

## COUNCIL CAPSULE

January 8, 2015

### SUMMARY

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- Pastor Mark opened the meeting with the study of the Means of Grace.
- Chairman called the meeting to order.
- Agenda approved.
- Secretary's report — Read and approved
- Treasurer's report — Read and approved
- Chairman — reported a Thank you received from the ELCA for our continued support of World Hunger.
- Deacons — none.
- Parish Education — Missy reported she is working on possibly having another Day Camp this spring. The council thanked Missy, staff & Sunday school children for the wonderful Christmas Eve program.
- Stewardship & Finance — LuVerne reported he would meet with a committee soon to put together the proposed budget for the annual meeting.
- Mission and Outreach — none.
- Trustees — none.
- Worship — Robert thanked all the persons that participated in the worship services during Pastor's absence and they did a wonderful job.
- Pastor's Report — gave an accounting of his duties the past month.
- Old Business**
  - Pictorial directory — it was reported the dates for the Pictorial Directory photographer have been set for January 29-31.
  - Church roof-no update.
  - Upcoming Annual Meeting-the date has been set for January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and reports are to be turned into Florence as soon as possible.
  - Nominating committee-Chairman reported the nominating committee would meet to make phone calls and get a ballot ready for the upcoming annual meeting.
- New Business**
  - Church Steeple-Chairman reported Jake DeGroot would like to attend a council meeting to discuss the church steeple.
  - Pictorial directory pictures — Chairman reported Monica Edeker could take pictures for the Pictorial Directory. After further discussion Doug Schuler made a motion and Pastor Mark seconded it that we speak to Monica regarding her compensation for this. Motion carried.
  - Local needs funds — Doug Schuler gave an update that currently there is \$864.00 in this fund.
  - Joan reported the current program we are using for entering contributions is outdated and gave some recommendations for the upcoming 2015 regarding these issues.
  - Pastor reported on an upcoming Book study entitled Vanishing Grace.
- Next council meeting will be held on February 12, 2015 at 7 p.m.
- Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

### Members Present *(A: Absent; P: Present)*

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P LuVerne Davis, Chairman  
P Carol Seehusen, Treas.  
P Joan Shear, Sec.  
P Todd Brinkman  
P-Pastor Mark Walker

P Kevin Edeker  
P Robert Vieker  
P Doug Schuler  
A Rolin Eberline

P Jeff Seehusen  
P Ken DeBower  
P Missy Debner  
A Joshua Johnson

A short council meeting was held after church on January 18, 2015. Chairman presented to the council the 2015 proposed budget. The Chairman reported Sunday school has been added as a line item on the proposed budget, and it was decided by the council to leave it on. After further review and discussion Ken DeBower made a motion to raise the Secretary's salary to \$4000.00. Doug Schuler seconded it, motion carried. A motion was made to keep Pastor's salary at the 2014 proposed rate, seconded, motion carried. Doug Schuler made a motion that we add one week of vacation to Pastor's compensation package. Rolin Eberline seconded it, motion carried. Ken DeBower moved to approve the amended 2015 proposed budget, Doug Schuler seconded it, motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,  
Joan Shear

## ANNUAL MEETING

January 25, 2015

### SUMMARY

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#### OPENING

The annual congregational meeting of the St. John's Lutheran Church of Vilmar, Greene, Iowa, in Butler County was held on Sunday, Jan. 25, 2015. LuVerne Davis, Chairman, called the meeting to order at approximately 12:15 p.m., with 34 people in attendance. Pastor Mark Walker led the group in devotions, song, and prayer.

Ken DeBower made a motion and Pastor Mark seconded it to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried. The minutes of the 2014 annual meeting were read. Kurt Roose made a motion and Ron Salge seconded it to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried. The treasurer report was read. Joy Schueler made a motion and Diane Salge seconded it to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried. Chairman LuVerne Davis presented the 2015 ballot; Ken DeBower moved and Patty Walker seconded it to approve the ballot as presented. Motion carried. Patty Walker made a motion and Tonnie Lemon seconded it to elect the nominees unanimously. Motion carried.

