



## **FEBRUARY/MARCH 2022**

### **Hilltop Herald**

#### **FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

##### **Pastor Search**

The Church Council is working with several of our members to complete the church profile. We plan to have that completed by the end of February. Once that step is complete, the search committee can begin screening and interviewing potential pastors for our church.

##### **Upgraded Video Equipment**

St. Paul has received a grant from the Missouri Mid-South Conference for \$5,000. With this grant, we are purchasing updated video equipment to better record and stream our services. The Church Council is currently setting up the new equipment and, hopefully, you will see our improved product soon.

##### **CAMPAIGN GIFTS ELIMINATE MEDICAL DEBT FOR MANY**

Thanks to the generous gifts of MMSC churches, medical debt totaling \$3,911,172.62 was purchased and forgiven for 2,950 households across Arkansas and Tennessee.

“This is the second time in three years that we have held a major campaign to address the issue of medical debt relief, and we exceeded our goal,” said Rev. Mary Nelson, MMSC Transitional Conference Minister. She explained that churches initially hoped to raise \$20,000 in 2020, and while COVID paused the campaign, it did not quash it.

MMSC raised \$30,000 from 20 congregations (including St. Paul UCC), and from many more individuals, abolishing the \$3.9 million in medical debt for families in 43 counties in Arkansas and 58 counties in Tennessee.

What a Christmas present for those families who received letters over the holidays telling them their medical debit had been forgiven!

##### **TIME & TALENT SHEETS**

Enclosed are the 2022 Time & Talent sheets for you to add your name to the lists to help with various duties and to volunteer for various committees. There are also copies in the front and back of church. This list is most helpful to the church council and to the pastor and the office to fill the positions when they arise. Thank you for any help you are able to provide. Please return to the office by February 13.

## **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SUNDAY, MARCH 27**

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special mission offering of the United Church of Christ involves you in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world. When a disaster strikes or people are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery.

Through OGHS you engage in holistic development programs including health care, education, agriculture, food sustainability, micro-financing and women's empowerment. Because the UCC relates in mutual partnership to churches and organizations through Global Ministries and worldwide response & recovery networks, your contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing put you in the right place at the right time for the relief, accompaniment and recovery of the most vulnerable. You meet immediate needs and you address the underlying causes that create those needs in the first place. **Suggested offering date: March 27, 2022.**

## **FOURTH ANNUAL BLAKE GRANNEMANN DODGEBALL TOURNEY**

Fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Hermann High School, starting at 9:00 a.m. Grab your friends and form a team! Team information: \$10 per person, max of 8 on a team. Raffle tickets are being sold (\$10 or 3 for \$20). Prizes are a Cross Bow (donated by Jim Poulsen), Gun Safe (donated by BGSI) and Altemueller's Gift Certificate (donated by family and friends). Also, food will be sold and a silent auction will be held. For more information, contact Amy at 573-486-3406 or 573-999-9764.

## **COAT DRIVE**

Hermann Area District Hospital is sponsoring a coat drive. They are taking donations of coats/gloves/hats that are new or are in good condition. St. Paul Church Council would like to support this drive and ask if anyone has any of these items to donate, please take them to the hospital.

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held March 13, 2022, immediately following the worship service. If you would like to have an article included in the booklet about your group or committee, please send it to the church office by February 20.

## **SNOW CANCELLATIONS**

The Council decided there needed to be a way to reach out to the congregation in case snow and ice would make it necessary to cancel worship service on a Sunday morning. They will contact Fox 2 News, KRCC 13, and KPLR and have it scrolled across the bottom of their broadcast along with whatever other cancellations they may have. So, if you are wondering about worship service, please check there.

## **ANNUAL STATEMENTS MAILED**

The annual statements of giving for 2021 were mailed the week of January 10. If there are any questions, please call the church office at 486-5525. Please remember that these statements reflect those gifts that were received between January 1 and December 31, 2021. Thanks to everyone who supported your church and its many projects and services. If you did not get a statement and want one, please call the office.

