



See the Children Dressed in White

By Jim Gorman

One of the members of our Church was born in unusual circumstances. When her mother was 7 months pregnant with this child, she was having a heart attack. Her mother was rushed to Waukesha Memorial Hospital which was then located where City Hall is now & died with this child still inside her womb.

The doctors suggested that the baby should die with her mother, but the head of nursing said, “No way” & they then did the first Cesarean Section at the hospital & the baby was born 3 month premature. She was immediately baptized by that head of nursing & stayed in the hospital under the nurses’ care for 6 months.

The nurses understandably fell in love with the baby & cared for her round the clock. I saw a picture of her on the lawn of the hospital as an infant & one sitting against the side of her crib there.

She finally went home to her father & was cared for by him & an unmarried aunt. Her large family was around to help as well. But she cried incessantly for a number of weeks. Nobody knew what to do to stop it . . . except for her father’s aunt.

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They all did that & the baby stopped crying.

This is the season of Easter & the season when the paraments of the church are changed to white. Paraments are the cloths that hang from the front of the communion table & pulpit. In the seasons of Easter (from Easter Sunday to Pentecost) & Christmas, they are changed to white. White is the symbol of purity, virtue & peace. Brides most often wear white in our culture.

Nurses, before the recent popularity of scrubs, most often wore a white dress or apron for a variety of reasons. A practical one would likely have been that any dirt would show up more clearly on white.

On the day of resurrection, the women who were first at the tomb saw angels dressed in white informing them that “he is not here.” “Why do you look for the living among the dead?” one angel asks tongue-in-cheek.

In the book of Revelation we read that the worthy ones are “dressed in white” as a sign that they belong to the Lord & bear that sign.

The season of white is our most glorious season. A season in which we are made worthy by the death & resurrection of Jesus, who paid a debt he did not owe for a price we could not afford. Join us this Easter season as we celebrate our season of resurrection.

Minister of Visitation

Rev. Ralph Schultz

It's interesting to think about the various responses the Good News of Easter evokes. Let's take Luke's Easter account as an example (Luke 24:1-12).

First, there is the response of the women who went to the tomb with spices. Finding no body, they were perplexed & frightened only to be met by two men who asked, 'Why do you seek the living among the dead?' They were reminded how Jesus had said that he must be crucified, but on the third day rise.

Satisfied, they sought out Jesus' disciples & told them all they had experienced. Their response? Luke reports, 'but these words seemed to them an idle tale & they did not believe them!'

How easy it would be for us to second guess both the women & the disciples, in their response. How could they not believe? We know that shortly after Easter, there were reports of Jesus appearing to people, as well as the Spirit of the Risen Jesus moving people to think, believe & act as they had never done before.

We've had 2000 years of hearing this life changing story. Are we still moved by the message of Easter? Are lives still being changed?

The other day I attended the graduation ceremony for the Alcohol Treatment Court, at the Waukesha Courthouse. Six people had completed their group & individually supervised sessions. They were in the program from 52 to 109 weeks & they had been sober for eight to 20 months.

While waiting for the ceremony to begin, I met Ben, a wonderful young man. He began using marijuana at age 9, following his big brother. Then it was cocaine & alcohol. At first he said, all that mattered was his next smoke, his next drink. He knew AA was available & other programs, but they were not for him, not yet. Having lost his job & being virtually disowned by his family, he began attending AA & the Alcohol Treatment Court.

Ben has now been sober for seven months, will graduate from the ATC in September (if things continue to go well for him) & he & his parents are again speaking & visiting.

Isn't this story of Ben & the ATC graduates, truly another Easter story? People turn their lives around, or re-connect with some faith group, or find ways of sharing their God-given gifts & talents with others. Relationships are renewed. Yes, Easter can evoke many, many different responses. What is your Easter story?



A Note:

The role of the Minister of Visitation is to visit anyone in the hospital, those who are in a nursing home & all who are homebound.

Sometimes I wonder ... is there anyone who has "fallen through the cracks" & should be visited? If you are aware of anyone whose health has changed & is no longer able to attend Sunday worship, please let me know. We would like to visit such people & add them to our list, so they continue to be an important part of our church. Please call the church office at 262-547-2424.

