The Apostle Paul writes: “So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.” Romans 10:17

The NALC hosted its annual 2017 Convocation in Nashville, TN. from August 9th through the 11th. Alan Kuehn and I attended this event. We arrived in Nashville on Tuesday evening August 8th and returned to Houston on Friday evening August 11th. The theme of the NALC Convocation was: “Holding Fast, Being Reformed.” There were over 650 NALC members present for the Convocation, almost 100 more than last year’s attendance. On Wednesday morning, the NALC Mission Festival began the Convocation under the theme, “Renewing Congregational Life Through the Word of God.” Keynote addresses were given by Bishop John Bradosky, the Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba (Assistant to the Bishop for Mission in the NALC), and the Rev. Joseph Parsalaw of the Evangelical Church in Tanzania (Africa). During the day of the convocation, Alan and I attended several lectures given by the Rev. Dr. James Nestingen and the Rev. Dr. Nathan Yoder on key Reformation themes, since this is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. On Wednesday evening, the South Texas Mission District held its meeting with the Rev. Tim Christ presiding. On Thursday, the day began with worship (Morning Prayer), and then there were several keynote speakers as well as “break-out” sessions on different topics for pastors and the laity of the church. Later on during the day, there were displays set up by different groups (missionaries, Lutheran organizations, organizations that support the Lutheran Church, etc.) and of course the meetings, the voting, and the recognition of ordinations of newly ordained pastors, as well as recognizing the Chaplains (who are serving in the Armed Forces) as well those who are retired, and the recognition of the hospital and prison Chaplains. Friday was a continuation of Thursday with the Bishop’s report and the Treasurer’s Report and a continuation of voting. On Friday, the 2018 budgets were approved. The Convocation approved a 2.1 million dollar operating budget for the NALC. Budgets were also approved for NALC designated funds, $543,000 for the Theological Education Fund (which includes the NALC Seminary), $165,000 for the Great Commission Fund, and $64,000 for the Disaster Response Fund. Delegates also approved a resolution encouraging congregations to increase their benevolence giving to the NALC by at least 1% of their congregational budget, annually. Overall, the convocation was very good. It gives one a chance to see and to hear, first hand, how things are going in this denomination (not just locally, but church-wide, in the USA as well as overseas), and it was an opportunity to meet with other pastors from different states and mission districts, and to hear their stories of their ministries, and how their churches are doing. People ask, “How is the NALC doing?” We are doing good and growing. Pastor David Wendell (Assistant to the Bishop) made the comment that the NALC is adding about 1 to 2 congregations per month, and that right now we are at about 420 plus congregations. Next year the NALC will hold its convocation in Denver, CO.

In His service,
Pastor John.
Minutes
Welcome Lutheran Church Council
August 17, 2017

Call to order-- Those present: Ken Grebe, Alan Kuehn, Dwayne Schulz, Janae Wittner, Janice Rinn, Rachel Schubert, and Pastor Sutton

Opening prayer by Ken Grebe

Approve Minutes of July 20, 2017 Regular Council Meeting: Alan Kuehn made motion to approve and Rachel Schubert 2nd motion. All approved.

Treasurer’s report: Alan Kuehn made motion to approve and Dwayne Schulz 2nd motion. All approved.

Pastor’s Report: Pastor made 3 hospital visits, 7 homebound visits, 3 nursing home visits, and 2 home visits; 1 funeral; 1 Committee meeting; and the NALC Wide Convention in Nashville, TN Aug. 8-11th.

Committee Reports:
Parish Education: (No Report)
Worship: It was brought up that in the future we may want to have Rally Day before ALL local schools begin. This year, rally day was scheduled after Brenham ISD began school.
Evangelism: (No Report)
Stewardship: Time and Talent Sheets are being printed. Angela will give a talk Sunday and sheets will be handed out at church and be in the September Good News. We would like them returned by Oct. 1st.

Building & Maintenance: Outside light fixtures have been replaced, “Welcome Lutheran Church” neon lights on front of church are working again, toilet in women’s restroom in fellowship hall is fixed.

Memorial: (No Report)
Cemetery: (No Report)
Mutual Ministry: (No Report)
Scholarship: No current candidates from Texas but they will look again as it is enrollment time.
Sports Ministry: Batting cage netting is up. Pitcher’s mound is installed. It should be completed shortly.

Information Items:
Lynnette is still in Conroe in a rehab facility. She will soon be transferred to College Station but will ultimately remain in a rehab facility for another month.
Mary Holtkamp agreed to fill in for Lynnette. She has met with Juli. She will start on Monday, August 21st.
Rally Day: Britani and Linsey will discuss their international trips while members of the LYO will discuss their Tennessee trip.
Fall Festival Music: Currently in the process of looking for a band.
Unlocked Doors: Doors are unlocked when people are not in the building. Please lock the building if no one is physically there.
July Visitors: A list of July visitors was submitted by Reece and Darla Schmidt.

