

# Crystal Congregational Church

## OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

### **PASTOR'S DESK**

As I'm writing this I am sitting in a motel room in West Nebraska (Kearney) after a long day of driving. During the drive I realized how many semi's, busses, cars and passenger trains we had passed and the fact that God knew every person in every vehicle. Not only does he know all of them, he knows every person who was in every house, condo, motel, business or school. The Bible tells us in Luke 12:7 that God knows every hair of our head. If he knows all the hairs on the heads of all those people just imagine how Great a God we serve. As we drove along, I realized that God even knew how many corn stalks were in the field that went on and on. He even knows how many kernels of corn there were on each ear. It sure is wonderful to know, believe in, and serve such a powerful God. Thank you God for always providing for us, your children.

In Christ's Service  
Pastor Ried

### **THINKING OF YOU**

"Thinking of You" cards are in the pews and we encourage you to use these cards to send someone an uplifting note. If you don't know the person's address, just put their name on it and the secretary will try to complete the address and make sure that person receives your note. You may place the card in the offering plate and postage will be paid by the church. This is a great way to share God's love and to let others know they are being prayed for and thought of.

### **PRAYER NEEDS**

Sylvia Bogart  
Ellie Cecil and her Honduras Mission  
Food Bank  
IM Kids  
Dan Janzen Family and Mission  
Gayle Jensen  
Pat Richards and family  
Maria Schnepf  
Mike Smithers  
Dwight & Carol Shaver  
*Many unspoken prayers*

### **CRYSTAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH Prudential Board Meeting September 11, 2018**

Present: Pastor Ried, Gail Byers, Barb Duflo, Libbie Matteson, Scott Matteson, Jeanne Mcnutt, Dave Steere and Jan Weber. Dave called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. An opening prayer was offered by Pastor Ried.

#### **Consent Agenda**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda for the August meeting. The motion carried.

#### **Diaconate Report**

1. A Christmas Shoe Box packing party will be held on November 3 from 10 a.m. to noon. Lunch will be provided. Donation of money or supplies will be encouraged.
2. The list of Greeters and Readers has been updated and includes 3 new families.
3. The Live Nativity will be performed on November 24 at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.
4. Ried has requested the following Sundays off; Sept. 23, 27 and Oct. 7.

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5. While Pat Richards is recovering a Sunday school teacher for the older children is needed. There is also a need to teach the younger children when Ried and Karen are on vacation.
6. The Halloween Extravaganza is once again to be held from 5 – 7 p.m.

## **Trustee's Report**

1. The re-keying project is on hold until a decision is made as to the type of mechanism is best suited for the front door. There is also consideration as to a totally new door.
2. A fall clean-up for the exterior of the church is scheduled for Oct. 27 at 9:00 a.m.

## **Women's Fellowship Report**

The first meeting is scheduled for Sept. 18 and Lorraine Shoen's home. Secret pals will be revealed and new ones drawn.

## **Capital Campaign**

There was no business to discuss.

## **Staff/Parish Relations**

There was no business to discuss.

## **Pastor's Report**

The Pastor's report is included as part of the Old Business agenda.

## **Old Business**

1. The Prudential Board authorized \$30 for the purchase of a lateral file to hold Gail's music.
2. With the rejection of the Dan Vos design for an elevator Ried has identified an individual who may be able to do a pit elevator for approximately \$20,000. Ried has asked that he submit a plan for review and approval. As an alternative, there was discussion about using and expanding the current handicap ramp so provide access to both the sanctuary and the basement.
3. Scott has talked with the Exec. Director of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches

and he expressed a willingness to come to address the church regarding the services they offer. Of significant interest is their assistance in conducting a Pastoral search. Arrangements are being made to facilitate this presentation.

4. Dave will announce during the Sunday service that a Pastoral Search Committee is being developed. Any persons interested in being part of the committee should advise either Ried or Dave.

## **New Business**

There was no new business to discuss.

Beacons of light were discussed followed by a closing prayer by Ried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Libbie Matteson  
Clerk

## **Crystal Congregational Church**

Month of August

Following is a look at the church's financial health for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2019.

