

FREDSVILLE

October 2022

32756 150th Street, Cedar Falls 319-989-2065

You are invited to Fredsville's 150th Anniversary Celebratory Luncheon

When: Sunday, October 9th

Time: After Worship & Sunday School

Meal: Open-Faced Sandwiches & Salads

Cost: None: The meal will be provided by the Hospitality Committee, previously called WELCA.

RSVP: Tuesday, October 4th

Phone: 319-989-2065

Note: Church's phone does not accept text but the email address does.

Email: fredsville@fredsvillemethodist.org

Volunteers are Needed

Saturday, October 8th at 9:00 a.m.

To set up & decorate tables and to help prepare the meal.

Sunday, October 9th following the Luncheon

To cleanup and put away.

Please contact the church office by phone or email to volunteer by October 4th.

Fredsville's Time Capsule has been Opened!

Scott Willert from S & L Masonry (Bolan, IA) and a friend to Jerry and Sue Green, came to Fredsville on Saturday, September 24th and took out the Time Capsule. The Time Capsule was located in the Cornerstone (NE Corner of the Sanctuary). Scott was able to get to this 12" long cylinder by removing two rows of bricks above it.

The Time Capsule contained:

- * A 1960 article from the Grundy Register showing the artist's drawing of the new church, an article about the "Cornerstone Laying" and one about the "Fredsville Guild" meeting to plan the World Day of Prayer.
- * The 1959 Fredsville Annual Report
- * The 1971 - 1924 Christmas Souvenir & Historical Sketch of the Fredsville Evangelical Danish Lutheran Church (written in English)
- * The 1911 Fredsville Menigheds Historie (written in Danish)
- * A History of the Fredsville Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church (1871-1946) (written in English)
- * The July 1960 Lutheran Tidings newspaper that featured 2 pages (including two photos) titled "Break Ground for New Fredsville, Iowa Church" and "New Fredsville Church Takes Shape".

These items will be displayed at our October 9th 150th Celebration and then will be available to look at in the Historical Display that is located in the Intern's room.



Picture of the Time Capsule

Pastoral Pondering ... “Signs of Welcome”

Grace and Peace in the name of Christ. It is good to be here with all of you in the Fredsville Lutheran Community. Pastor Dena, “Missy” (the dog), and I have been blessed by your generous hospitality and the wide welcome we have received. I give my heartfelt thanks to each of you who have made this place feel like home for us.

We have been greeted with many signs of welcome, in various forms. Some of them have been beautiful gifts from you. A decorative welcome sign for our home. A refrigerator stocked with some of our favorite items and homemade meals that blessed our table for days. Most importantly, there was you, a gentle stream of smiling faces ready to greet us. With open hands and open hearts. Each of you are signs of welcome.

Your hospitality extends beyond a beautiful parsonage, and excellent food. You have welcomed us by sharing what brings you joy. We received a map of trails and invitation to go bike riding. One family wanted us to know about the lake. I must say, it has been a joy to walk around the Grundy County Lake and soak in the beauty of the sky. Invitations and recommendations like these are delightful signs of welcome, as we continue to learn about our new home, and the surrounding area. I hope that you will continue to welcome us into those places and activities that bring you joy.

Another, more personal sign of welcome is when you share a piece of your story with us. Each person’s story is unique and precious. When you choose to share the story of family history, a priceless memory, a recent adventure, or hopes and dreams, these are to be handled with great care. Sometimes it can be hard to trust someone with a piece of your heart. Especially, those pieces of our story that are hard. Each of us

have things in our past that have hurt or left tears in our eyes and scars on our hearts. If you choose to share these parts of your story, please know we will hold them in compassionate confidence and prayer. Trusting one another with our blessedness and our brokenness, is part of welcoming one another into a beloved community where together, we reflect the love of Jesus.

The Holy Spirit has been at work welcoming us also. The Spirit moves in creative ways among us. In the Celtic Christian tradition, the Wild Goose is sign of the Holy Spirit, beautifully wild and a bit noisy. It is no coincidence that I have been greeted by wild geese each day. They gathered in the back yard, they greet us along the road, and they float in the lake. One windy day, I had not seen any and I thought I might not. Then as if on cue, I heard that distinctive honk as the Spirit came and landed on the windswept waters. Ahh, Peace, and an answer to prayer.