Unfinished Business
Painting projects update: Building and Maintenance committee will meet in September.
Time and Talent survey review: New form completed and being printed. It will be in the September Good News as well as handed out during church services. We would like them turned in by October 1st.
CPR training update: 16 or 17 people have signed up
Moving and updating defibrillator: We would like to move it near the doors to the restroom.
Second credit card: (done)

New Business
Approve new member: None
Approve marriage request: None
2017 Nominating committee update: Lori Krchnak, Darrell Kolwes, April Poncik, and Janice Rinn. We will need 3 new council representatives by annual October church meeting. All other committees need to be filled by December council meeting.
Church roof: We would like to have someone inspect/bid/give advice about the church’s ridge room before the October council meeting.
Congregation Meeting: Building Fund action: We look at this currently.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janae Wittner

Special Council Meeting
August 6, 2017 at 9 a.m.

A special meeting was called by Ken Grebe, President of Welcome Lutheran Church council, to discuss the need for an interim secretary while Lynnette is out of the office for an undetermined length of time due to health complications. All council members were present minus Janice Rinn. Mary Holtkamp reached out to church council president. She can start as soon as August 20. Juli Kaase and Janae Wittner would be willing to train and be a reference to Mary.

Dwayne Schultz made motion to approve the hire of Mary Holtkamp as the interim secretary. Erich Gleenewinkel 2nd motion. All approved the motion. (total of nine votes)
Memorials

Building Fund
In memory of Loraine Glenewinkel
By Josh & Kristi Reddoch
Kenneth Kaase Family
Burney & Earline Boecker

In memory of Brenda Herr
By Kenneth Kaase Family

In memory of Gladys Herr
By Kenneth Kaase Family

In memory of Sue Peschel
By Allen & Lois Schubert
Delores, Cynthia & Alan Kuehn
Joey & Lori Krchnak

In memory of Ron Whitley
By Marian Balke

In memory of LaVerne Kalbow
By Elfrieda Schweinle Family
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Knipstein

In memory of Milton Flentge
By Burney & Earline Boecker

Cemetery
In memory of LaVerne Kalbow
By Allen & Lois Schubert
Alvin & Judy Schulz & Family
Douglas & Sandra Borchardt & Family
Rodney & Diane Schubert
Lee Miles Family
Donald & Diana Lampe
Delano & Vera Jean Klausmeyer

In memory of Elenora Mahlmann Rohde
By Delores Kuehn & Family

Sunday, October 22nd
Fall Festival
Worship Service with Holy Communion
at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 29th
Semi-annual congregational meeting
at 9:00 a.m.

August Finance Report

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"I thought we were going to read numbers. Those are words."
Card of Thanks
The women of Welcome would like to thank everyone who came out to support us during our Fried Chicken drive-thru.

Thank you also to those who brought cookies and helped with frying as well as filling and distributing plates.

Card of Thanks
This summer your monetary donation gave me the opportunity to return to Mozambique. I want to personally thank the Church council for your donation. God is working so evidently in Mozambique, and the work of His hands is present in each smiling face I got to meet. Because of your support for me, you have made our whole church a part of the great work God is doing in Mozambique. I guarantee that each person I got the opportunity to get to know is grateful for your hand in Children’s Relief International’s mission. I thank God for calling me back to Mozambique, and I thank you for your help in providing the way for me to answer His call.

Britani Schulz

Card of Thanks
We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, phone calls, food, sympathy cards, flowers, memorials, and the many words of kindness at the passing of our mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother Loraine Glenewinkel. A special thanks goes to Pastor John for the wonderful service plus Stephanie and Kayla for providing the music. Thanks also to the Women of Welcome Care Team for the wonderful refreshments after the funeral service. We truly appreciate the help of all of the pallbearers, parking attendants, and anyone else who helped in any way. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

God Bless You All,
The Family of Loraine Glenewinkel
**Fall Festival**

**October 22, 2017**

The Fall Festival will be held in the church Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 22nd. There will be one Worship service with Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m. and no Sunday school.

Following the church service, we will have Fellowship, as well as a silent auction, cake walk, and children’s activities. Bingo will start after the noon meal.

A catered meal of smothered steak, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, and corn salad will be served from 11:30-12:30. Tickets are $10.00, children under 6 are free. Tickets can be purchased from Marian Balke, Denise Brending, Lois Schubert, Janice Rinn, and Karen Grebe. **Tickets will be on sale in the back of the church after the Sunday morning Worship services September 24th through October 15th. Advance tickets only. Deadline for tickets is Sunday, October 15th.**

**Bingo**—We ask each family bring ***one item***. Items can be left in the conference room in the new building. Please mark items for Bingo and bring them by Saturday, October 21st.