## **2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

The boxes of church offering envelopes for 2022 are the table in back of church. Your numbers are the same as last year. If you are not using offering envelopes at the present time but would like to receive a box, please let the office know.

Please contact the office if you would like a Sunday School box of envelopes. Your number for the Sunday School envelopes will NOT be the same as last year. A new number will be assigned.

## **MASKS ARE ENCOURAGED**

Due to the recent increase of COVID cases in our area, the Church Council is encouraging worshippers to wear masks.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Liturgists are needed to assist with worship services. Please contact the church office if you are able to help in any way. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church.

Also, help is needed to assist with videotaping services.

## **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

The office will be open 9-noon on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. If you need to contact the church, please email churchoffice@hermannucc.com or call 573-486-5525; messages will be returned by the next business day.

## **ST. PAUL MAIL**

Please be sure to send your mail to the church to **P.O. Box 352**, rather than our street address. The post office will **not** deliver to the street address.



## **CHOIR NEWS**

"Sing to The Lord A New Song"

Happy New Year, hope this year brings you happiness and good health.

I had planned to resume full choir practice at the beginning of the year, however, because of the on-going covid infections and our limited practice space, we have decided to postpone practice until hopefully this spring.

The Riverside Singers will resume practice the second Wednesday in February, 6:00 P.M. in the loft. We will be busy working on music for Sunday morning services, Lent and Easter season and are planning a Gospel Concert for the Spring.

Take care and stay healthy.

LaNette Kotthoff

"Keep a song in your heart" {food for thought, written by Bobby Allen}  
"Churches are wasting precious opportunities by not singing the old hymns  
They had a message that is needed by the young people today."

## **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

Blessings to all in 2022! Women's Fellowship is excited to host an informational meeting about CASA on Thursday, February 10 at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

This is a ministry that St. Paul UCC supports by offering office and meeting space. We have several members that serve in various roles supporting CASA. CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates. CASAs are volunteer advocates who speak up for abused and neglected children, most of whom are placed out of the home from Gasconade and Franklin Counties. A CASA will typically work with one child or sibling group and make sure that their needs are being met while under the court's authority. The primary goal is to get the child into a safe, permanent home, while also providing the child with a voice in the court system. This meeting is open to all women or men. Bring a friend!

Rev. Mary Schaller Blaufuss will be the speaker on Thursday, March 10 at 1:00 p.m. More details to follow in the bulletin!

## LIT n' LATTE BOOK CLUB

The book club meets on the second Monday of each month. Church members and friends are welcome to join us in fellowship and book discussion.

Nancy Kirchhofer 486-2943

## MISSION CUP

The Mission cup for February is designated for CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates. CASAs are volunteer advocates who speak up for abused and neglected children most of whom are placed out of the home from Gasconade and Franklin Counties.

## FOOD PANTRY

St. Paul UCC members are asked to bring food items for the community food pantry and place them near the church office. Requests for February are sugar, shortening, and margarine. Requests for March are jelly, flour and soups. Monetary gifts are always welcome.

## LITTLE FREE PANTRY

Girl Scout Troop 30657 has constructed a Little Free Pantry, as a project toward earning the Girl Scout Silver Award. It is located in front of the Hermann United Methodist Church on Hwy 100 West, and needs: canned food, personal care items, kid-friendly snacks, and non-perishables. Donation boxes are located in the grocery stores and in the Narthex and front entrances of St. Paul UCC. Please donate and help everyone out. Good job girls!

## SAMARITAN OUTREACH

Anyone who is in need of assistance may call Samaritan Outreach at 573-569-2082. It operates under the direction of the Hermann Area Ministerial Alliance. The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday offering of each month is designated for Samaritan Outreach.

## VILLAGE MARKET RECEIPTS

Please save your receipts from Village Market and place them in the boxes on the tables. The church receives a 1% rebate for them. All of your receipts really add up. We received a rebate recently for \$303.69!!