The Holy Spirit has invited us into this journey together, so that we may come into deeper relationship with God, creation, and one another. Along the way, I hope that we can accompanying one another in great faith, communal prayer, and mutual love. I look forward to this journey of life together with you, as we follow the Spirit’s invitation for all that is ahead.

May the Peace of Christ be with you always...

Pastor Lee



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Kaitlyn Griffith - 1
Drew Larsen - 1
Sarah Lutgen - 3
Sadie Six - 3
Tom Thuesen - 3
Roy Stefan - 4
Jeff Schmidt - 4
Seth Wibben - 5
Melissa Johannsen - 6
Matt Reinicke - 7
Andrea Sherwood Schmitz - 7
Jamison Moser - 8
Royer Nank - 8
Susan Sherwood - 10
Dennis Kruger - 11
Kelley Knutson - 13
Audrey Bakker - 20
Anna Frahm - 22
Matt Ohrt - 22
Jan Sloth - 22
Jim Loger - 23
Jordann Van Wechel - 24
Stephanie Schmidt - 26
Brandi Nielsen - 28
Wanda Nielsen - 28
Mike Asche - 30
Cooper Dall - 30

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jeff & Cathy Intlekofer - 1
Bret & Dena Larsen - 1
Kelly & Tonya Nicholson - 1
Rick & Lisa Dumler - 5
Larry & Jolene Depping - 13
Chris & Kellie Shoemaker - 16
Gary & Marcia Borwig - 17
Travis & Angie Wibben - 18
Mark & Marin Faust - 23

If you DO NOT want your birthday or anniversary in the newsletter, please let the church secretary know. And likewise, if we missed your special day and you want to be added, please contact the church secretary.

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Catherine Petersen - Dealing with kidney problems.
Don Petesen - Diagnosed with leukemia & undergoing treatment
Jim Wertz - Healing from surgery.
Kennedy Rae - Daughter of Kassie Foust who was born prematurely.
David Stage - Healing from hip replacement surgery.
Jeff Sandlin - Being treated for a kidney issue.
Tim Morgan - Meridith Sandlin's brother who is battling cancer.
Carol Watson - Has on-going health concerns.
Marcia Andersen - Undergoing cancer treatment.
"These names were received by the church from the individual or their family and have consented to have their names released to the Fredsville congregation. We value the power of prayer for anyone in our church, family, or community who are in special need for whatever reason. Please do not hesitate to contact the church office (319-989-2065) to be included in our weekly prayers or contact Council President, Brenda Cooper (319-415-1625)."

THANK YOU

Dear Fredsville friends, It was so "special" to receive your card and notes today. I think of you often and hope things are going well. Life has changed for me but I'm adjusting - no cooking or cleaning. It's definitely nice to be closer to family. If you're ever in the area stop by - my door is always open. Love and blessings, Luella Larsen

CHOIR

We'll start Wednesday, October 12 at 7:00 p.m. Anyone ages 12 to unlimited are welcome!!! This will be low-key and will provide an opportunity to get to know your fellow parishioners better and sing our praises to God!

HANDBELLS

Handbell Choir for Christmas Program Sunday — Youth and Adults Invited to Ring! Both new and experienced handbell ringers are invited to play in an intergenerational handbell choir for worship on Dec. 18 (Christmas Program Sunday). Rehearsals will start in late October or early November and be from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights. Anyone from kindergarten age up can participate. If you or your child would like to be involved, please contact Meridith Sandlin at meridith@fredsvillelutheran.org.

INFORMAL PICTURE DIRECTORY

The informal photo church directory is done! A big "thank you" goes to all that submitted their photo and to those that let Sue Green take their picture. This informal photo directory was made for Pastor Lee Gable to help him learn the names of the Fredsville members. However, if you would like a copy (electronic or paper) contact Secretary Becky. Note:
1) No contact information will be included with this directory.
2) If you forgot to turn in your photo, you can still do so as an additional page will be added later on.