**Silent Auction**—If you would like to donate an item, please leave it in the conference room in the new building by Saturday, October 21st. Please mark item for Silent Auction.

**Cake Walk**—If you would like to donate an item or a gift card for the cake walk, please bring on Sunday morning of the Fall Festival.

**Dessert**—If you would like to bring a dessert or cookies for breakfast, please bring on Sunday morning.

There will also be a sign-up sheet in the back of the church for volunteers to help with the Fall Festival.
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2017

It’s time for the shoe boxes and to start filling them for the children around the world who get very little to nothing for Christmas nor anything throughout the year. This is a great time and way to extend the love of Jesus Christ to the children and their families who may have never heard about Jesus or know that He cares for them. What a blessing to a child of God when they receive this simple gift and in the process learn of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Last year Welcome Lutheran Church sent 218 shoe boxes, so this year let’s see if we can send that many or more. If you want to do a box/boxes and don’t have the time to shop or pack, we will gladly do that for you, which we have done in the past. The total cost to do a box is $25.00 which includes the $9.00 shipping fee. There is a brochure that will help you in doing your box. If your newsletter is sent to you by e-mail or printed and put in the back of the Church, you may not receive the brochure. There are brochures next to the little Christmas Tree along with 2 boxes that are already completed for you to look at and maybe give you some ideas for your box.

Starting this year, you cannot pack toothpaste because Operation Christmas Child personnel have said that some of the children are eating the toothpaste. You also cannot pack any candy starting this year as well. With the increase of the shipping and still need to purchase something in place of the candy and toothpaste, the cost of a shoe box is $25.00.

There will be a workshop on Sunday, November 5, 2017 after the 10:00 service with a lite lunch. There is a sign-up sheet at the Christmas Tree if you wish to attend the workshop, so that I will have a head count for the lunch. Come join the fun and fellowship.

Deadline for the completed boxes is Sunday, November 12th when we will have the Blessing of the Shoe Boxes and the children who will receive them.

May God bless each and everyone of you for the love that you will share with a simple gift of a shoe box and the difference that you will make in those children’s lives, for they will also receive the Word of Jesus Christ and the love that He graciously gives to all.

Janice and Heather Rinn – Operation Christmas Child Representatives

Janice’s Home – 979-357-2265 Janice’s cell – 979-451-0795
Heather’s cell – 979-551-6482
God Bless Your Service October

Acolytes

7:45  
01—Rachael Hohlt  
08—Kinch Schubert  
15—Austin Hulsey  
22—No early service  
29—Talyn Dierking

10:00  
Brayson Maynor & Mason Wolf  
Dawson Jacobs  
Wyatt Kohring  
Laci Strack  
Korbin Dieterich

Flowers

01—Gina Miles  
15—Newton Peschel  
29—Stephanie Bean

08—Dennis Mahlmann  
22—Karen Gremling (Fall Festival)

Altar Guild

01—Dolores Meier & Bonnie Bolcerek  
08—Judy Schulz  
15—Juli Kaase  
22—Lois Schubert & Gina Miles  
29—Doris Glenewinkel & Lori Krchnak

Communion Assistants

7:45

01—Lori Krchnak  
15—Alan Kuehn  
29—Denise Breeding

10:00

Glenn Miles  
Ken Grebe  
Kerry Schulz

Financial Committee

01—Judy Schulz & Shirley Beum  
08—Erich & Doris Glenewinkel  
15—Ken & Karen Grebe  
22—Kenneth Kaase & Reese Schmidt  
29—Alan Kuehn & Cynthia Kuehn

Readers

7:45

01—Mary Holtkamp  
08—Lori Krchnak  
15—Erich Glenewinkel  
22—No early service  
29—Mary Holtkamp

10:00

Glenn Miles  
Diana Lampe  
Darrell Kolwes  
Judy Schulz  
Garrett Poncik

Ushers

01—7:45—Mary Holtkamp  
10:00—Garrett & April Poncik,  
Ada Eben, and Glenn Miles

08—7:45—Scottie Schubert  
10:00—Erich & Doris Glenewinkel,  
Shirley Beum, and Dennis Mahlmann  
15—7:45—Alan Kuehn  
10:00—Darrell Kolwes, Melissa Glenewinkel,  
Lois Schubert, and Jake Miles

22—7:45—No early service  
10:00—Reese & Darla Schmidt,  
John & Janice Rinn  
29—7:45—Gary Shupak  
10:00—Garrett & April Poncik,  
Kerry Schulz, and Walker Schulz