Hospital Visits

To make sure you receive a visit in the hospital, please list your church as Evangelical & Reformed (E & R) UCC, when filling out forms in admitting. That information is then transferred to a book that clergy can set to in the lobby of the hospital.

New Secretary

Our new secretary started working just over a month ago ... Her name is **Brigette Unger**. She is a mother of 3 children who will be in school while she is working here. The new office hours have been set as **Monday - Friday from 8:30am - 12:30 pm**.

New Office Email

To reach the office & the new secretary by email, please use the new church email: **EandRoffice@att.net**.

Sunday School - The Rock

We are still in the process of looking for a new Christian Education Director. Toni Perez & other volunteers have been filling in, but they are only able to do so for a few more weeks. We will keep you posted about our progress in filling this position.

Maundy Thursday Service

Please join us on **Thursday, April 1st at 6 pm**. Please bring bread, cheese or fruit to pass.

Neighborhood Walk



All are invited to join the people of St. Luke's & Sophia on **Good Friday, April 2nd at 3 pm**. The walk will begin at St. Luke's on Carroll St. & should take approx. 90 min. We will journey to several 'points of interest' in or near downtown Waukesha. We will stop to learn, pray, sing, support & encourage. There will be a special emphasis on Immigration as we keep in mind & hold in prayer the struggles & challenges of those who journey to a new place.

Upcoming Good Friday Service

Our Good Friday Service will be on **Friday, April 2nd at 7 pm** & will be combined with First Congregational. Rev. Deborah Howland will be preaching.



Easter Sunday Services

We will be celebrating Easter on Sunday, April 4th with both a **Sunrise Worship Service at 7 am** as well as a **Festival Worship Service at 9 am**. We look forward to seeing you & wish everyone a most beautiful & blessed Easter.

Easter Sunday Breakfast

Please join us **Easter Sunday, April 4th at 8 am** for a delicious meal of Breakfast bakes, Fruit salad, Bananas,



Muffins, Coffee & Orange Juice. There is no charge, but a free will offering will be welcomed. If you are able & interested in helping serve, please contact Sue Manzke at (262) 392-3561 or the Church Office at (262) 547-2424.

New Solar Panels are Installed

New Solar panels have been installed on the south facing gable of the Church's Roof. They have been partially paid for by several grants including one from We Energies. These photocell panels will generate electricity which will lighten our own electricity costs & may allow us to sell some of it back to the electric grid. The connection to the electrical grid will happen in late spring. The solar company, Full Spectrum Solar, tells us we should see an annual savings of \$5,000 to \$6,000 on our electric bill.



Our Ministries Strong

Our regular offerings to support the ongoing ministries of our church need to continue being our first priority in giving. We kindly ask everyone to please keep their regular (**current**) giving strong!

- Budgeted Income: thru February - \$41825.02
- Actual Income: thru February - \$35808.78

Upcoming Rotating Coffee Hour Hosts

- April 4: Easter - No Coffee Hour
- April 11: Gathering Grounds
- April 18: Womens Gathering
- April 25: Elders

E & R Weather Watch Closing(s)

Please tune into Weather Watch 12/wisn.com for any church closing announcements.

Sarah Circle

Janet Perkins, Secretary

On **Wednesday, April 14th at 10 am** we will meet at 'A Touch of Glaze', located at 721 Meadowbrook Rd. (in the Meadowbrook Shopping Center). Each of us will purchase & paint a pottery item. Following our project, we will enjoy lunch just a few doors away at the Brewer's Two Café, a specialty coffee & sandwich shop located at 821 Meadowbrook Rd. Hope everyone can make it. Guests are welcome.

Women's Guild

Jeannine Prager



Pie & Cookie Sale Report

Our 17th annual sale was held at the Rotary Club Pancake Festival, at the Expo Center Arena on Saturday, February 20th. Thirty-two pie & cookie bakers (including some men), brought in 60 pies & many wonderful cookies to be sold. Some items sold ahead of time on Friday, Feb. 19th & all were purchased by 1 pm on Saturday for a total of **\$779.75**, including donations. The money earned benefits a variety of causes.

Special thanks to all who baked, brought, bought & generously donated time, talent & financially to this project.

Our helpers included Toni & Shelby Perez, June Ehlke, Judy Wendt, Rosemary Riemer, Jeannine Prager & pie/cookie transporter Marty Maier.