TEACHER APPRECIATION MEAL

We hear so many positive and appreciative comments about the meals we provide for teachers during parent-teacher conferences. This is surely one way Fredsville witnesses and shares God's love for one another!

We will be provide a supper meal for the Junior High and High School teachers on Wednesday, October 12. The menu is: homemade chicken noodle soup, sandwiches, saltine crackers, cookie/bar and bottled water. Jean Loger will prepare the soup in our church kitchen and assemble items for delivery that morning.

Can you help? The following donations need to be in the church kitchen by 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12.:

- 6# cooked (boiled) chicken breast meat
- 5# carrots peeled and cut up
- 2 bunches of celery finely cut up
- 3 medium onions finely diced
- 4 large containers of chicken broth
- 4 large cans of cream of chicken soup

The following items need to be in the church kitchen by 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 12:

- 3 boxes of saltines,
- sandwiches in individual sandwich bags
 - 3 dozen cheese sandwiches
 - 3 dozen egg salad sandwiches
 - 3 dozen ham sandwiches
- 6 dozen cookies/bars in individual bags
- 72 bottles of water.

Volunteers are needed to meet at the church at 4:00 to load and deliver food to the high school in Dike and the junior high in New Hartford by 5:00 p.m.

A sign up sheet will be in the gathering space. Don't delay in signing up!!! October 12 will be here sooner than you think! Looking ahead - the date for elementary meals is November 16.

Questions? Contact Jean Loger at 319-269-3236 or at jjloger@gmail.com.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The last few months have been busy with ongoing updates to the parsonage. Among the major items being done are:

- Removing the old, outdated basement bathroom and relocating it to a more convenient location in the basement with a modern, more functional one.
- Finishing off the main room in the basement with new flooring, a finished ceiling, and insulation and dry wall on the walls. This will transform this area from a cold, dark utility space into a warm, functional living area.
- Upgrades and additions to the electrical system.
- Upgrades to the plumbing system.
- Painting and cleaning the main floor.
- Many other areas of cleanup and improvements.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in this project - Matt Opoien for handling all of the plumbing work, Jeff Reinecke for doing the finish work, and Cedar Valley Electric for handling all of the electrical installation and updates. Pastor Lee has been a great resource on various aspects of these projects. Many volunteers have spent countless hours on many phases of these projects. Lastly, a big thank you to Pastor Lee and Pastor Dena (and Missy) for putting with all of the disruptions, noise and mess.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Ministry Site Profile (MSP) is being finalized and will soon be submitted to our Synod. The MSP is an extensive, detailed document that describes our congregation, our communities and our pastoral needs. Once submitted and entered into the ELCA database, potential pastoral candidates will be able to access our information and apply for our full-time pastoral position. The Synod will work with potential candidates to assist in finding good fits for our congregation and for each candidate. We anticipate having a list of potential candidates available for interviews starting in January.

Thank you for your patience during this lengthy process. We are excited to welcome Pastor Lee Gable as our interim Pastor. We look forward to Pastor Lee sharing his gifts with us and helping us to continue to grow.

Worship Readings, Prayers, & Introductions for October 2022

from SundaysandSeasons.com

Sunday, October 2 – Season after Pentecost **(Green)**

A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

Prayer of the Day

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

- **Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4** - *Wicked surround the righteous; wait for the Lord*
- **Psalms 37:1-9** - *Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord. (Ps. 37:5)*
- **2 Timothy 1:1-14** - *Guard the treasure entrusted to you: faith and love in Christ*
- **Luke 17:5-10** - *Faith the size of a mustard seed*

Sunday, October 9 – Season after Pentecost **(Green)**

It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

- **2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c** - *Naaman washes in the Jordan and is cleansed*
- **Psalms 111** - *I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart. (Ps. 111:1)*
- **2 Timothy 2:8-15** - *If we die with Christ, we will live with Christ*
- **Luke 17:11-19** - *One leper made clean by Jesus gives thanks to God*