God Bless Your Service November

Acolytes

7:45

05—Jack Herbrig  
12—Rachael Hohlt  
19—Austin Hulsey  
26—Kinch Schubert

10:00

Connor Hanley  
Colton Kaase & Landon Wolf  
Riley Hanley  
Ethan Sanders

Flowers

05—Delores Kuehn  
12—Tracy Meier  
19—Diana Lampe  
26—Janae & Ronnie Wittner

Altar Guild

05—Tracy Meier  
12—Carol Schroeder & Joyce Warmke  
19—Dolores Meier & Bonnie Bolcerek  
26—Judy Schulz

Communion Assistants

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05—Dwayne Schulz  
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05—Erich & Doris Glenewinkel  
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19—Lois Schubert & Diana Lampe  
26—Kenneth Kaase & Reese Schmidt

Readers

7:45

05—Linsey Meier  
12—Mary Holtkamp  
19—Lori Krchnak  
26—Marian Balke

10:00

Angela Sutton  
Judy Schulz  
Diana Lampe  
Walker Schulz

Ushers

05—7:45—Vernell Eben  
10:00—Darrell Kolwes, Melissa Glenewinkel,  
Ada Eben, and Glenn Miles

12—7:45—Charles Holtkamp  
10:00—Ken & Karen Grebe,  
Shirley Beum, and Dennis Mahlmann

19—7:45—Gregg Schubert  
10:00—John & Janice Rinn  
Lois Schubert, and Jake Miles

26—7:45—Rachel Schubert  
10:00—Reese & Darla Schmidt  
Kerry Schulz, and Walker Schulz
Happy Birthday

01—Brooklyn Bettis
01—Doris Glenewinkel
01—Nicholas Herr
02—Adrienne Wied
03—JoAnn Blezinger
03—Janice Rinn
03—Patrick Rinn
03—Henry Schmidt III
04—Crystal Hohlt
05—Leann Breiding
05—Kimberly Krause
05—Tana Sunderland
06—Everett Mahlmann
06—Tracy Meier
06—Piper Nutsch
06—Lacey Peschel
07—Carrie Breiding
08—Steve Huebner
08—Gina Miles
08—Dorothy Rinn
08—Carol Schroeder
09—Laurie Bettis
09—Peyton Bond
13—Jennifer Hurtig
15—Jace De Jesus
15—Korbin Dieterich
16—Mary Luedeker
17—Allen Huebner Jr.
18—Lillian Goike
18—Allisa Locke
18—Lyle Meier
19—Lillian Schulz
20—Kaci Konieczny
20—Herbert Schomburg Jr.
21—Jeremy Spiess
22—Chuck Glenewinkel
22—Courtney Nuckols
23—Dallas Wehring
24—Madeline Wehring
24—Shirley Klaus
27—Pat Rinn
28—Lucas Breiding
28—Laney Schovajsa
29—Jeannie Dieterich
31—Byron Balke

Those Celebrating Baptisms This Month

01—Craig Arning
01—Juli Kaase
01—Erin Ryan
01—Kenan Meier
02—Garrett Lloyd
03—Lynn Wittneben
05—Kyson Shupak
05—Britani Schulz
06—Glenn Miles
06—Mabel Fay Wiecker
06—Virginia Brandt
07—John Rinn
08—David Lange
09—Flora Dell Marek
10—Dave Schulz
11—Denise Breiding
14—Aunnika Wittner
14—Bailey Rokohl
14—Patrick Rinn
19—Kimberly Moore
19—Jimmy Dieterich
20—David Jacobs
21—Angela Sutton
22—Kimberly Hulsey
22—Jeffrey Wolf
22—Brayson Maynor
22—Tracy Meier
23—Natalie Rokohl
25—Edward Eben
26—Carley Rinn
26—Phillip Schroeder
27—Sarah Kaase
27—Amanda Kaase
27—Dawson Jacobs
28—Janice Rinn
28—Waldine Brinkmeyer
29—Laci Strack
30—Jaxon Ryan
30—Pat Rinn
31—Brandon Schovajsa

Happy Anniversary

October 2, 1999—Christopher & Kelly Strack
October 3, 1992—Lee & Gina Miles
October 9, 1987—Tommy & Gale Horlen
October 15, 2016—Kenneth & Laura Kaase
October 30, 1999—Buckshot & Adrienne Wied
October 30, 2016—Kamuela & Stephanie Bean

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

The semi-annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, October 29th at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Among topics on the agenda will be the approval of the 2018 budget and forming planning committees for the Church’s 150th anniversary in 2019. Please make plans to attend.
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