## SAVE YOUR BOX TOPS

There is a box located on the table next to the church office for box tops which are being collected by the Hermann schools as a fundraiser. This includes the little red box top label from General Mills, Kleenex, Betty Crocker, Nestle, Green Giant, Cottonelle, Ziploc and various other brand products. Each Box Tops coupon is worth 10¢ to our school. For more information, go to [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com).

*Campbells is no longer accepting labels for education. Box Tops and Best Choice continue to benefit schools and are collected in a box on the table outside the church office.*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

	<b>K-4</b>	<b>5-7</b>	<b>Confirm</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Total</b>
12/5	5	5	6	7	1	24
12/12	5	5	4	6	1	21
12/19	4	7	6	6	1	24
1/9	2	3	5	6	1	17
1/23	3	4	6	9	1	23
1/30	3	5	4	7	1	20

## WORSHIP SERVICE

12/6	12/12	12/19	12/24	12/26	1/2	1/9	1/16	1/23	1/30
71	91	73	142	39	22	48	0	54	33

## NURSING HOME & SHUT-INS

St. Paul members and friends who are residents of Victorian Place, Frene Valley of Hermann Stonebridge, and other shut-ins may enjoy a call or a card. If you know of someone living at home, in a care facility, or a caregiver who needs a church member to call or visit, please contact the church office so that we can reach out to them.

The Nurturing Committee; Church Office - 486-5525.

## VICTORIAN PLACE (2120 Village Lane)

Janet Mueller 573-486-5857  
Georgia Jordan 573-680-7687  
Thelma Kattelman 573-486-5650  
JoAnn Lenger 573-282-0923  
LaVerne Wagner-Suite 1314 573-486-2282

## FRENE VALLEY OF HERMANN STONEBRIDGE

Sally Confer, Homer Roney Jr., Delores Smith, Frank Struttman.

## HOME BOUND

Carol (Grannemann) Collins, 31467 State, Hwy. Y, Jonesburg, MO 636-488-3166  
Delores Huxol, 524 West 8<sup>th</sup> St., Hermann 486-2455  
Darrell & Betty Reinhardt, 30091 State Hwy. 94, Hermann 486-2469  
June Faerber, 411 Stark Blvd., Hermann. 486-3684  
Geneva Brink, 149 Black Oak, Hermann, 486-2187

## PRAYER LIST (copy latest version)

*Please keep the following persons in your prayers:*

Angie Scheidegger, Elizabeth Klemme, Bob Soetebier, Lyndon Ruediger, Carol Collins, Rose Faes, Donna Erfling, Mary Korman, Marilyn Rethemeyer, Sharon Elliott, Marilyn Buchholz, Mary Fritz, Robert Buesking, Moe Peters, Patricia Propst, Jayme Lewallen, Gary Grannemann, Erin Carl, Tina Geltz, Larry Leech, Joe Claus, Megan Daniels, Julie Konys, Renata Ellis, Bev McKee, Yoko Rupp, Kim Taylor, Mark Bickmeyer, Mike Groteweil, Kylee Murphy, Rowan Nickels, and the staff and residents of area hospitals and care centers and everyone affected by Covid.

## ON-LINE GIVING

On-line giving can make a big difference at St. Paul Church UCC as COVID-19 remains a concern. We still need your financial support to continue our ministry. We prayerfully invite you to use eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet to set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Recurring donations can be set up for weekly or monthly donations.

- Consistency: Your support will allow us to continue important ministries and to help our community.
- Convenience: You provide your support in the comfort and safety of your home.
- Cost-Effective: This reduces printing and mailing costs, and is better for our environment! We can use this saved money to further our ministries in the community.

Make a Donation or Access your account at:

<https://giving.congregationsoft.com/app/giving/st136101>. There are links on St.PaulUCCHermannMissouri Facebook page and on our website [www.hermannucc.com](http://www.hermannucc.com).

Currently there are two options to pay (credit card or automatic debit—ACH). The church is charged a fee for each transaction, which is minimal; **however, the use of ACH results in the lowest fee.** If you have any questions about how to make a donation, please call the church office.