Sunday, October 16 – Season after Pentecost **(Green)**

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

- **Genesis 32:22-31** - *Jacob's struggle with the angel: I'll not let go until you bless me*
- **Psalms 121** - *My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. (Ps. 121:2)*
- **2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5** - *In the presence of Christ the judge, proclaim the message*
- **Luke 18:1-8** - *The widow begs for justice; God grants justice to those who cry to him*

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Sunday, October 23 – Season after Pentecost**(Green)**

Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith. God's people shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For this we worship and glorify God forever

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

- **Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22** - *Jerusalem will be defeated*
- **Psalms 84:1-7** - *Happy are the people whose strength is in you. (Ps. 84:5)*
- **2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18** - *The good fight of faith*
- **Luke 18:9-14** - *A Pharisee and tax collector pray together*

Sunday, October 30 – Reformation Day & Confirmation Sunday**(Red)**

"God loves us all, both big and small," a child's verse declares. The sins of the world are covered. We are able to stand tall before God our righteous judge because in the person of Jesus "salvation has come to this house"—to our house today. In Christ Jesus God seeks us out to save us.

Prayer of the Day

Merciful God, gracious and benevolent, through your Son you invite all the world to a meal of mercy. Grant that we may eagerly follow his call, and bring us with all your saints into your life of justice and joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

- **Isaiah 1:10-18** - *Learn to do good, seek justice, and rescue the oppressed*
- **Psalms 32:1-7** - *All the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble. (Ps. 32:6)*
- **2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12** - *Faith and love amid persecution and adversity*
- **Luke 19:1-10** - *Zacchaeus climbs into a tree to see Jesus*

Sunday, November 6 – All Saints Sunday**(White)**

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest." In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today's gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior's body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

- **Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18** - *The holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom*
- **Psalms 149** - *Sing the Lord's praise in the assembly of the faithful. (Ps. 149:1)*
- **Ephesians 1:11-23** - *God raised Christ from the dead and made him head over all the church*
- **Luke 6:20-31** - *Jesus speaks blessings and woes*

Community / Church Happenings!

Saint Ansgar Lutheran Church

1122 W 11th Street, Waterloo

Saint Ansgar Lutheran Church invites you to join them for worship and fellowship to **celebrate 130 years** of God's blessings as a congregation of faithful followers of Our Savior, Jesus the Christ. on Sunday, **October 30th at 11 a.m.**



American Lutheran Church

1103 F Avenue, Grundy Center

Make ALC's Trunk or Treat your next stop on Saturday, **October 29th from Noon- 2 p.m.** Grab some lunch, some treats and stay for games & prizes. It's a fall tradition for all ages and we hope to see you!



WinGS



We continue with the same mission: WinGS is a Christian-based, service-oriented opportunity for K-5th grade students of the community to grow in their faith through serving, building relationships and learning.

This year the theme for WinGS will be focused on the Fruits of the Spirit. We welcome all children from Kindergarten through 5th grade to participate. Please watch for an invitation to register your child for each of the individual sessions. It is important that you complete this invitation each month in order for us to plan for the appropriate number of children, and to have emergency information easily accessible.

WinGS will be held at the Dike Community Center from 1:30-4 on:

October 12
November 9
December 7
January 11
February 8
March 8
April 12
May 10

If you have any questions, please reach out to:
Kim Farley: (319)239-5583 or
kimfarley2020@gmail.com, Brenda Cooper:
(319)415-1625 or mnbathome13@msn.com,
Maureen Stockdale (319)231-9998 or
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October 2022 LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Leaving a Legacy

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) has responded to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service for more than 150 years. We have created a legacy of lifting up and empowering thousands of our Iowa neighbors, thanks to the generosity of our supporters.

Through LSI, Iowans also have the opportunity to leave a legacy of their own. When you include LSI in your will or estate planning, you are making a lasting impact for years to come. By including LSI in your will or living trust, you are ensuring that we can continue our mission and ministry well into the future.

LSI is now offering seminars to those interested in learning more about legacy gifts, wills and final wishes.