The newly elected members are:

- Deacons: Kyle Roose and Doug Schuler
- Trustee: Dale Janssen
- Secretary: Rhonda Edeker
- Worship & Fellowship: Robert Vieker
- Synod: Jane Thompson and Jason Edeker
- Cemetery: Kevin Edeker
- Bartels Home Delegate: Barb Wagner
- Youth Synod Assembly: Matthew Davis

#### REPORTS

Reports from various organizations were reviewed. Kenny Debner reported the Brotherhood Pancake supper has been set for April 17, 2015.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Chairman LuVerne Davis reported there is no further update on the roofing of the church.
- The window repairs will be looked into further this year.
- Joy Schueler inquired about the organ up-keep and it was reported this was done two times a year.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- LuVerne Davis presented the 2015 proposed budget. He noted an increase to the Secretary's salary of \$500 and Pastor's salary capped at the 2014 proposed rate. After much discussion Diane Salge made a motion and David Shear seconded it to approve the 2015 proposed budget as presented. Margaret DeBower made a motion and Kay Brinkman seconded it to have a paper ballot to approve 2015 proposed budget with the addition of one week's paid vacation to Pastor Mark's salary. After paper ballot was taken the motion carried with 27 yes votes and 4 nay votes.
- Jake DeGroote reported on memorial money from Donna DeGroote that he would like to be used to repair/replace the church steeple. He brought illustrations and ideas for this project. Rhonda Edeker made a motion and Dee Winkowitsch seconded it to table this for further discussion with the church council. Motion carried.
- Helen Debner made a motion and Ken DeBower seconded it to destroy the ballots. Motion carried.

Darwin Winkowitsch moved to adjourn the meeting and Margaret DeBower seconded it. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectively Submitted,

*Jean Shear*

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Following the annual meeting, a short council meeting was held. Doug Schueler made a motion and Ken DeBower seconded it to nominate LuVerne Davis as Chairman. Motion carried. Installation of council members will be Sunday, Feb. 1, 2015. The council dinner date will be decided at the next council meeting. Meeting adjourned.

## COUNCIL CAPSULE

FEBRUARY 12, 2015

### SUMMARY

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#### OPENING

- Pastor Mark opened the meeting with devotions.
- Secretary's report — Report from Rhonda was read and approved.
- Treasurer's report — Report from Carol was read and approved.

#### REPORTS

- Chairman: Received thank yous from Christian Crusaders and LSI.
- Deacons: None.
- Parish Ed.: Holy Week Day Camp on Saturday, Mar. 28.
- Stewardship & Finance: None.
- Mission & Outreach: Chilli cook-off, bake sale, and silent auction on Sunday, Mar. 8 from 4-7 p.m. — proceeds will go to the Haiti mission trip.
- Trustees: None.
- Worship: None.
- Pastor's Report: Pastor gave an accounting of his church duties over the past month. Confirmation kids will attend Kids Against Hunger. Invited individual council members to meet and discuss job duties.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Construction on the roof will start around the end of February.
- Council dinner will be Sunday, Jan. 22 at 6 p.m. — potluck at the church.
- Stained glass window repair was tabled until the roof is complete.
- Congregational picture will be Sunday, Mar. 8.
- After talking with the insurance company, they stated that any repair work done on the church should be from a licensed and bonded contractor.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- A committee was formed to work with Jake DeGroot for his plans for the steeple.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 7 p.m.

#### CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

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P LuVerne Davis  
P Carol Seehusen  
P Rhonda Edeker  
P Todd Brinkman  
P Pastor Mark Walker

P Dale Janssen  
P Robert Vieker  
P Kyle Roose  
P Rolin Eberline

P Ken DeBower  
A Doug Schueler  
A Missy Debner  
A Josh Johnson

## COUNCIL CAPSULE

March 12, 2015

### SUMMARY

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#### OPENING

- Pastor Mark opened the meeting with devotions.
- **Secretary's report** — Report from Rhonda was read and approved.
- **Treasurer's report** — Report from Carol was read and approved.

#### REPORTS

- **Chairman:** Robert's Rules on Parliamentary Procedures were reviewed; Constitution & By-laws were handed out as needed; Prayer chain updates were handed out
- **Deacons:** None
- **Parish Ed.:** Holy Week Day Camp is March 28
- **Stewardship & Finance:** The church is in the red by \$4,400 and we are to encourage our members to give
- **Mission & Outreach:** Chili Cook-off was a huge success — around \$3,000 was raised for the Haiti mission trip
- **Trustees:** Roof should be started within a month; There was discussion to replace the back door of the church with a steel door and electronic keypad. Motion was made by Dale and seconded by Robert to accept Todd's recommendation for this project. Vote passed unanimously; Todd reported on his meeting with Jake DeGroot about the steeple. Jake's offer is to replace the Vilmar steeple with a new fiberglass steeple. Motion was made by LuVerne and seconded by Kyle to thank Jake DeGroot for his very generous offer, but to decline the replacement of our steeple. Vote passed unanimously; Motion was made by LuVerne and seconded by Missy to check into replacing the shingles on the steeple. Vote passed unanimously.
- **Worship:** Robert is talking about forming a worship committee would like to encourage more people to help with fellowship after church.
- **Pastor's Report:** Pastor gave an accounting of his church duties over the past month