In addition, our church members & friends purchased 27 of 30 pancake tickets Pete Horn left with me while he went to Haiti. **\$135** was thus turned over to the rotary for their work.

Hospitality Committee

Heidi Pagel

The Hospitality Committee wishes to invite all current greeters, ushers & volunteers to an informational meeting on **Sunday, May 16th at 10:15 am** in the church sanctuary to review the purpose & duties of our Hospitality greeters & hosts. Please make a note of this meeting as it is very important for the life of E & R. The talents you have shared with our congregation in the past is greatly needed for us to move forward with our new hospitality process. We look forward to seeing you.

Women's Gathering

Heidi Pagel

The Women's Retreat committee met on March 16th. We have changed our name to the Women's Gathering to describe our group more appropriately. We have made preliminary plans for the next event for February 2011. We are looking to include more women in our planning group for this event. We are a fun loving group & "U" women are all welcome to join us. Please contact Pat Kruse, Heidi Pagel, Diane Sinner, Rosemary Reimer, Shirley Maile, Sandy Anderson-Payne or Ruth Ann Krause if you would be interested in joining us!

Circle of Friends Quilt Group

Heidi Pagel

Circle of Friends Quilt group wishes to extend an invitation to any member who enjoys fellowship &/or quilting. We are a small group of women who enjoy sewing & would love to expand our small committee to include you, even if you have no sewing experience. We are currently working on children's "I Spy Quilts" that we are offering for sale to raise funds to purchase quilting materials. Our mission project this year will be constructing twin size "Nickel Quilts" for the Women's Center here in

Waukesha. We are very excited about both of our projects. If you would like to see the quilts we have for sale, please visit our E & R Library where they are on display along with our book bags & custom note cards . . .

all great gifts for any occasion. The Circle of Friends **meets the 1st Monday of every month** at 10 am in the church basement. Our next meeting will be on **April 5th**. If you should have any questions, please contact Heidi Pagel, Ruth Ann Krause, or Anna Maile.



Scholarships

Scholarships applications are available for pick up in the church office. Please note: applications are due back to the office by **Friday, May 28, 2010**.

Church Women United of Waukesha County is also offering scholarship aid to women 21 & older who wish to continue their education or are returning to school after a lapse of time. Applicants must live in Waukesha County. For more information or an application, please call Carol Enders at (262) 547-6411 or Joan Finley at (262) 717-0694. Completed applications, with references, are due by May 15, 2010.

Noticed a friend hasn't been in church recently?

Is there someone you have missed seeing in church recently? Why not give them a call or send them a card to let them know you miss seeing them.



Spaghetti Dinner

The Spaghetti Dinner was a huge success! The Youth Group would like to thank all of the Moms, Dads, Grandma's, Grandpa's, customers & donors for all they did for our Spaghetti Dinner.



We served 250 people & earned \$2341 in profit! Without all of your help . . . we wouldn't be able to go on mission trips to help folks that are really in need. Thank you all again!

Pilgrim Center & Moon Beach Camp

Our denomination owns two camps in Wisconsin: **Moon Beach** is in St. Germain in the North Country & **Pilgrim Center** on Green Lake near Ripon. Moon Beach is dedicated to Family Camps & Pilgrim Center's summer program is largely dedicated to youth camping.



Both camps are supported by the Our Church's Wider Mission offering that we give to the statewide church each year. As a second mile gift, our youth fund also will pay one half of the tuition for any camper who wants to attend. This is not a "need based" scholarship; it is an investment in our leadership. Brochures are available in the Fellowship Hall.

We are still working on the possibility of a **work camp at Pilgrim Center** to help get it ready for the summer program. How about April 23rd-25th? All we need to pay for is the meals & the youth fund might be able to pick

that up. The type of work needing to be done: re-roof a few buildings, paint a couple cabins, clear some trails & lots of smaller projects around the camp. We'll keep you all posted.



Youth News . . . We're on a Mission



We are signed up for a Youth Mission Trip to Minneapolis. This is a YOUTHWORKS trip & is limited to those entering 9th through 12th grade. That most likely means that the work will be more oriented toward Habitat for Humanity building or rehab. But there is other work to do as well.

