it in faith, the devil cannot win, but must flee. If you can say: 'This my God hath said; on this I take my stand,' you will see that he slinks away, and with him will depart the sluggishness, the evil desires, anger, miserliness, melancholy, and doubt. But the devil is sly; he will not have you put your trust in the Word and reaches out to wrest it out of your hand; if he can make

you lazy, so that your body becomes unfit and filled with knavish desires, he will soon wrest the sword out of your hand. He thus had his way with Eve; she had God's Word, and if she had clung to it, she would not have fallen. But when the devil saw that she held the Word so loosely, he tore it out of her heart, so that she let go of it; and thus he had won. (2 Cor. 11:3; Gen. 3:4, 13.) Thus St. Peter has sufficiently instructed us how we are to fight the devil. Running to and fro will not do, nor any work that you might perform; what is needed is that you cling to the Word by faith. When he comes and would drive you into despondency because of your sin, just take hold of the Word of God which promises forgiveness of sins and take that to heart, then he will soon have to leave off." (St. L. IX:1108, on 1 Pet. 5:9.)

Board of Director's Meeting

October 20, 2014

Members present: Connie Brammeier, Mark Fairhurst, Daniel Goodroad, Kari Goodroad, Larry Goodroad, Andy Starkebaum, Lisa Starkebaum.

The Board recognized the dismissal of members Aaron and Becky Edwards as they transferred their membership to Springfield, MO and Nathan and Alicia (Gabe) Burns transferred to Iowa.

Mark called the meeting to order. Larry moved we accept the minutes from last month, Kari seconded.

Pastor: N/A

VP: N/A

Treasurer's Report: Larry moved we receive the report, Lisa seconded.

Elders: Larry discussed the Elder's meeting.

Properties: The carpet needs to be ironed.

Evangelism: Nothing new to report. They are looking for fun new ideas.

Education: Kari ordered Catechism posters and framed them and hung them in the Fellowship Hall.

Stewardship: N/A

Youth: Recently went to the Fun Farm and Corn Maze. They had 12 kids total, 10 members and 2 guests. They are planning a Bingo/Chili Cook-off party for a fundraiser.

Public Relations: Nothing new to report.

Planning: Elevator is up and running!

Services: N/A

Unfinished Business: N/A

New Business: Larry motioned we move the Voter's Meeting to December to allow more time to budget plan. Dan seconded, motion passed. The Evangelism Committee is planning a potluck for this after Sunday School.

Next year's nomination needs include: Vice President, Properties, Youth, Head Elder, Education, and Stewardship.

Meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Goodroad

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November 17th, 2014

Member's present: Connie Brammeier, Mark Fairhurst, Daniel

Goodroad, Kari Goodroad, Curt Henke, Bob Marchart, Pastor, Norm Sowell and Lisa Starkebaum.

Curt called the meeting to order. Pastor opened with prayer.

No October meeting to approve minutes from.

Pastor: He has been spending time with Charlie at the hospital.

Vice President: nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Mark moved to receive the report, Bob seconded.

Elders: They are continuing to make visits.

Properties: N/A

Evangelism: Will be organizing a potluck for our voter's meeting to be set for December 7th or 14th.

Education: Leslie Young will direct the Christmas program set for December 21st. There will be practice on November 29th at 4 pm.

Stewardship: nothing to report.

Youth: The Bingo/Chili night was a success. They hit their goal of \$750, so they will receive a full match.

Hanging of the Greens is November 30th, youth is serving soup at 5 pm.

Public Relations: nothing new to report.

Planning: The elevator is installed and running, the official installation date was November 13th. The noise is gone, we need a new door handle and we have the state inspection certificate. There is \$3413.50 left to pay on it. Norm has gotten a couple bids for phase 2, the chair lift. One is a written bid, \$4470 if it's in the back stairwell, \$11,600 if in the front. The second bid is a verbal bid, \$4100 in

the back, \$10,500 in the front.
Three advent dinners are coming up, 1st is for the chair lift, 2nd for the handbells, and 3rd for the elevator fund. We get \$250 to start to fund the project.

Services: N/A

New Business: Pastor's healthcare could be going down with Medicare (\$1000-1100) vs. Concordia

plan (\$1700).

Our next meeting is December 8th.
All directors need to have annual reports in by February 8th.

Pastor closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Goodroad

Family Fellowship

The group will have their annual

Christmas Party in the fellowship hall at 5:00 PM on December 13 and will be hosted by the Starkebaums. Everyone should bring an appetizer, snack or dessert to share and a 2-liter bottle of pop. Please bring a wrapped white elephant gift if you plan to participate in the gift exchange.