August Collections	\$7,686.46
August Budgeted	<u>\$6,916.00</u>
Income Over(Under) Budget	\$770.46

August Expenses	\$6,379.16
August Budgeted	<u>\$7,348.00</u>
Expenses Over(Under) Budget	\$(968.84)

YTD Collections	\$23,624.18
YTD Budgeted	<u>\$22,477.00</u>
Income Over(Under) Budget	\$1,147.18

YTD Expenses	\$20,934.50
YTD Budgeted	<u>\$23,881.00</u>
Expenses Over(Under)Budget	\$(2,946.50)

YTD Collections	\$23,624.18
YTD Expenses	<u>\$20,934.50</u>
Income Over(Under) Expenses	\$2,689.68

## *Birthdays and Anniversaries*

Following is a list of Birthdays and Anniversaries for the **Month of October** for people of our church. If yours is missing or wrong, please let the church office know so that our files can be changed.



- 3 Vince Chelf
- 6 Marcie Brand
- 6 Charles Follett
- 6 Gary Winslow
- 10 Becky Akin
- 10 Hillary McIntyre
- 11 Irene eldridge
- 16 Jimmy Martin
- 16 A.J. Olivera
- 17 Emily Richards
- 18 Dillon Kindel
- 19 Rylan Potter
- 22 Sally Wright
- 24 Mariana Garrido-Richards
- 25 Jeremy Steere

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1 Steve & Diane Finch
- 2 Jason & Katie Campbell
- 8 Ben & Karen Merchant
- 19 Nathan & Becky Steere
- 26 Caleb & Tara Duflo
- 29 Bruce & Sharon Woodman

### **READERS**

- 7 Jeanne McNutt
- 14 Weber Family
- 21 Gayle Jensen
- 28 Bob Launs

### **USHERS & GREETERS**

- 7 Carol Lau, Bonnie Flint, and Jeanne McNutt
- 14 Shannon & Lisa Weber and family
- 21 Scott & Libbie Matteson, and Gayle Jensen
- 28 Anthony & Heidi Whitford and family, Bob Launs

### **COMMUNION**

- 7 (World Communion Sunday) Kris Pritchard, Connie Blanchard, Brenda Jolls, Carol Lau (prepares)
- 21 Becky Flowers, Vicki Launs, Jeanne McNutt, Jan Weber (prepares)



### *Coffee Hour*

- 7 Charles & Mary Follett
- 14 Helen Zerka
- 21 Connie Blanchard, Libbie Matteson
- 28 Bonnie Flint, Lorraine Shoen, and Jan Weber

## HAT DAY

Ladies are encouraged to wear their hats to church on the **first Sunday** of each month. (Of course, a gentleman should never wear a hat in a building, especially a church, Grandma taught me that).

## *MAIL BOXES*

Please be sure to check your mail box every time you visit the church. If you do not have a mail box, please be sure to let Barb know.



## **FAMILY FUN-N-FOOD**

**Family Fun-N-Food is October 3rd, at 6:00 p.m. It will be a fish fry hosted by Jimmy & Tonya Lake. Bring a dish to pass and your table service and join us for a delicious meal.**



**Women's Fellowship  
Silent Auction October 13<sup>th</sup>  
1:00-3:00 p.m.  
Refreshments of Coffee,  
Tea and Cookies  
Bring Auction items to the  
church of Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup> or  
on Friday October 12<sup>th</sup> from 9-5.  
Place items on table by closet  
door in basement**



**CHURCH OUTDOOR CLEAN-UP  
October 29<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.-done  
Bring your tools and help make  
our church yard look beautiful!**



Inviting  
All  
Women

**The next Women's fellowship  
meeting will be held on  
October 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.  
at Connie Blanchard's home.  
All are invited to come.  
We will be carpooling from the  
church at 6:20 p.m.**



**EXTRAVAGANZA  
5:00-7:00 P.M.  
BRING YOUR  
TREATS AND PASS  
THEM OUT AT  
CHURCH  
COSTUMES ARE  
OPTIONAL  
COME JOIN THE  
FUN!!!!**

*Signs available in the Narthex to  
put on your door.*



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**CRYSTAL CLOTHING CLOSET**

**Distributions for October will be held on  
the 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> at the  
Crystal Community Center**

9:00 a.m. to Noon.

Donations are welcome. – HELP needed

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