Keep Recycling

We are still recycling used ink jet cartridges to raise money for the youth. Please put your cartridges in the green box on the coat rack shelf near the south entrance. Recently a filled box earned us \$68 toward the Youth Group account.

Other Churches Visited

Members of our congregation visit other churches & bring back bulletins to share. This is a great way for us to see how other churches express their life in print.

Ron & Charlotte Knutson made a couple visits to Union Congregational Church, United Church of Christ while in Tavares, FL.

Arlene Murphy visited St. Jacobi Congregational Church in Richfield, WI.

Frieda Hart & Linda Imig visited Plymouth Congregational UCC in Burlington for the funeral of Cathey Rennick. The service was filled with laughter, tears & songs of hope.

Joys and Concerns

During our time of Joys & Concerns each Sunday, we ask that you please be prepared to offer up **JOYS** as well as **CONCERNS** . . . A birth of a child, a new job after a long time of being laid off, recovery from illness, a promotion, a new home & the like . . .

Thank You's



We received a thank you on behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, volunteers & consumers of the Hope Center for our participation in the **“Sock It To Poverty”** fundraising campaign. Our congregation raised **\$191.88** & the total campaign raised **\$1429.72**. Our donation is a blessing which allows the Hope Center the opportunity to help many people in need in Waukesha County.

We received a letter from the Salvation Army thanking us for our recent gift of \$550. The Salvation Army helps our neighbors that are struggling & in great need & they cannot continue without the compassion & assistance of friends like us. They are sincerely grateful that we found it in our heart to give again.

We received a thank you for Rev. Schultz for his visit to Barbara Burnell during her short stay in the hospital. It was greatly appreciated. Since she was admitted through the E.R., no one asked what her religion was so Rev. Schultz had to look at all admittance records to find her.

We received a letter from Joanne Otto thanking us for all the special prayers during her surgery & now through the chemotherapy. There have been prayers, cards, calls & so many people that she hasn't been able to thank personally. All of you have been especially kind. Her prayers go out to each & every one of you for your caring. Also a special thank you to Ruth Krause for the beautiful prayer shawl ~ she will cherish it always. “We have much to be thankful for our great ministry & for our fine members . . . God bless each & every one of you. Jesus conquers, Jesus Saves“.

The Church Council & members received a note from Rueck Rueckenwald thanking us for recognizing his many years of music service to the church. “I am truly honored. Thank you for the gift certificate to the Black Trumpet. Joy & I will love eating there. Thank you also for the beautiful cake during the coffee hour. We loved it! I very much enjoy sharing God's Word through music with you. I am blessed to be able to be your organist.”

We received a thank you card from Sherrie Hinderman thanking Pastor Jim & Rev. Schultz for their visits at the hospital & at home when she had her knee surgery. The prayer shawl she received is beautiful & “means a lot coming from the ladies of her own church.” She hopes to see everyone in church soon & thanks everyone for their prayers & thoughts.

We received a thank you note from Penny Heywood to Pastor Gorman & Rev. Schultz for the prayers & hospital visit. “Thank you also to all who sent cards & prayers. Thank you for thinking of me.”

A thank you card was received from Amy Lenz. The scholarship she received is very much appreciated. The financial support has made a dream possible. The support & stability from church makes a difference.

A thank you note was sent from Brian VanBuren for **Toni Perez** for all of her hard work in filling in for the DRE position; **Sue Manzke** for the history scrapbooks on the building of the church & **Linda Imig** on the Confirmation history books.

In Loving memory

Robert Prager
Janett & Martin Maier

Elaine Laird-Anderson
Harold & Lois Lewis

Don Kaiser
Nate & Donna Leuzinger



Elaine Laird Anderson (To Benefit the Haiti Project)

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| Laura & Daniel Banaszynski | Charles Waldvogel |
| Don & Nancy Anderson | Lynn Revoy |
| Barbara Prindiville | Esther Hofmann |
| Verne & Carol Holoubek | Heidi & Steve Pagel |
| Allen & Margaret Albrecht | Kathleen Rossie |
| Michael & Mary Bohren | Pastor Gorman |
| Jerome & Susann Schneider | Jose Navarro |
| Maurice & Jewell Housefield | Ruth Sells |
| Roy & Jo Ellen Meidenbauer | Jeanne Gundersen |
| Len & Phyllis Thorstad | Gertrude Wilkinson |
| Jean & Dennis Zellmer | James & Ellen Laird |
| Lynda & Robert Crucius | Glenn & Nancy Koehn |
| Roger & Barbara Nordberg | Robert & Dorothy King |
| Alfred & Haidee Schlecht | Karen Poser |
| Timothy & Gayle Graham | Janet Perkins |
| Bob Hollman & Jane Rice | Joseph Weitzer |
| Andy & Carol Wagner | Ixonnia Evening Star |
| | Homemakers |

