



P.C.A. Witness

(Preaching Christ Always)



New Communing Members Received

We rejoice in the grace and mercy of the Lord as He has blessed Lennox Ebenezer with the addition of 9 new communing members: (pictured from left to right) Isaak Booker, Lily Kezar, Lucy Carlson, Ethan Marts, Willow Booker, Easton Nelson, Alaina Klenner, Natalie Aesoph, and Easton Timmermans.

These new communing members were interviewed by the Elders, answering questions regarding their understanding of the Christian faith, church membership, and life-long discipleship. Having been approved by the Session, they then made their public profession of faith during worship on Sunday, March 24th, with Natalie Aesoph and Lily Kezar also being baptized upon their profession of faith.

This celebration of God's grace came at the conclusion of a year-long class in which the students met with Pastor Saylor every other week to study the Scriptures and the teachings of the Westminster Shorter Catechism. Following Stephen Smallman's workbook, *Understanding the Faith*, the class explored the Scripture's teaching about "What man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man" (WSC 3). In addition, the students were asked to memorize several key Bible verses, as well as being asked to memorize all 66 books of the Bible in order.

Each student put in a lot of work in order to be received as communing members, and yet the important thing that the Elders stressed with them, and continue to encourage in every member, is that learning and professing the faith is not the end of the Christian experience, but just the beginning. We are each called to daily discipleship, to grow in faith and understanding, and, through the gracious work of God's Holy Spirit, to mature in Christ-likeness.

Please join the Elders in giving thanks for God's gracious provision of these new communing members, and pray that the Lord would continue to add to our "number day by day those who are being saved" (Acts 2:47).

Grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Ethan".