## **ENDOWMENT FUND**

There is a copy of the endowment policy on the back table. You may consider making a gift to St. Paul that will support this historic congregation into perpetuity. For as little as \$1,000 you can establish a named fund that will support this ministry even after you are gone. Please contact the church office with any questions.

## **MEMORIALS**

### **Bequest Fund**

*In memory of James Buchholz*

## **CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS**

### **Current Fund**

*In memory of William Tilly, Brian Tilly*

Shirley Tilly & Family

*In memory of Edmund Bickmeyer*

Eleanor Bickmeyer

Scott & Diane Witthaus

*In memory of Don Witthaus*

Scott & Diane Witthaus

*In memory of M/M Robert Lloyd, M/M William Fricke, Carol Lionberger and Gary Lloyd*

Brad & Chery Fricke

*In memory of M/M Oscar Lalk, M/M Wilbert Tietjens*

Harvey & Elaine Lalk

*In memory of Eric Hampton*

The Eric Hampton Family

*In memory of Ray Kunz*

Shirley Kunz

*In memory of L. James Held & James Richard Held*

Betty Held

*In memory of Loved Ones*

Janet Rector

### **Handbell & Choir Funds**

*In memory of M/M Edwin Loehnig and M/M Vernon Fuerman*

Terry & Marilyn Loehnig

### **Floral Gift**

*In memory of Willard Kotthoff*

The Kotthoff Family

## ANNIVERSARIES

The following members of our church family will be celebrating their anniversaries in February. Ken & Jane Meyer will celebrate their 58<sup>th</sup> anniversary on February 8; and Wayne & Doris Grannemann will celebrate their 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary on February 17.

8-Ken & Jane Meyer  
14-Ken & Fern Wray  
17-Wayne & Doris Grannemann  
22-Jeff & Ellen Scheible

The following members of our church family will be celebrating their anniversaries in March.

4-Mike & Julie Ruediger  
14-Dave & Nancy Fagerness  
18-Dale & Dawn Maune

## BIRTHDAYS

Birthday greetings are extended to the following members of our church family who will celebrate birthdays in February.

1 - Kelly Hanger Linda Landolt, Lisa Winkelmann	12 - Lane Cramer
2 - Howard Horstmann	15 - Andrea Held, Carol Paubel
3 - Lauren Dickerson	18 - Nancy Fagerness
5 - Betty Held	19 - Ed Knehans
6 - Maranda Anderson, Eleanor Bickmeyer, Linda Heck	21 - Debra Brethorst
8 - Allison Boedges	22 - Thelma Kattelman
9 - Sharon Hoerstkamp	23 - Ashley Schaefer, Larry Schulte
10 - Alex Gleeson, Mike Koepke	24 - Tara Stephen, Keely Uthlaut
11 - Mason Scheible	26 - Alex Smith
	27 - Brad Hart, Rhonda Scheible

Birthday greetings are extended to the following members of our church family who will celebrate birthdays in March.

3 - Wayne Rupp; Brady Grosse	20 - Mary Schaller Blaufuss
6 - Cathy Foust, Nancy Kirchhofer, LaNette Kotthoff, Betty Oelschlaeger	24 - Nathan Eikermann, Robert Kottwitz, Angela Sherrow
8 - Mary Goth, Marilyn Loehnig	25 - Shane Graue
9 - Carol Graue	26 - Dalton Bickmeyer, Kurt Bickmeyer,
11 - Chad Struttman	27 - Frank Struttman III
13 - Duane Kraettli	28 - Korinna Bickmeyer
15 - Melissa Eikermann, Shelby Schutt	29 - Sheri Schneider, Adlee Witthaus
18 - Tyler Groteweil, Katlyn Rector	30 - Lindsey Peterson
19 - Megan Pohlmann	31 - Dan Bohl

## SYMPATHY

Our sympathy to the family of Bob Bohl who passed away last week. This includes his daughters, Betty Vollmar, Kim Godat & husband Nick, Mary Goth and husband Mark, a son, John Bohl and wife Megan; several grandchildren and other relatives and friends. Visitation was January 27<sup>th</sup> and funeral services were held January 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul UCC. Burial at St. John's Cemetery, Stolpe, MO. Memorials

can be made to Community Foundation Dual Credit Fund or to E. A. Bohl Scholarship c/o Toedtman & Grosse Funeral Home.