#### OLD BUSINESS

- None

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Outdoor church clean-up will be Saturday, March 21, at 9 a.m.
- There was a concern about council meetings being limited on time due to other meetings taking place the same evening at the church.
- Rhonda made a motion and Missy seconded it to put the \$68 mission donation from LifeTouch toward the upcoming Haiti mission trip. Vote passed unanimously.
- Robert made a motion and Kenny seconded it to place a generous donation from a former member into the general fund. Vote passed.
- Pancake Supper will be Friday, April 17.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be April 9, 2015 at 7 p.m.

## CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

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P LuVerne Davis (President)  
A Carol Seehusen (Treasurer)  
P Rhonda Edeker (Secretary)  
P Todd Brinkman  
P Pastor Mark Walker

P Dale Janssen  
P Robert Vieker  
P Kyle Roose  
P Rolin Eberline

P Ken DeBower  
A Doug Schueler  
P Missy Debner  
P Josh Johnson

Respectively Submitted,

*Rhonda Edeker*

## COUNCIL CAPSULE

April 9, 2015

### SUMMARY

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#### OPENING

- LuVerne opened the meeting with devotions.
- Secretary's report — Report from Rhonda was read and approved.
- Treasurer's report — Report from Carol was read and approved.

#### REPORTS

- Chairman: None.
- Deacons: Discussion that the deacons could go with Pastor visiting with members.
- Parish Ed.: None.
- Stewardship & Finance: None.
- Mission & Outreach: None.
- Trustees: Received one bid for steeple. Waiting on second bid. Steeple inspection revealed it to be in good condition — no leaks, but some shingles missing.
- Worship: Looking for volunteers to preach this year.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- None

#### NEW BUSINESS

- New organ maintenance contract was explained and approved by attending members.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be May 14, 2015 at 7 p.m.

#### CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

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P LuVerne Davis (President)  
P Carol Seehusen (Treasurer)  
P Rhonda Edeker (Secretary)  
P Todd Brinkman  
A Pastor Mark Walker

P Dale Janssen  
P Robert Vieker  
P Kyle Roose  
A Rolin Eberline

A Ken DeBower  
P Doug Schueler  
A Missy Debner  
A Josh Johnson



## COUNCIL CAPSULE

May 14, 2015

### SUMMARY

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#### OPENING

- Pastor Mark opened the meeting with devotions.
- Secretary's report — Report from Rhonda was read and approved.
- Treasurer's report — Report from Carol was read and approved.

#### REPORTS

- **Chairman:** Thanks to Doug and Rolin for filling in while Pastor was gone. Contacted Church Mutual, waiting for a response. Copier maintenance agreement was signed and sent back. It is good for 7 years.
- **Deacons:** None.
- **Parish Ed.:** None.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** None.
- **Mission & Outreach:** None.
- **Trustees:** Church property lines were discussed. Dale Janssen moved that J & L Construction proceed with the re-shingling of the steeple. Robert Vieker seconded it. Motion carried. Doug Schueler moved we have dust control. Kenny DeBower seconded it. Motion carried.
- **Worship:** Fellowship committee has been formed and had one meeting. Pastor Mark, Margaret DeBower, and Jane Thompson are the committee members.
- **Pastor's Report:** Pastor gave an accounting of his church duties over the past month

#### OLD BUSINESS

- None

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Church pictorial directory update: cost overrun of \$425.00. Robert Vieker moved that we pay the bill. Josh Johnson seconded it. Motion carried.
- Josh Johnson is looking into the technology portion of replacing our tape recorder with a CD recorder.
- LuVerne Davis is looking into creating a website for the church.
- Letter of resignation by Monica Edeker for the janitorial position was accepted. Pastor Mark moved a thank you letter be written and sent for her years of service. Dale Janssen seconded it. Motion carried.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be June 11, 2015 at 7 p.m.

#### CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

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P LuVerne Davis (President)  
P Carol Seehusen (Treasurer)  
P Rhonda Edeker (Secretary)  
P Todd Brinkman  
P Pastor Mark Walker

P Dale Janssen  
P Robert Vieker  
A Kyle Roose  
A Rolin Eberline

P Ken DeBower  
P Doug Schueler  
A Missy Debner  
P Josh Johnson

## COUNCIL CAPSULE

JUNE 11, 2015

### SUMMARY

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#### OPENING

- Pastor Mark opened the meeting with devotions.
- Secretary's report — Report from Rhonda was read and approved.
- Treasurer's report — Report from Carol was read and approved.