April



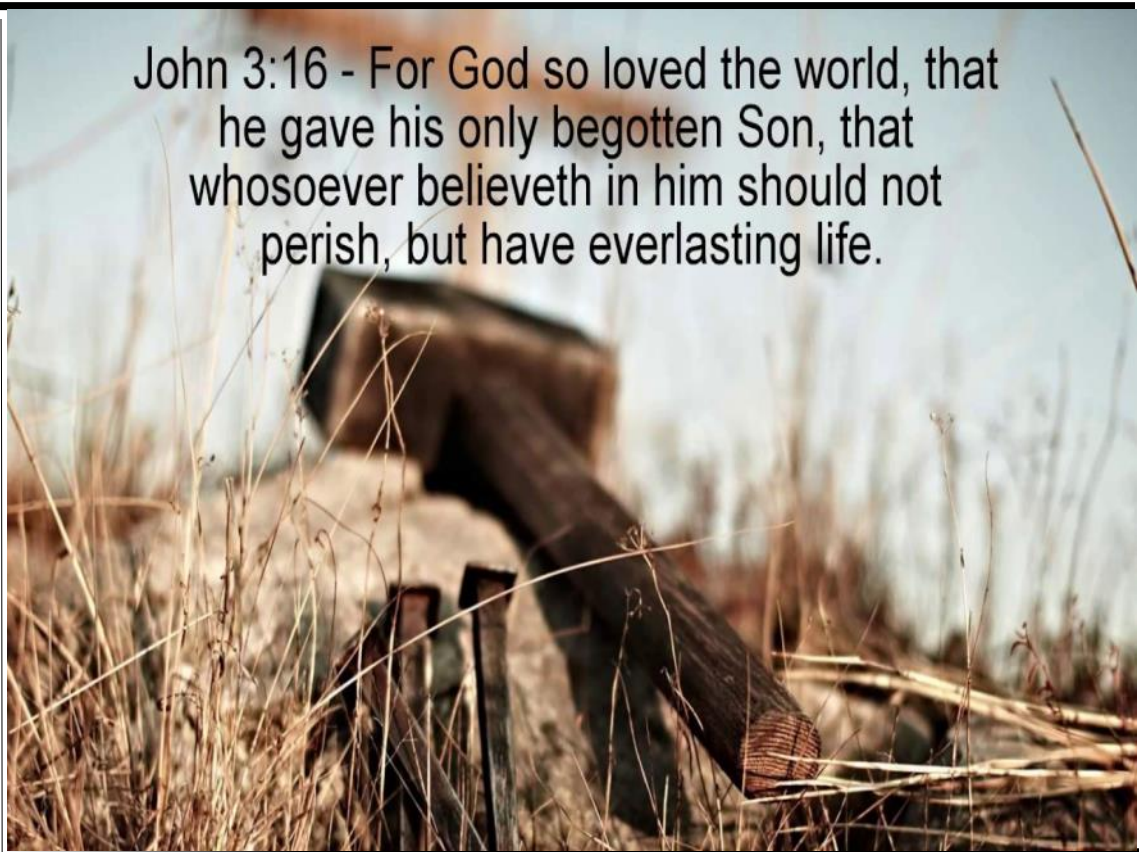
Anniversaries

- 14 Phil & Judy Fett
- 15 Ron & Deb Hanssen and Major Ben & Della Miller



Birthdays

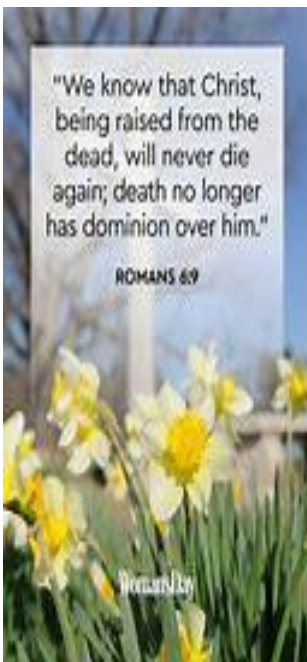
- 1 Chris Hanssen
- 3 Jeremy Timmermans
- 6 Jerry Marts
- 9 Shawn Vannorsdel
- 11 Kathy Bunger & Bob Steadman
- 11 Austin Strasser
- 17 Jayden Hanisch
- 22 Rhoda Strasser
- 23 Lynne Green
- 25 Donavon Bruns
- 27 Alvin Haan, Mahli Strasser
- 29 Arlis Poppens



John 3:16 - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.



Christian Education News



Adult Sunday School Class #1 is studying the scriptures using the Sunday School Guide publication.

Adult Sunday School Class #2 is led by Alan Rops. Beginning March 3, the class is viewing a 5 part study, *That the World May Know: In the Dust of the Rabbi*, by Ray Vander Laan. All are welcome to attend.

Adult Class #3 is a viewing & discussing a video study entitled, *"Sacred Marriage."* This class is

meeting in the Library and is led by Pastor Saylor.

The Children's Sunday School Classes begin at 10:50 am, with a short time of singing in the Sanctuary prior to breaking into classes.

Midweek Activities on Wednesday evenings are 1st - 8th grades at 6:30 pm and the High School Group which meets at 7:15 pm. The last evening of Midweek Activities until fall will be April 24.

Rise with the Guys will meet on April 6 at 7:00 am. They are studying Habakkuk 1:1-11.

The Women's Bible Study Group will meet on April 6 at 8:30 am. They

are studying 1 Peter 5:10-14.

The Rachel Bible Study will meet on Monday, April 8, at 7:00 pm. They will study the sixth lesson in the Miracles of Jesus Bible study book.

Sunday School Mission Projects

The amount given for the 1st quarter S.S. offering for the Alpha Center Baby Closet was \$393.00, which was above the support for Ishimwe.

The 2nd quarter offerings will be used to purchase Bibles for children through Voice of the Martyrs. Each bible costs \$6.00.

MISSION NEWS



Brennan & Becca McCafferty ~ MTW ~ Cambodia

There is a Cambodian Presbyterian Association (CPA), which is a small presbytery made up of a handful of Cambodian pastors who are serving both in the city of Phnom Penh and across a few rural villages in Cambodia. It has been a joy to be able to personally witness these men working together, encouraging each other, praying for each other, studying God's Word together, and all for the sake of the Gospel and glory of God here in Cambodia! I feel very blessed to have the privilege of partnering with and

working alongside these national Cambodian pastors as they shepherd their churches and preach the Gospel in the midst of a culture permeated by spiritual darkness.