Our sympathy to Mary Leeper and family on the death of her brother-in-law Darrell Leeper.

Our sympathy to the family of Joe Faes who passed away recently in Arizona.

Our sympathy to Geneva Brink & family on the passing of her sister, Bernadine Humason, recently in Ohio.

**NEW HYMNALS:**

If you would like to donate to help cover the costs of the new Chalice hymnals, any donations would be appreciated. Also, you may dedicate a hymnal in honor or memory of a loved one(s). Please let the office know how many you would like and a small inscription will be placed inside the front cover. The cost of the new hymnal is \$25.00.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor/memory of:

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**THANK YOU**

Thank you to Darren Schutt for various maintenance and custodial work and for sanitizing the building.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the projection system, loading the information and displaying it for worship services.

Thanks to Steve & Susan Lenger, Ruth Hulsey, Mary Leeper, Sharen Speckhals, Nancy Kirchhofer, for serving as liturgists.

Thank you to Carol Paubel, Sharen Speckhals and others for recording the services.

Thank you to Mary Leeper for helping with office work recently.

Thank you to Bruce Jovaag and Lauren Versemann for leading our worship service.

Thank you to everyone who provides music every Sunday, including Ruth Hulsey, LaNette Kotthoff, Dawn Maune, Becky Mayberry, Marilyn Loehnig, Jim Oncken, Keely Uthlaut, the Handbell Ensemble and the Riverside Singers.

**THANK YOU LETTERS**

Thank you for your support over the years. Through your donations in 2021 we were able to provide 1,203 food boxes to the area needy. Without your generosity this would not have been possible.

Thank you

Hermann Food Pantry

*(In December, \$1,107 was donated to the Food Pantry)*

Dear St. Paul:

Thank you for supporting Every Child’s Hope this Christmas season with your donation of \$175.00. The holiday season can be a difficult time of the year for the young people in our care, as well as for their families. It is through your support, though, that ECH is able to help these children experience joy, love, and support during the season. Together, we are able to help them discover the hope and strength needed to build a better life for themselves.

So, thank you for being apart of the healing process for all the young people we work with. Your donation is truly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Brennan, CEO



St. Paul UCC:

Thank you for your very generous donation to Hermann Birthright. Thanks to you and others whose wonderful generosity has allowed us to keep our doors open.

We are grateful for your continued support of our ministry of Love & Hope

God Bless You!

Hermann Birthright

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your generous donation of \$25 to Unleashing Potential (UP). It is with an incredibly grateful heart that we recognize your commitment to our children.

Because of you, we continue to impact the lives of children and their families by providing quality educational programs for children 6 weeks to 12 years of age. Teachers work with children between the ages of 6 weeks to 5 years old, teaching them an evidence-based curricula. UP After School offers resources to families and tools to students. And through UP Enrichment, children age 6 to 12 learn and develop in a safe environment through the summer months.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Darlene Sowell, President and CEO

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the students, faculty and staff of Eden Theological Seminary, thank you for your budgeted benevolence gift of \$1300 in support of the Annual Fund.

We are grateful for your prayers and financial gifts. You have played a big part in the reason the seminary continues to thrive. The need for adaptive and resilient leaders engaged in God's work in all communities is essential.

Thank you for helping Eden remain a resource for the forming and re-forming of the church we are called to be for this day and into the future.