#### REPORTS

- Chairman: Thanks to Ron Salge and Margaret DeBower for helping with church services while Pastor was gone. We are waiting on estimates for the educational unit windows. We received a thank you from Lutheran World Relief for our donation of \$740.00.
- Deacons: Rearranged the hymnals so that the blue books are in the pews.
- Parish Ed.: None.
- Stewardship & Finance: None.
- Mission & Outreach: Presented the Haiti program
- Trustees: None.
- Worship: None.
- Pastor's Report: Pastor gave an accounting of his church duties over the past month. \$100.00 was sent with Pastor for offering for the Synod Assembly.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Rolin moved to purchase a computer from Butler County Computers for a CD audio recorder, to record church services, from memorial fund. Josh seconded it. Motion carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Carol moved to hire Edna Davis as the new janitor at the same wage. Pastor seconded it. Motion carried.
- Kenny moved that Kurt Roose may cut and bale the grass in the west pasture of the church. Missy seconded it. Motion carried.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be July 9, 2015 at 7 p.m.

#### CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

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P LuVerne Davis (President)  
P Carol Seehusen (Treasurer)  
P Rhonda Edeker (Secretary)  
P Todd Brinkman  
P Pastor Mark Walker

P Dale Janssen  
A Robert Vieker  
P Kyle Roose  
P Rolin Eberline

P Ken DeBower  
A Doug Schueler  
P Missy Debner  
P Josh Johnson

## COUNCIL CAPSULE

JULY 9, 2015

### SUMMARY

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#### OPENING

- Pastor Mark opened the meeting with devotions.
- Secretary's report — Report from Rhonda was read and approved.
- Treasurer's report — Carol sent report to LuVerne to present at meeting.

#### REPORTS

- Chairman: None.
- Deacons: None.
- Parish Ed.: None.
- Stewardship & Finance: None.
- Mission & Outreach: None.
- Trustees: Discussed education unit resurface, quote from Window World for ed. unit, tree stumps, and A/C in office not working.
- Worship: None.
- Pastor's Report: Pastor gave an accounting of his church duties over the past month

#### OLD BUSINESS

- None

#### NEW BUSINESS

- None

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be August 13, 2015 at 7 p.m.

#### CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

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P LuVerne Davis (President)  
A Carol Seehusen (Treasurer)  
A Rhonda Edeker (Secretary)  
P Todd Brinkman  
P Pastor Mark Walker

P Dale Janssen  
P Robert Vieker  
A Kyle Roose  
A Rolin Eberline

A Ken DeBower  
A Doug Schueler  
A Missy Debner  
A Josh Johnson

## COUNCIL CAPSULE

August 13, 2015

### SUMMARY

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#### OPENING

- Pastor Mark opened the meeting with devotions.
- Secretary's report — Report from Rhonda was read and approved.
- Treasurer's report — Report from Carol was read and approved.

#### REPORTS

- Chairman: Thank you from Life Touch. NE Iowa Synod sent a letter for stewardship about our mission support. The Church Mutual Insurance proposed a terrorist risk coverage - council declined.
- Deacons: CD recorder has been installed and is operating well.
- Parish Ed.: First day of Sunday School will be Sunday, Sept. 13. Parish Ed. meeting is Tuesday, Aug. 18.
- Stewardship & Finance: None.
- Mission & Outreach: None.
- Trustees: Discussed Education Unit roof resurface.
- Worship: None.
- Pastor's Report: Pastor gave an accounting of his church duties over the past month.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- None

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Vilmar's website was presented to the council members.
- God's Work. Our Hands will be Sunday, Sept. 13 following the morning service.
- Pastor requested to do a fund raiser to help buy land for a Haiti orphanage - council approved.
- Council was informed of the transfer of Les and Margaret Johnson.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be September 10, 2015 at 7 p.m.

#### CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

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P LuVerne Davis (President)  
P Carol Seehusen (Treasurer)  
P Rhonda Edeker (Secretary)  
A Todd Brinkman  
P Pastor Mark Walker

A Dale Janssen  
P Robert Vieker  
P Kyle Roose  
A Rolin Eberline

P Ken DeBower  
A Doug Schueler  
P Missy Debner  
A Josh Johnson

## COUNCIL CAPSULE

September 10, 2015

### SUMMARY

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#### OPENING

- Pastor Mark opened the meeting with devotions.
- Secretary's report — Report from Rhonda was read and approved.
- Treasurer's report — Report from Carol was read and approved.