Pray for God's blessing and guidance upon us and our ministry in Cambodia during 2024. Pray that God would use all that we do for the glory of His name. Pray that God would build and strengthen His Church here in Cambodia throughout 2024. Pray for our family: for our kids (Benjamin, Lucy, and Titus) and their conversion to Christ, as well as for Becca and me as we strive to faithfully bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Pray for strength and energy and faithfulness for Becca, as she manages the home and takes on the bulk of the child-rearing responsibilities with 3 young children. Pray for her time of homeschooling Benjamin. Pray for wisdom for Brennan, as he spends time encouraging and training Pech and helping with his ministry in Prey Thom village. Pray for our relationship with our house helper Seng. Pray that God would continue working in Seng's life and also that God would give wisdom to Becca as she continues to spend time praying with Seng. Pray for the ongoing language learning progress. Pray for God to continue to give us opportunities to engage our neighbors as well as deepen relationships with the members of the church we are attending. Pray for the nation and people of Cambodia. Cambodia is a nation in great need of the Gospel. Pray that God might continue softening hearts and preparing people to receive the good news of Christ.

Katie Jacobson ~MTW ~ Cambodia

I have moved in with a friend. This apartment is much bigger (and cheaper) than my last apartment which will allow the space to host all of the college girls for dinner and fellowship twice a month.

Praise God for continued progress in language study. Praise God for all the exciting opportunities he has provided to serve him.

Please continue to pray for progression in my language studies. Pray for the students: that their faith would continue to grow and deepen, that Christ would be their first love. I have started an inductive-style Bible study with multiple girls in smaller groups, please pray for wisdom as I navigate this. Pray as I prepare these lessons that God would be honored and glorified. Pray that our time would be fruitful and encouraging. My hope is to also encourage them to share the gospel with classmates and friends. Pray for the fellowship with the students two Sundays a month, that this would also be fruitful, encouraging and glorifying to God. Pray for me as I continue to teach the nurses at the clinic. Continue to pray that Christ would remain at the center of my life, that my faith would deepen and grow, that I would be completely dependent on him and not myself. Pray for the nation and people of Cambodia. Pray that God would soften their hearts to receive the good news of the Gospel.

Union Gospel Mission Lamplighters Auxiliary

Thank you for your support of the Union Gospel Mission. The March meeting was at the same time as the Ice Cream Social celebrating 124 years in Sioux Falls. There was music, a skit, and informative talks about the programs they have. We also enjoyed a tour of the finished third-floor apartments in the women's building. It also has an apartment for a couple who will oversee that floor for families. Our next meeting will be held at Trinity Baptist Church in Sioux Falls on the 19th of April. The Love Gift will be underwear for men, women, and children--all sizes. The Mission always appreciates prayers and always has a need for volunteers.

Officer Meetings

The Deacons of Mercy & Finance and Building & Property, and the Session, will hold their meetings on **Tuesday, April 2** at 7:00 pm.



Christian Education Banquet

Our annual Christian Education Banquet will be held on Saturday evening, April 27.

We will be honoring our 8th and 12th grade graduates and invite all of our CE staff to attend as well. Invitations will be emailed & mailed out in a few weeks, so please watch for those and RSVP to the office or Pastor Saylor so that we may plan for the meal.



The Choir will tentatively sing on Sunday, April 28, with practices planned on Wednesday evenings, April 17 & 24.

This will be our last anthem for 2023-24. I want to thank everyone for their faithful attendance at practices and for being so willing to share your talents with the congregation and for singing to the Lord! Special thanks to Pat Miller for his help this past year.



We continue to ask for your recipes for the newsletter. Please drop a copy of a recipe in Brenda Ratliff's mailbox, text it to her at 605-359-5475 or email it to her at abratliff@hotmail.com.

Thank you!

*How precious to me
are your thoughts,*

○ God!

