



The Church Door

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Happy Birthday

The deadline for submitting articles
for the September 2010 Church Door
is August 19th.

10th Al Hendrickson

13th Florence Kargel

16th John Howland

23rd Dick Smith

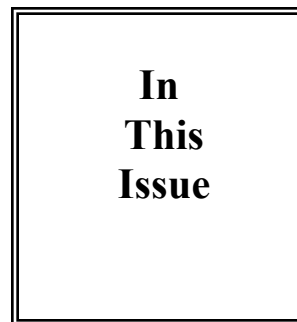
24th Cheri Westphal

26th Sharon Schwegel

27th Deloris Ressen

28th Judy Hendrickson

30th Diane Allison



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FROM THE PASTOR

Our Creeds

A creed is a concise, formal, authorized summary of the Christian faith. The earliest Christian creed was, "Jesus is Lord." Two creeds are in common use in Christian worship: The Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed.

Historically, we first discover the "Apostles' Creed" in the late 4th century (c. 390) and in its present form not until the early 8th century. Some have understandably assumed that the original 12 Apostles composed this creed but that is only legend. Rooted in the apostles' teaching it has been revised and adapted as it has evolved through years of debate.

The Nicene Creed was issued in 325 by the Council of Nicaea. Emperor Constantine summoned this council in the hope of uniting the Eastern and Western churches after he had conquered the East. He had no idea the argument that would ensue. For our purposes I invite you to consider two important phrases in the Nicene Creed: "who proceeds from the Father and the Son," and "one holy catholic and **apostolic**." The first I mention only because that was a main focus of the debate in 325. The second, because, as we consider the "four marks of the church" (one, holy, catholic, and apostolic) we come across that word "**apostolic**" which is derivative of **apostle**.

"**Apostle**" is "*one who is sent*." For a Christian, and the church, to be apostolic is to be *sent out*. Everything we do as Christians is for the purpose of being sent into the world with God's mission in our minds and hearts, and on our tongues. As we continue our discernment in coming to an understanding of how we can connect into God's mission in the world, let us remember that God is a sending God. Because God does what God is - God sent God's Son in human form to live, suffer, die, and be raised for the sake of the whole world. The Spirit of God was sent to be constantly present but constantly moving the world for God's mission of reconciliation and salvation. God's Spirit sends us to live creedally as we "proclaim and serve Christ in the heartland and beyond."

God's grace and joy,
Pastor Thea

Council Highlights 7-15-2010

Members present: Ray Wirz, Linda Olson, Bonnie Krinke, Jane Hamed, Ted Johnson, Marlys Johnson, Ernie Waldron, Jim Anderson. Members absent: Pastor Thea, Lyle Wignes, Ralph Bjorgaard, Shirley Frederick.

Ray opened with devotions. The Council Minutes of June 8th and the Treasurer's Report were approved. M/S/P. It was noted that \$5,200 was required in the next two Sundays to meet the minimum expenses. Approved M/S/P.

Committee Reports

Education, Finance, Stewardship, Fellowship, Worship: None.

Personnel: Discussed Noelle's resignation as organist and choir director.

Outreach: Float in parade went well.

Property: Ground work for pavers by columbarium complete. Mike from Mike's Sand and Gravel donated his time and equipment all day to prepare the site for pavers. Shirley Johnson's brother, Warren, donated his time and expertise to design and supervise the work. Four evergreen trees were donated and planted "In Memory of Jim Sandelin."

WELCA: Preparations for the Country Fair are complete but more volunteers are needed to help. Pastor's report discussed.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Doors are still being left unlocked or open. Motion was made and second and passed to rekey building.

There will be a new system utilized to sign out keys. Property Committee to present alternative locking systems for closing and locking doors.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Anderson, Acting Secretary

Next Meeting: August 19th @ 7:00 p.m.



The Women of the ELCA opened their meeting on July 8th with prayer and stated their purpose and mission. Sharon Schwegel served the coffee and snacks.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were approved. Those who served the Vacation Bible School lunch served 40 people hot dogs, chips, fruits and vegetables, cookies and lemonade.

For the Country Fair 800 quilt raffle tickets are ready. Members signed up to sell tickets at the flea market and following the worship services. Signup sheets were passed for other jobs which need to be done before, during, and after the fair. Posters were passed out to be distributed in the area. The lunch, table set up, balloons, and other plans were discussed.

Sweetheart Days parade is July 13th and St. Paul's will have a float. Although the Social Ministry/Outreach committee organized the float, help is needed to help pass out pencils and also decorate the float.

The Fall Gathering for our conference will be at St. Paul's September 30th. Ideas for a theme, speakers, and lunch ideas are needed at the next meeting.

Motion to pay the printing costs for Country Fair posters was approved.

Motion to give \$200 for the BICAP school supplies project in August was approved.

The next meeting is a salad potluck on August 12th. Delores Ressen is hostess (dessert) and Sue Zenk will lead the lesson.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Loralee Torkelson, Acting Secretary

Hackensack Blood Drive

On Monday, August 2 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. St. Paul's will host our annual blood drive for United Blood Services. We need volunteers to help us make this drive a success. We need volunteers to call for donor appointments, people to bring or serve snacks, volunteers to help setup and take down, and registration hosts. If you would like to help, please sign up on the kiosk or call Lorelee at 682-2891. Thank You.

Thank You for whatever you did to help make our Country Fair a success. If you baked, if you brought in items to sell, if you sold or bought raffle tickets, if you helped with publicity, if you helped to set up or take down, if you worked the day, if you helped make the quilt or other treasures, if you purchased items, if you prayed and if you cared, and if I have still missed you--- THANK YOU. Without each of you this event could not happen and could not be a success. The winner of our quilt was Adie Gilmer of Hackensack. She purchased her ticket at the Flea Market at the Catholic Church where she is a member. Final figures are not yet available.