If you would like more information on how you can include LSI in your estate planning, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563.676.2065. LSI is also available to provide a customized virtual shared ministry opportunity for your congregation. If you would like to share the message of LSI with your community, please visit LSIowa.org/church-relations or contact our Waverly office at 319.352.2630 to get started.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Making a Lasting Impact

Phil has had a connection to LSI since his college years. While taking social work classes at Wartburg College, he was asked to tutor a student at LSI's Bremwood Residential Treatment Center in Waverly. Even years later, he and his wife, Phyllis, continued to support LSI programming by making a donation around Christmas each year.

When Phyllis passed away in 2012, Phil began looking at their investments and considering how he could make a positive impact long-term. While at a church event, he met an LSI staff member and learned about a charitable trust program. He decided to establish four benefactors – including LSI – in his planned giving.

"LSI can use the money in a wise, caring way for people who are at risk or who really need help, and in a way that nobody else is doing." Phil says. "Through planned giving, LSI and these other causes will be able to continue what they're doing even when I'm gone."

A Word from Our Council President

Hello Fredsville,

Well, I cannot believe it is October already. We are embarking on a new beginning with fall approaching. fall sports, hot chocolate, harvesting, and the beauty of the seasonal changes. We too at Fredsville are starting a new chapter in our lives with new leadership and new programs.

God will provide. That is a thought that I have been thinking about quite often recently. We have been through a lot of changes since March, and I am amazed at what we have accomplished. God will provide. Thank you to all the committee members- you have made what seemed like the impossible- possible. Thank you to Jean, Meridith, Jeff, Becky, Kim, Art, Eric, the Call Committee, Council, and all the other operational committee members. Thank you to the volunteers, lay leaders, Pastor Lee for accepting an interim position with us, and to all the families that have returned to the pews. Fredsville is an amazing place to be. We are blessed.

God will provide. He has given us the tools to be good Christians and to enhance our abilities to perform our earthly duties which he has set forth for us to do. We are blessed to be able to begin anew with the WinGS program and to help enrich the children in their faith and Christian service. The theme for the year is the Fruits of the Spirit. This week they learned about Goodness and that the fruits that God has instilled in all of us are meant to be shared. These fruits or gifts from God do us no good if they are not used and enjoyed. He has planted the seeds, it is our job to cultivate, and disseminate. I encourage you to share a little extra goodness this month.

When I was planning for this week's WinGS, I bought a devotional book titled: Jesus Always. I think that pretty much sums it up. If we allow Jesus to always be first and carry him in our hearts; God will provide and be present in our lives, through the tough times and the good ones too.

Thank you Fredsville for allowing me to be a part of the leadership and missions here- I am blessed!

God Bless you all,

Brenda Cooper, Council President

Council Minutes

Sunday, September 25, 2022; Meeting held after Church

Attendance: Linda Nielsen, Brenda Cooper (late arrival), Art Lupkes, Sue Green, Sharon Hemmen, Jana Hermann, Erin Frahm, Kelley Knutson, Meridith Sandlin. Absent: Kathi Heide

Call to Order: Vice-President Art Lupkes

Prayer: Art Lupkes

Treasurer's Report: Linda Nielsen

As of Date: 8/31/22

- General Fund: \$67,763.11
- Building Fund: \$54,118.18
- Memorial Fund: \$21,641.22

Linda explained that the Clothing Closet Fund can be used for purchasing new underwear.

Secretary's Report: Sue Green - The August 28, 2022 minutes were approved electronically.

Old Business Discussed:

1. WinGS (Walking in God's Service) will begin on Wednesday, September 28. It will be held at Dike's Community Building and go from 1:30-4:00. The theme this year is "Fruits of the Spirit". The September Fruit is "goodness". Kim Farley is the director for the months that Fredsville is in charge. She is being assisted by several from our congregation.
2. Informal Directory. Sue Green has been busy taking photos before and after church, along with soliciting others to send in their photo. She is also getting a couple sentences from each individual/family to help Interim Pastor Gable get to know those in the Fredsville Congregation.