*How vast is the sum
of them!*

*If I would count
them, they are
more than the
sand.*

Psalm 139:17-18

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*I am the Alpha and the Omega,
the Beginning and the End...
Revelation 1:8*

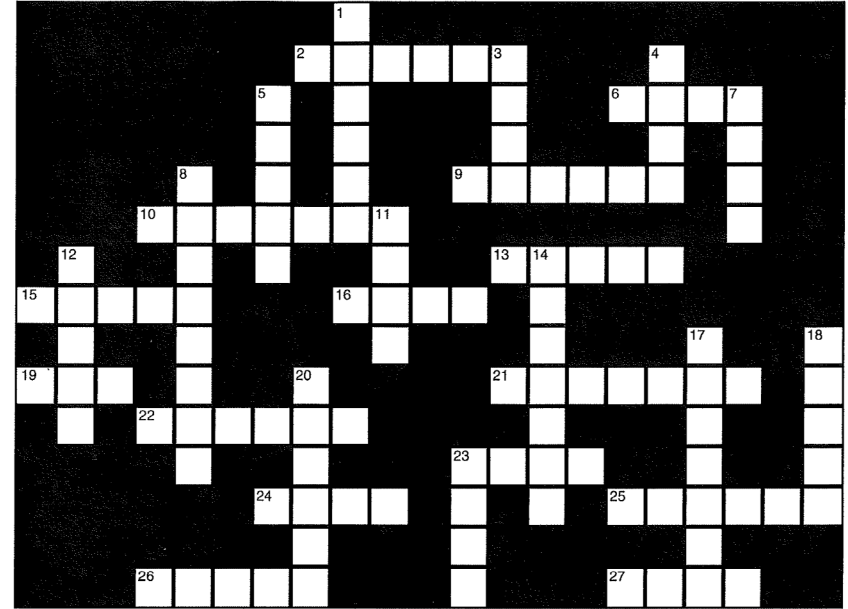
April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7:00 pm Deacon's & Session Meeting	3 Wednesday Evening Activities	4	5	6 7:00 am Rise with the Guys 8:30 am Women's Bible Study
7 5:00 pm April Prayer Meeting	8 7:00 pm Rachel Bible Study	9	10 Wednesday Evening Activities	11	12	13
14 All-Church Fellowship Meal at Noon	15	16	17 Wednesday Evening Activities	18	19	20
21 Mission Offering	22	23	24 Final Wednesday Evening Activities until Fall	25	26	27 Christian Ed Banquet
28 Lord's Supper	29	30	<div style="border: 2px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> Every Wednesday 3:30-4:30 pm Exchange is open Wednesday Evening Activities 6:30 pm 1st through 8th Grades 7:15 pm High School Youth </div>		<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Presbytery in Sturgis, SD </div>	
						The Exchange is open every Saturday from 9:00 - 10:00 am

Kids Korner

Be Opened

People traveled many miles to see Jesus because they knew He could heal them. One man who came to see Jesus could hardly talk and was deaf. Use the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle, then use the words from the puzzle to fill in the spaces in the Scripture that describes this man's visit.



Down

- 1. The organ in the mouth
- 4. Replied
- 7. To exhale in a deep breath
- 11. Unable to hear
- 14. Clearly
- 18. Many people
- 23. Did take
- 3. Extending far down
- 5. Put
- 8. Freed from restraint
- 12. Started
- 17. Did bring
- 20. More than 1 person

Across

- 2. Gazed
- 9. Not closed
- 13. Talk
- 16. Body part below the wrist
- 21. The 5 extensions of the hand
- 23. Speak
- 25. Pleased
- 27. To the inside of
- 6. Body parts that hear
- 10. Felt with a hand
- 15. God's Son
- 19. Male adult
- 22. Where God lives
- 24. Saliva
- 26. Set apart

There some _____ 20 _____ 17 to him a _____ 19 who was _____ 11 and could hardly _____ 23 A, and they _____ 25 him to _____ 5 his _____ 16 on the man. After he _____ 23 D him _____ 26 away from the _____ 18 _____ 15 put his _____ 21 _____ 27 the man's _____ 6. Then he _____ 24 and _____ 10 the man's _____ 1. He _____ 2 up to _____ 22 and with a _____ 3 _____ 7 _____ 4 to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means, "Be opened!"). At this, the man's ears were _____ 9, his tongue was _____ 8 and he _____ 12 to _____ 13 _____ 14. - Mark 7:32-35

Taste and See That the Lord is Good

Banana Muffins

Gail Strasser

- 1 c flour
- 1 Tbsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/4 tsp salt

Mix together the above four ingredients in a large bowl and set aside.