The Al Stippich Memorial Sunday School Fund

- Heidi, Steve, Stephanie & Mandy Pagel
Corey, Jim & Brian Abel
Esther Stippich Hofmann
Kristine Hofmann

Pastoral Relations Forum

Recording Secretary - Heidi Pagel

The Pastoral Relations Committee Forum Overview took place on March 7, 2010.

Topic:

Update on -

- Mission & Vision Statement
- The strategic plan including the “Five Practices of a Fruitful Congregation” renewal program
- Review and commentary of our survey results

Present: 32 Congregational members

Brian Van Buren opened up our forum at 10:30am with a brief agenda of our topic items.

Erik Olson presented an explanation, with a power point presentation, of the difference between mission & vision & the aspects of having a mission that we carry out to make us a vibrant growing church. The proposed mission of E&R UCC is stated as:

“Our mission is to foster the spiritual growth of a community of devoted followers of Christ.”



The presentation then moved to explain how our church is putting into action this mission by moving through the UCC sponsored renewal program of the “Five Practices of a Fruitful Congregation”. These five areas of attention include the following:

1. Radical Hospitality – the active desire to invite, welcome, receive & care for those who are strangers so that they find a spiritual home & discover for themselves the unending richness of life in Christ.

Heidi Pagel gave a brief review of the progress the new Hospitality Committee has made to accomplish the goals set from the first meeting of the renewal program. The new committee has already met with the Elders & will be meeting again on March 14th to address the mission of the committee & to set up a process for greeters & hosts to participate in to become a welcoming church.

2. Passionate Worship – is described as those times we gather deliberately seeking an encounter with God in Christ. We cultivate our relationship with God & with one another as the people of God. God uses worship to transform lives, heal wounded souls, renew hope, shape decisions, provoke change, inspire compassion & bind people to one another. Through worship, God actively seeks a relationship with us, pardons sins, restores relationships & changes lives.

The renewal Group met March 1, 2010 in regard to this area of work & is currently drafting a list in regard to the action plan that was chosen at the meeting.

3. Intentional Faith Development – refers to the purposeful learning in community that helps the followers of Jesus mature in faith, such as Bible studies, Sunday school classes, short-term topical studies & support groups that apply the faith to particular life challenges.

4. Risk-Taking Mission & Service –includes the projects, the efforts & the work people do to make a positive difference in the lives of others for the purposes of Christ, whether or not they will ever be part of the community of faith.

5. Extravagant Generosity- describes practices of sharing & giving that exceed all expectations & extend to unexpected measure. It describes lavish sharing, sacrifice & giving in service to God & neighbor. Every scriptural example of giving is extravagant & churches that practice Extravagant Generosity teach, preach & practice the tithe. They focus on the Christian’s need to give because of the giving nature of God whom we worship.

A rubric or strategic plan to accomplish these goals is being utilized for us to track our progress.

Eric Coryell presented an overview of the survey process, which was conducted, summarized & the findings have been forwarded to the council for action. The three areas that the council is addressing per the survey results are membership, music & finance.

Participants of the Forum engaged in discussion about these items.

The meeting ended when no further discussion or questions were presented.



Council Meeting

Recording Secretary – Shirley Maile

Council Meeting was held on Monday, February 8th.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brian Van Buren, June Ehlke, Dick Anderson, Rosemary Riemer, Arlen Meidenbauer, Gordon Heilert, Glenn Koehn, Carol Austin, Joe Inzeo, Mike Suchecki, Scott Donovan, Neal Brey, Rick Sasse, Rev. Gorman, Ruth Ann Krause & Shirley Maile.

EXCUSED MEMBER: Shelby Perez

GUESTS: Sue Kultz & Mario Navarro

The meeting was called to order by Brian Van Buren & opened with a prayer by Rev. Gorman.