A printed copy of the photos will be given to Interim Pastor Gable and to any other members that request one (at no cost). Members will also be able to request to get an electronic copy.
3. The 150th Celebratory Meal is going to be held after Church & Sunday School on Sunday, October 9th. Jean Loger, Merlyn & Catherine Petersen and Sue Green are members of the 150th Anniversary Committee.
4. Pastor Gable met with Council President – Brenda Cooper and Call Committee Chair – Eric Andersen to go over his 8-month interim contract. Pastor Gable will start on Saturday, October 1. Fridays will be Pastor Gable's day off.
5. The Call Committee is working with the Synod on revisions to Fredsville's MSP (Ministry Site Profile). Note: The MSP shows the demographics of the Fredsville Congregation along with the needs and wants of its members. Also included in the MSP is a description of the Dike community and the Cedar Valley area.
6. Property Committee Co-chair Art Lupkes updated the Council on the work that has been done on the basement of the parsonage: The walls have been completed and now they are waiting for an electrician to come in to do the wiring so the dry wall can be hung. A change order was done for the ceiling, making it a drop ceiling. The plumbing has been done, which included moving a few pipes and replacing galvanized pipes with PVC pipes. Kathi Heide, Angie Wibben and Brenda Cooper went shopping at Menards last Sunday to pick out carpeting, bathroom flooring, vanity and other items.

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New Business Discussed:

1. Sue Green moved and Sharon Hemmen seconded that both first and last names be used on our prayer list. Below the prayer list will be the following statement: "These names were received by the church from the individual or their family and have consented to have their names released to the Fredsville congregation. We value the power of prayer for anyone in our church, family, or community who are in special need for whatever reason. Please do not hesitate to contact the church office (319-989-2065) to be included in our weekly prayers or contact Council President, Brenda Cooper (319-415-1625)." Motion passed.
2. Sue Green moved and Meridith Sandlin seconded that "WELCA" (Women of the ELCA Church) be renamed as the "Hospitality Committee". Motion passed. Rationale: Very few in the church know that WELCA is. Lorraine Crotty and Carol Andersen, both who were very active in WELCA, were consulted on this name change. They were favorable to the new name.
3. Secretary Becky is going on vacation and needs someone to answer the phone on the following days: October 3rd, 6th and October 10th. (Jean Loger will be covering for October 4 & 11, Sue Green will be covering on October 7 and Jana Hermann will be covering on October 5th.)
4. The planting of the Arlan Andersen Memorial trees by the Confirmation students will wait until next Spring.

Committee Reports:

- **Cemetery** – Art Lupkes reported that Pastor Don Benson was buried at Fredsville on 9/19/22.
- **Property** – Art Lupkes reported that the Property Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, September 27th. At that time, the (to date) cost of the remodeled parsonage basement will be determined.
- **Mutual Ministry** – Brenda Cooper reported that a Mutual Ministry Committee is being assembled. The committee members will be meeting with Pastor Gable within his first 30 days. Note: The Mutual Ministry Committee is made up of four congregation members, the Council President and the Pastor. The task of this committee is to give feed back to the Pastor on "how things are going".
- **Worship Team** – Meridith Sandlin reported that she, Jeff Sandlin and Jean Loger will be meeting with Interim Pastor Lee on Saturday, October 1 to plan for his first Fredsville service – which will be on Sunday, October 2. October 2 will be the last Sunday that a lay member will be leading the beginning of the church service. The full Worship and Music committee will be meeting on Tuesday, October 4th.
- **Finance** – Treasurer Linda Nielsen reported that she gave last year's financial reports, along with the January – August reports to the Committee Chairs so they can be planning on what they want to request for the 2023 year.
- **IT** – Meridith Sandlin reported that the two new computers for the Sanctuary have been purchased. One has been installed and the other will be installed soon.

Upcoming Reminders: Five 9th graders will be confirmed on Sunday, October 30th.

Closing Prayer: The Council Members said the Lord's Prayer in unison.

Next Meeting: Sunday, October 23, 2022

Respectfully Submitted: Sue Green, Secretary