- 1 c mashed ripe bananas
- 1/4 c sugar
- 1/4 c sour cream
- 1 egg
- 1/2 tsp vanilla

Mix together these five ingredients, then stir into the flour mixture and mix until completely blended. Spoon into 12 muffin cups lined with cupcake papers. Bake at 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes.

These are very soft & moist, and perfect with your morning coffee or anytime. Enjoy!

Food for Thought

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! That caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

*To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb who is the great "I AM,"
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing.*

~ American Folk Hymn

"For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly... But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:6 & 8 ESV

The Elders and Deacons of Lennox Ebenezer Presbyterian Church met together on March 5, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Saylor opened the meeting with devotions from Chapter 3 of the WCF followed by prayer.

Current needs and schedule were noted by the boards. Bob Steadman prayed for the work of the Deacons.

At this time the Session moved to the conference room and the Deacons remained in the fellowship hall for their meetings.

Those present were Pastor Saylor, Marlyn Bunger, Bob Steadman, Phil Fett, Arlon Knock, and Gene Valentien. A quorum was present.

MSA the minutes of the February 6, 2024.

Alaina Klenner came before the session desiring membership in Lennox Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. Alaina read a statement of faith, and she was examined by the elders. MSA to accept Alaina Klenner as a Communing member according to BCO 6-2 and 57-2. She was challenged to keep growing spiritually. Phil prayed for her. Alaina was then excused. Alaina will come before the congregation to make public profession of her faith (BCO 57-4 & 5) on Sunday, March 24.

Church statistics:

Communion was served to 78 people on February 25, 2024.

Funeral for Gary Buse was held on February 15, 2024.

Old Business:

Tabled discussion on Sunday School Superintendent until the April meeting.

We are still seeking someone for a Christian Ed and Youth Ministry position. A new candidate has submitted his resume to be considered for the position.

New Business:

MSA Restructuring the compensation package for Pastor Saylor for 2024 (eliminating the Healthcare Reimbursement and adding that amount to the Housing Allowance).

MSA Approval of revised Housing Allowance for 2024 (see attached)

Chasta McGowan requested a letter certifying her baptism at Lennox Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, which occurred December 9, 2007. A letter of verification will be sent to her.

MSA to erase Chasta McGowan from the roll of Baptized, Non-Communing Members per BCO 38-3b.

MSA to approve nomination forms, and begin asking the congregation for nominations for elders and deacons for the class of 2029. Nominations must be submitted by May 19.

Committee reports:

Church Use: The requests for use of the church were approved.

Christian Ed: They will be meeting on April 8th.

Worship & Music: They will meet on March 11th.

The Session took a 5-minute break. Pastor Saylor prayed to reconvene business.

Natalie Aesoph came before the session desiring membership in Lennox Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. Natalie read a statement of faith, and she was examined by the elders. MSA to accept her as a Communing member according to BCO 6-2 and 57-2. She was challenged to keep growing spiritually. Marlyn Bunger prayed for her. Natalie was then excused. Natalie will come before the congregation to make public profession of her faith and be baptized (BCO 57-3, 5) on Sunday, March 24.

The Session will hold a special Called Meeting on March 10th at 6:30 pm to interview the remaining members of the communicants' class.

Pastor Saylor gave his report. The Saylor's will be on vacation from March 14th to 20th. Dale Reed will preach March 17 in his absence.

Pastor Saylor has been making calls on our shut-ins and encouraged the elders to make calls also.