The Covenant with La Viña was discussed. It was stated that the amount of utilities have increased. We are currently receiving a donation of \$150 a month. This past year it was paid by the Southeast Conference. Mario stated that LaViña would have no problem paying the \$150 per month. LaViña also gave money to Wisconsin Conference. Wisconsin Conference is supporting this mission to the tune of \$90. Membership intends to become self-sufficient. Mario stated that the giving is getting better.

Dick Anderson made a motion to table this until next month. The motion was seconded by Joe Inzeo. The motion carried.

The minutes from the previous Council Meeting were reviewed. Corrections were made under the Trustee's Report that the check valve not sprinkler system was replaced without charge. Other items under Survey should be new leadership & budget for music. Also Five Practice sessions will be meeting on approximately the first Monday of the month.

June Ehlke moved & seconded by Joe Inzeo to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Sue Kultz

Some expenses for this month were \$750 for snow plowing, \$504 to renew Schindler Elevator Contract & \$260 for Cintas. Under Income/Budgeted Items: \$1659.64 short. Shirley

Maile moved & seconded by Ruth Ann Krause to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed. The motion carried.



Sue Kultz also stated that we will receive rebates from WE Energies for the installation of the solar panels on the south roof.

Pastor's Report: Rev. Gorman

-Stated that the Wed. Bible Study group is growing.
-Interviewing for Church Secretary three people (2 on Tuesday & 1 on Wednesday).
-Sue Kultz asked if we will pay for 20 hours each week or should it be more. It was stated that both Sue Manzke & Diane Spadanuda worked more than 20 hours. A question was raised as to when the church secretary should come to the council meetings. It was stated that Personnel should look into this.

Five Practices

Church Renewal Program: Some other church members would like to participate in this.

How can we change the attitude that some members think that what we are doing is secretive.

Elder's – No Report

Trustees

-The Fire Department did the Fire Inspection & tested the sprinklers.
Glenn Koehn stated there is a discrepancy on the fee for their use of the kitchen by the 7th Day Adventists. Sue Kultz asked what the amount actually deposited was. Also the kitchen was not cleaned properly after their gathering.
The Trustees will meet after the council meeting to appoint a Head Trustee for the next term.
Trustee – Who will be insurance liason to replace Paula Hillmann?
The subject of the disappearance of Gray Mare's sign was raised. Brian Van Buren will check into this.

Deacons – Mike Suchecki

-Will be making new Usher & Deacon schedules.
-The Head Deacon will be Mike Suchecki

Scott Donovan brought a new Suggestion Box & set it on the table in the gathering area.

New Business

-Constitution copies were passed out.
-Council Retreat 9 am – Noon on Sat., February 13th.
-Eric Coryell, Eric Olson & Dan DeKarske will attend.

It was stated that Dwayne Johnson resigned as head of Personnel. Glenn Koehn has taken over this position.

After some discussion on "This Far by Faith", a motion was made by Joe Inzeo & seconded by Ruth Ann Krause to allow Sue Manzke to work with the Giving by Faith Report. The motion carried.

Glenn Koehn stated that the 7th Day Adventist minister is interested in the use of our church for worship services & Bible Study. They would use it on Saturdays from 9 am - Noon & 3 - 6 pm as well as on Wednesdays from 8- 9 pm. Joe Inzeo moved & seconded by Rosemary Riemer to turn down this offer from the 7th Day Adventists. The motion carried, with one No.

We needed to get the FOBs back from those who are no longer on council. We needed to fill the opening of the Head Investment Committee, since Bill Bloede has resigned. Dick Anderson will fill this position.

A motion was made by Brian Van Buren & seconded by Arlen Meidenbauer to accept Shirley Maile as Recording Secretary & Dick Anderson as Parliamentarian. The motion carried.

A Motion was made by Joe Inzeo to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was seconded by Ruth Ann Krause. The motion carried. The meeting was closed with the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

144th Congregational Meeting

Recording Secretary – Shirley Maile

The 144th Congregational Meeting was held on Sunday, February 7th.

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Brian Van Buren. Rev. Gorman opened the meeting with a prayer.

A motion was made by Sandy Anderson-Payne & seconded by Rosemary Riemer to accept Dick Anderson as Parliamentarian & Shirley Maile as Recording Secretary. The motion carried.