#### REPORTS

- Chairman: None.
- Deacons: None.
- Parish Ed.: First day of Sunday school is Sunday, Sept. 13; First day of Little Lutherans is Wednesday, Oct. 7.
- Stewardship & Finance: Discussed NE Iowa Synod newsletter.
- Mission & Outreach: None.
- Trustees: Steeple job should start soon.
- Worship: None.
- Pastor's Report: Pastor gave an accounting of his church duties over the past month.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Warren Van Dyke is in the progress of resurfacing the educational unit roof.
- Education unit basement windows were discussed.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Building Men for Christ Workshop in Denver, IA, on Saturday, Oct. 24. Looking for 3-6 men to attend.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be October 28, 2015 at 7 p.m.

#### CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

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P LuVerne Davis (President)  
A Carol Seehusen (Treasurer)  
A Rhonda Edeker (Secretary)  
A Todd Brinkman  
P Pastor Mark Walker

P Dale Janssen  
P Robert Vieker  
P Kyle Roose  
A Rolin Eberline

P Ken DeBower  
P Doug Schueler  
P Missy Debner  
A Josh Johnson

## COUNCIL CAPSULE

October 11, 2015

### SUMMARY

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#### OPENING

- Pastor Mark opened the meeting with devotions.
- Secretary's report — Report from Rhonda was read and approved.
- Treasurer's report — Report from Carol was read and approved.

#### REPORTS

- Chairman: A thank you to Warren VanDyke for the roof work
- Deacons: None
- Parish Ed.: Missy is looking for ideas and funding for service projects for Little Lutherans
- Stewardship & Finance: None.
- Mission & Outreach: LuVerne will hold a Veteran's church service on Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m.
- Trustees: The steeple job will be starting soon
- Worship: None
- Pastor's Report: Pastor gave an accounting of his church duties over the past month

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Dale made a motion to install nine new basement windows in the education unit from Window World. Seconded by Kenny. Motion carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Pastor's health care policy was discussed.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 12, 2015 at 7 p.m.

#### CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

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P LuVerne Davis (President)  
P Carol Seehusen (Treasurer)  
P Rhonda Edeker (Secretary)  
A Todd Brinkman  
P Pastor Mark Walker

P Dale Janssen  
P Robert Vieker  
P Kyle Roose  
P Rolin Eberline

P Ken DeBower  
P Doug Schueler  
P Missy Debner  
P Josh Johnson

## COUNCIL CAPSULE

November 12, 2015

### SUMMARY

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#### OPENING

- Pastor Mark opened the meeting with devotions.
- Secretary's report — Report from Rhonda was read and approved.
- Treasurer's report — Report from Carol was read and approved.

#### REPORTS

- Chairman: None.
- Deacons: None.
- Parish Ed.: None.
- Stewardship & Finance: None.
- Mission & Outreach: Mission offering will be collected Sunday, Nov. 22
- Trustees: Steeple job will start next spring. Education unit windows will be replaced soon
- Worship: None.
- Pastor's Report: Pastor gave an accounting of his church duties over the past month

#### OLD BUSINESS

- None

#### NEW BUSINESS

- None

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 10, 2015 at 7 p.m.

#### CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

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A LuVerne Davis (President)  
P Carol Seehusen (Treasurer)  
P Rhonda Edeker (Secretary)  
A Todd Brinkman  
P Pastor Mark Walker

A Dale Janssen  
A Robert Vieker  
P Kyle Roose  
P Rolin Eberline

P Ken DeBower  
P Doug Schueler  
A Missy Debner  
P Josh Johnson

## COUNCIL CAPSULE

December 10, 2015

### SUMMARY

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#### OPENING

- Pastor Mark opened the meeting with devotions.
- Secretary's report — Report from Rhonda was read and approved.
- Treasurer's report — Report from Carol was read and approved.

#### REPORTS

- Chairman: None.
- Deacons: Want to schedule a defibrillator training in January.
- Parish Ed.: None.
- Stewardship & Finance: Planned a meeting for year-end finances.
- Mission & Outreach: None.
- Trustees: Education unit windows completed 12-9-15.
- Worship: None.
- Pastor's Report: Pastor gave an accounting of his church duties over the past month

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Discussed council members' election/renewal.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- None.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be January 13, 2015 at 7 p.m.

#### CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

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P LuVerne Davis (President)  
P Carol Seehusen (Treasurer)  
P Rhonda Edeker (Secretary)  
A Todd Brinkman  
P Pastor Mark Walker

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P Ken DeBower  
P Doug Schueler  
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A Josh Johnson