

**Seeds of Faith Council Regular Meeting
June 1, 2008
Peace Lutheran Church, Albert, Kansas**

Council members present: Rhonda Templing and Sharon Custer (Emmanuel); Mark Baus (First); Karlene Buechman and Ted Byrum (Garfield); Penny Riedel (Hope); Jerry Dirks and Stan Ewy (Peace).

Others present: Pastor Steve, Pastor Maggie, and Vicar David; Art Riedel (treasurer).

President Jerry Dirks called the meeting to order at 3:06 P.M.

Pastor Steve gave the opening prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting (March 30, 2008) were read and approved.

Art Riedel handed out the treasurer's report for the period of January 1, 2008, through May 31, 2008. After discussion of the report, it was received subject to the annual audit.

Pastor Steve reported on his surgery and his return to work. His doctor will not allow him to travel to St. Louis for Synod Assembly, so he will be at Emmanuel and First on Sunday, June 6. He will resume Bible studies at Peace and Hope this month. All six seminarians are spoken for.

Vicar David has completed his Lutheran Confessions course and will go to Wartburg Seminary for a Preaching II course July 14-18. The Internship Committee will meet on June 3 at 7:00 P.M. at Hope. His Theological Review Panel will meet by conference call on June 4. Vicar David and Pastor Maggie held a Spanish worship service at Garfield and have planned another one for September 13 at 5:00 P.M.

Regarding the online calendar, you may send items for the calendar to Sharon Custer.

Penny Riedel showed the bookmarks and poster that will be set up at synod assembly.

The Parish Summit was not held on May 3; it will be rescheduled.

Only First has given Jerry names for the Activity Committee. As soon as Jerry has the names from all congregations, Peace will schedule the organizational meeting.

Pastor Steve checked with Smoky Hills Winery about sacramental wine and gave us some prices. We also discussed the possibility of a parish trip to the blessing of the vines. Pastor Steve will also check with Dozier Winery in Ellinwood about sacramental wine and blessing of vines.

Vacation Bible Schools planned: July 14-18: Hope together with First and the La Crosse Christian Church; July 28-August 1: Emmanuel; August 5 -7: Peace.

The 2009 Youth National Convention was discussed. As they will register 15,000 fewer participants than at the last convention, it will be important to send in deposits as soon as they are accepted (September 15). There was a general discussion of convention information and money-making possibilities.

Pastor Maggie, Rhonda Templing, and Art Riedel were appointed to the budget committee, with Art chairing the committee. Members are to see if the members of their congregations have any ideas, suggestions, or questions about the budget and bring them to the July SOF council meeting; the budget committee will then meet and bring a working draft budget to the September SOF council meeting.

Members are requested to bring ideas to the July council meeting about how SOF officers are chosen so a written procedure can be developed.

Art Riedel discussed problems with having to have two people sign checks. Mark Baus moved that only one signature be required; Sharon Custer seconded the motion; it was unanimously approved.

The next regular meeting of the SOF council is **July 27, 2008, at 3:00 P.M. at First.** Subsequent meetings will be held on September 28, 2008, at 3:00 P.M., at Garfield; and November 23, 2008, at 3:00 P.M. at Emmanuel.

Following the praying of The Lord's Prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 P.M.

Sharon Custer, Secretary