In Gratitude

Mary Schaller Blaufuss

Vice President of Institutional Advancement

## **CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES**

### **St. Paul United Church of Christ Council Minutes – November 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

Members present: Steve Lenger, President, Carol Paubel, Treasurer, Dale Maune, Ed Knehans, Krystal Witthaus, Secretary, Shawn Mayberry, Megan Boedges, Ernst Uthlaut, Chris Heldt

1. Shawn Mayberry led the Council in prayer.
2. The floor was open for comments from Council or members of the congregation. There was discussion that there may be funds available for technology. Steve Lenger is to speak more about this with Sharen Speckhals.
3. The November agenda was approved as Carol Paubel made the motion to approve and Ed Knehans seconded the motion; the motion carried.
4. The October Minutes were approved as Carol Paubel made a motion to approve the minutes, Ed Knehans seconded the motion; the motion carried.
5. The Financial Reports and Payment of bills were reviewed and discussed. Dale Maune made a motion to approve the reports and pay the bills; Carol Paubel seconded the motion and the motion carried.
6. There is no pastor's report at this time.
7. Old Business

- A. Shut-ins/nursing home, etc – Marcie Knehans does this and there is a list of volunteers in the church office.
  - B. Van – The van is being serviced at Scheidegger’s currently.
8. New Business
- A. Mission Cup for December and January – Ministerial Alliance
  - B. Ushers for December – Dale Maune; January – Krystal Witthaus
  - C. December preachers – Bruce will be available through December
  - D. Wedding requested for April 2022. Steve Lenger will discuss this more with the office on what is being requested to use or need.
  - E. Scouts lock in – Dale Maune made a motion to approve this and Ed Knehans seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion carried.
  - F. Discussed the bell ringers for Ministerial Alliance
  - G. Parsonage Dishwasher – this is in need of being replaced. Carol Paubel made a motion to replace the dishwasher; Krystal Witthaus seconded the motion. All in favor; the motion carried.
  - H. Carpet – Council agreed to have Dale Maune get bids to replace the carpet in the sanctuary.
  - I. Coat Drive – Hermann Area District Hospital is doing a coat drive that has already started. They are taking donations of coats/gloves/hats that are new or are in good condition. Council would like to support this drive and ask that if anyone has anything to donate, that they do so. These items can just be taken to the hospital and the hospital takes care of the rest.
  - J. Christmas Services – Council suggested and agreed to having 1 service; December 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
9. Council reviewed upcoming events.
- A. Council meeting, December 13, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.
  - B. Stained Glass Window group tour, November 9, 2021
  - C. Girl Scout Rummage Sale, November 20, 2021
  - D. Sunday, November 21, 2021; Totenfest service
  - E. Thanksgiving Eve Services at the Hermann Methodist Church at 6:00 p.m. – Volunteers are needed for this
  - F. Sunday November 28, 2021; 10:15 a.m. First Sunday of Advent – Communion Service; 9:00 – 11:15 a.m. Advent Workshop followed by lunch
10. There being no further business, Ed Knehans motioned to adjourn the meeting with Carol Paubel seconding the motion and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned approximately 8:33 p.m.
11. The meeting ended with the Lord’s Prayer.  
Respectfully submitted, Krystal Witthaus, Secretary

**St. Paul United Church of Christ Council Minutes – December 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

Members present: Steve Lenger, President, Carol Paubel, Treasurer, Dale Maune, Ed Knehans, Krystal Witthaus, Secretary, Shawn Mayberry, Megan Boedges, Ernst Uthlaut, Chris Heldt

- 1. Shawn Mayberry led the Council in prayer.
- 2. The floor was open for comments from Council or members of the congregation. The Council discussed the process of finding a settled pastor. At this time, Bruce Jovaag has agreed to be a supply pastor and we are appreciative of this. This process is not a simple process and involves, time and patience as we want to get the best possible outcome for St. Paul UCC. Currently we are in the step of this process of updating our profile. There is a Profile Committee in place working on this. Council requested to have an update from this committee by our January

meeting and hope to have the profile potentially completed by our February meeting. Once the profile has been completed, the council will review this and approve it. Rev. Damian Lake is also willing to review it before approval. The second step, once the profile is approved, will then be to establish a search committee and then begin the search for a settled pastor. Interviews of candidates will then begin. Again, this is not a simple nor quick process. We hope that the congregation will ask any council members questions as they arise and we also ask for understanding and patience in this time.