Maundy Thursday service, with communion on March 28th at 7:00 pm

Good Friday service will be March 29th at 7:00 pm

Upcoming events:

New members will be received on March 24, 2024

Maundy Thursday service, with communion on March 28th at 7:00 pm

Good Friday service will be March 29th at 7:00 pm

Easter morning Worship at 9:25 am, Communion will be served.

The next stated meeting will be on April 2, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Arlon Knock prayed to close the meeting at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlyn Bunger, clerk

The called meeting of the session of Lennox Ebenezer Presbyterian Church for the purpose to interview candidates to be received as communing members according to BCO 57 was convened by Pastor Sayler on March 10, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the high school Sunday school room. Pastor Sayler gave a devotion from 1 Peter 1:3-7 then opened the meeting with prayer.

Elders present were Pastor Sayler, Marlyn Bunger, Bob Steadman, Phil Fett, Arlon Knock, Don Heeren and Gene Valentien. A quorum was present.

Willow Booker, Isaak Booker, Lucy Carlson, Lily Kezar, Ethan Marts, Easton Nelson, and Easton Timmermans, having completed the Communicants class with Pastor Sayler, came to make their profession of faith and to be examined for membership.

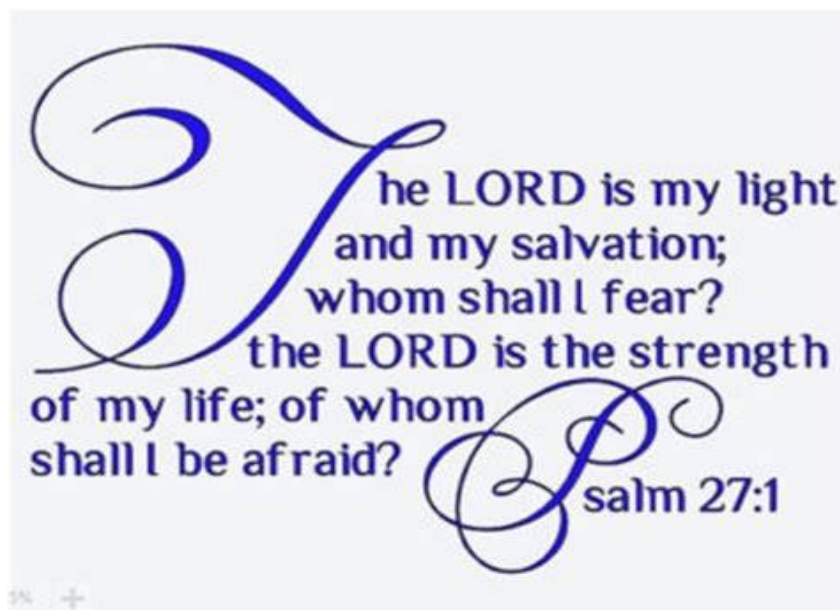
MSA: To receive Willow Booker, Isaak Booker, Lucy Carlson, Ethan Marts, Easton Nelson, and Easton Timmermans, upon profession of faith having previously been baptized (BCO 57-4), and Lily Kezar upon profession of faith and baptism (57-3), with thanks to Pastor Sayler for leading the class, and the students' parents for their support and encouragement.

New members will come before the congregation to make a public profession of faith and baptism, as necessary (BCO 57-5), on Sunday, March 24 2024.

Don Heeren closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlyn Bunger, Clerk



The Deacons of Mercy & Finance and Building & Property met on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 7:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Those in attendance were Ken Shaffer, Dave Strasser, Jim Kickland, Mark Van Ruler, Adam Aesoph, Justin Alyward, Jeff Haan, Ron Hanssen, Jeremy Timmermans, Billy Welch, Bruce Olson, Casey Slack, Jeff Haan, and Randy Dump.

The Session also met on the same evening and the boards held a joint time of devotions from Chapter 3 of the WCF and prayer, followed by a joint discussion of the work in the church.

Pastor Sayler mentioned that Officer nominations would be open from March until May 19, 2024.