ELECTIONS:

There were no other nominations for Trustee, Deacon or Elders.

A motion was made by Mark Maile & seconded by Sandy Anderson-Payne to approve the minutes from the 143rd Congregational Meeting. The motion carried.

The Pastor's Report & the 2009 Congregational Annual Reports were reviewed. A motion was made by Glen Ehlke & seconded by Diane Roethel to accept these reports as printed. The motion carried.

The Annual Financial Report was reviewed by Sue Kutzt. Sue stated that the Investment Fund was audited by Mac Davis, Ruth Aschmann & Nancy Johnson.

Sue pointed out corrections as follows:

- Under General Fund (Other) the second item should be "Estate of Lucille Gygax".
- Under Benefactors Fund #5645, the Estimated Portfolio Value should be \$77,280.
- Leverenz endowment fund – bonds amount should be \$251,719.

A motion was made by Rosemary Riemer to accept the 2009 Annual & Congregational Reports as corrected. The motion was seconded by Rick Sasse. The motion carried.

A question regarding the committees was raised. Dick Anderson stated that Council appoints the committees.

June Ehlke asked if we have a "Wish List". It was stated that this would be a part of the Communications Committee.

Brian stated that as part of our Church Renewal, there are five (5) practices. Membership, Budget & Music were the top 3 choices from survey. Council voted to approach the first one.

Brian Van Buren stated that on January 16, 2010, there was a Council Retreat. At the retreat, Eric Olson stated he had visited 5 local churches. Eric asked what is the mission of our church & our Road Map to follow? What are we doing to make this happen? We need to take the Mission & act on it down the road. Matthew 28:19: Missionaries around the world, but also missionaries in our own homes. Why do so many leave the church at the age of 20's & 30's. Please contact Pastor Jim, Eric Olson, Eric Coryell or council members.

Our next Pastoral Forum will be March 7, 2010.

The Council Retreat: Any member of the church can attend the Council Retreat.

Pastor Jim: 23 other churches are meeting in Madison for the Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations. Most churches are going through the same things our own church is going through. Next meetings at E&R will be March 1st, March 29th, 1st Monday in May & 1st Monday in June. Pastor also announced that this next Sunday, new council members will be ordained and council installed.

Election Results:

- Elders: June Ehlke & Toni Perez. Carol Austin will fill in for a one year term.
- Deacon: Rick Sasse
- Trustees: Arlen Meidenbauer & Gordon Austin.

A thank you was expressed to Sue Manzke for her time served on the Council.

The Youth selected Shelby Perez to serve as Youth Representative. A motion was made by Kris DeKarske & seconded by Rick Sasse to accept Shelby Perez as Youth Representative.

A motion was made by Pastor Gorman & seconded by Diane Sinner that in the future budget reports, salaries be delineated. Motion carried.

Jim Harris suggested that we have 12 envelopes instead of 52 per box. It would be less recording. Janice Suchecki stated this could be inconvenient for some people. Sue Manzke stated this could be more inconvenient, but could be cheaper. We should have a policy so those who do not want envelopes will let us know by September. This will be brought up at Council. A motion was made by Gordon Austin to stay on the same envelope system. The motion was seconded by Russ Lenz. The motion carried.

We give our thanks to Bill Bloede, Al Stippich & Don Kaiser who served the financial committee for 15 years.

Could we have a Music Festival to raise money for a Choir Director?

Janett Maier moved to express the congregation's gratitude & appreciation to Diane Spadanuda for all

her work during the difficult years between the fire & our final move into our new church. The motion was seconded by Jeanine Prager. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Sandy Anderson-Payne to adjourn this meeting. The motion was seconded by Shelby Perez. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned with the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

Hope Center Needs



The Hope Center is currently in need of the following:

New Socks:

Women's, Men's, & Boys (crew & ankle)

New Underwear:

Women's Bikini underwear sizes 5, 6, 8, & 9

Men's 28-30 & 32-34

Boys 2, 4, 6, & 18-20

Girl's 2 & 14-16

Layette Supplies:

Crib Sheets, baby wash, baby lotion & diapers: size newborn & 1

Please bring donations to: 502 N. East Ave, Waukesha (262) 549-8726