3. The November agenda was approved as Carol Paubel made the motion to approve and Ed Knehans seconded the motion; the motion carried.
4. The October Minutes were approved as Carol Paubel made a motion to approve the minutes, Dale Maune seconded the motion; the motion carried.
5. The Financial Reports and Payment of bills were reviewed and discussed. Krystal Witthaus made a motion to approve the reports and pay the bills; Ed Knehans seconded the motion and the motion carried.
6. There is no pastor's report at this time.
7. Old Business
  - C. Liturgists: We have liturgists signed up through December, but none for 2022. We encourage any volunteers. The council commented on how well the youth have been doing during the Advent services and suggest and encourage that some of the Sunday School students sign up to be liturgists.
  - D. Carpeting: We should have bids in by the January meeting.
  - E. Camera: Chris Heldt shared that the equipment is here and needs to be installed. There is no internet in the choir loft so they will try utilizing WiFi. If this does not work, there will need to be a line brought from the church office to the loft. Once that is going and installed, then a subscription will be purchased. Hoping to have this ready to go in a couple of weeks.
8. New Business
  - K. Mission Cup for January – Ministerial Alliance; February - CASA
  - L. Ushers for January – Krystal Witthaus; February – Shawn Mayberry
  - M. January preachers – Bruce Jovaag has agreed. He would like one Sunday a month off. Council agreed and would like for him to ask Lauren; who fills in for him at Bethany on those Sunday's that he has off.
  - N. Communion for Christmas Eve. A motion was made by Dale Maune that we have traditional communion starting Christmas Eve and continue thereafter. Carol Paubel seconded the motion and the motion carried.
  - O. The council would like to thank Fay for ordering and donating plastic drip candle catchers.
  - P. Dale Maune made a motion for \$200 to be given for attendance of the women's retreat that will be next spring at St. Paul. Chris Heldt seconded the motion and the motion carried.
  - Q. Dale Maune has offered to look into the costs of property insurance since the annual premium will be going up.
  - R. The van has been serviced but also needs additional service of a "tune up" to replace plugs. Dale Maune made a motion to service the van as necessary; Carol Paubel seconded the motion and the motion carried.
  - S. Dale Maune made a motion that we return to traditional Offertory with the plates being passed through the pews, starting Christmas Eve. Carol Paubel seconded the motion and the motion carried.
9. Council reviewed upcoming events.
  - G. Council meeting, January 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

- H. December 15, 2021, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. the Division of Family Services will use the nursery for visitation. Dawn Grosse will be in attendance.
  - I. December 19, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. Riverside Singers and Handbell concert
  - J. December 24, 2021, 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve candlelight service – council members will be in attendance to be ushers.
  - K. Afterschool Bearcats will resume on January 12, 2022
  - L. Tentative Scouts’ meeting on December 16, 2021
  - M. Nimble Thimbles will meet on the third Tuesdays
10. There being no further business, Ed Knehans motioned to adjourn the meeting with Dale Maune seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned approximately 8:40 p.m.
11. The meeting ended with the Lord’s Prayer.  
Respectfully submitted, Krystal Witthaus, Secretary

**The dates listed below are tentative. They are subject to change depending on the severity of the COVID pandemic**

February 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 6:30 Budget Meeting	<b>2</b> 3:30 After School Bearcats	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 9:00 Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15 Worship w/communion 11:00 Christian Ed Meeting 1:00 services at Frene Valley 2:00 services at Victorian Place	<b>7</b> 5:00 Scouts	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 3:30 After School Bearcats	<b>10</b> 1:00 Women's Fellowship	<b>11</b> Setup Pinewood Derby	<b>12</b> Scouts Pinewood Derby
<b>13</b> 9:00 Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15 Worship	<b>14</b> 10:00 Book Club 7:00 Church Council	<b>15</b> 6:00 Scouts	<b>16</b> 3:30 After School Bearcats 6:00 Riverside Singers	<b>17</b> 6:00 Scouts	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 9:00 Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15 Worship	<b>21</b> 5:00 Scouts	<b>22</b> 9:00 Quilters	<b>16</b> 3:30 After School Bearcats 6:00 Riverside Singers	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 11:00 Cookie Class
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