At this time the individual boards broke from the joint meeting to each hold their separate meetings.

Communion will be held on Maundy Thursday, March 28 and Easter Sunday morning, March 31. Mark Van Ruler will prepare the elements for Easter Sunday. Adam Aesoph will prepare the elements for the Maundy Thursday service.

The Deacons Fund has a balance of \$6,559.24.

There were undesignated memorials in the amount of \$98.29 received. MSA to designate the funds to the Sanctuary Lighting Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Van Ruler, Secretary

The Deacons of Building & Property continued their separate meeting.

Discussion was held on the property insurance for the church's physical contents. MSA to double the amount of coverage for the church's personal property as soon as possible. This will ensure adequate coverage of the video and sound equipment we currently own in the event of any damage, etc.

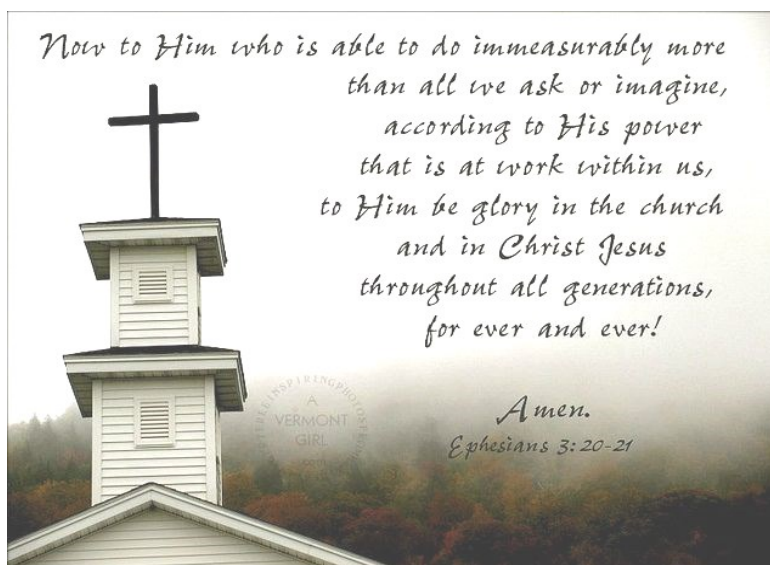
MSA that the old communion cups be thrown away.

The discussion regarding security systems was brought to the table again. Casey Slack found security cameras which can be purchased at a cost of \$1,800 to \$2,000. The discussion was tabled for one more month to obtain a quote from Foss Communications. Once all the information is compiled, a decision will be made on necessity.

The evening was finished by swapping out some of the metal folding chairs. We will need to sell or give away the surplus chairs. Decision to be made on this soon. We also changed more lights bulbs out and hung five new whiteboards in classrooms.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Welch, Secretary



NOAH AND THE FLOOD

Answers can be found in the book of Genesis. Fill in the blanks, then circle the word in the word search grid. The letters must be in straight lines, vertically, horizontally, or diagonally. Words may be spelled either forward or backward.

1. _____ built the ark. (6:13, 14)
2. _____ was a son of Noah. (6:10)
3. _____ was a son of Noah. (6:10)
4. _____ was a son of Noah. (6:10)
5. Ark was made of _____ wood. (6:14)
6. Noah built an _____. (6:14)
7. Ark was thirty _____ high. (6:15)
8. Ark was sealed with _____. (6:14)
9. Ark had one _____ and one _____. (6:16)
10. Noah's sons brought their _____. (6:18)
11. God said, "I will establish my _____ with you." (9:11)
12. It rained _____ days and nights. (7:12)
13. Clean beasts came in by _____. (7:2)
14. _____ fell for forty days. (7:12)
15. _____ of the deep. (7:11)
16. Noah had three _____. (6:10)
17. Ark rested on Mount _____. (8:4)
18. _____ returned with an _____ leaf. (8:11)
19. First bird out was a _____. (8:7)
20. Noah built an _____. (8:20)
21. Earth destroyed by _____. (6:17)
22. _____ in the sky. (9:13)

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