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Rev. Jacob Dandy, Pastor

*"For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men."*

- 1Corinthians 1:25

I often think about a scene from the movie, *Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby*, in which the main character played by Will Ferrell is gathered around the dinner table with his family. They open their meal like many of us do by praying and giving thanks. However, in true comedic fashion, the prayer quickly deteriorates as Will Ferrell insists on praying to the "Lord Baby Jesus." As his family questions why he praying to the "Baby" Jesus, he simply says, "I like the baby version of Jesus the best, when you say grace you can pick whatever version you like." The scene then quickly erodes with everyone irreverently describing which version of Jesus they like most.

We live in a world that loves choices. We have our own personal preferences. Hold the pickles, hold the lettuce, special orders don't upset us. We love to have it our own way. We love to remake God into our own image, to fit our ideals and motives.

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This month will mark the 497<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. The church was facing a similar problem. People were trying to redefine God to fit their own understandings, motives, and preferences in life. As they were doing this, the Gospel was being cheapened and people were deprived of God's Word of grace. It wasn't until Martin Luther and the reformers finally spoke that the Word in its fullness was restored to God's Church.

We are called to live under God's Word. We cannot pick and choose what we want to acknowledge, but we are bound to submit to, proclaim, and trust in God's Holy Word above all things. We need to boldly cling to it. It is the center of our faith. When we deviate from the Word and try to reshape things in our own image, the Gospel is often lost.

Theologian Bo Giertz spoke in an ordination sermon "The boldness is needed. It has never been easy to be a proclaimer. If the Word is rightly proclaimed, then it will also awaken offense. All men have made for themselves some picture of god. There is also a revelation outside the word, in nature and conscience. It is fragmentary and unclear, but it gives to man a diffuse belief in a god and a common morality. When the gospel is proclaimed, saying that this does not count, men often become indignant.<sup>1</sup>"

The world may not always agree with us. They may despise us for our teaching and preaching. They may even claim that we are foolish or ignorant. None of that really matters though. We serve God first. Just like Luther and the Reformers, we are bound by scripture. Here we stand, we can do no other, so help us God. Amen.

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<sup>1</sup> Bo Giertz, *Then Fell the Fire*.





September 15, 2014

**Present:** Joe Diamond, Adam Schutte, Jim Wagner, Al Stifter, Brad Bartz, Bob Ricke, Dale Jacobson, Andrew Jacobson, Loren Daudt, Mary Cralley.

Meeting started at 7:03 with devotion and prayer led by Adam.

The Secretary's Report was read by Mary Cralley in Carol's absence. Minutes were approved.

The Treasurer's Report was read and approved. The Treasurer's Report showed a beginning balance of \$31,030.39. Donations for the month; \$22,833.26, disbursements totaling: \$24,549.23 The ending balance is \$29,314.42.

**Elders' and Pastor Report**—The Elders discussed youth activity that goes on in the back of the church during the service and managing of the soundboard. The first confirmation class for this year went well. Parents and students were informed of what would be expected as far as sermon notes, church and Sunday school attendance. Pastor has requested that an elder be in attendance at each class.

**School Board**- Current enrollment is at 27 from K-5th and 8 in preschool. Checkbook balance at the last meeting was: \$23,000.89. We will be taking up a collection for the CROSS appeal on Holy Cross Sunday, Sept. 14th. We went over the results of Rev. Steven Breitbarth's visit. He came to consult us on security and lockdown procedures. He recommended speakers be installed in the bathrooms, hallways, and overflow area and some new blinds for better coverage of some of the outside windows in the classrooms. The church and school will be hosting two presentations by Creation Scientist, Brian Young on Wed. Oct. 15th. The first will be for our school and two other Lutheran schools who were invited, beginning at 12:30pm. A second, public presentation will be that evening at 6pm. The school will provide a pizza dinner before the program. Thrivent has donated \$250 towards the purchase of additional woodchips for the playground. Those have been ordered. The school hired Laura Palmquist as an after school care attendant and the rest of the staff is taking turns being the second person for before and after school care as required by our insurance. Shelving for the school trophies is being discussed.

**Trustee Report:** Loren reported that someone has volunteered to seal the cracks in our parking lot.

**Youth Group Report:** Andrew Jacobson reported that the first high school youth night went well. There were 8 youth in attendance and they decided to meet regularly on the first and third Sundays.

**Old Business-** Sidewalk repair at the parsonage – no new information. Repairs were made at the Teacherage including new doors. Windows and faceboards under gutters should be looked into.

**New Business-** Adam read an email from Susan Morse asking for use of the gym for walking. Her request was for three days from 7-8pm. We discussed whether she would need a key or not and the consensus is that we don't want to give out any more keys than is necessary. Also we wondered if she meant 7-8am. Adam will be calling her for clarification.

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Doors for the entry way. Adam got a report that they are almost done. Dave Moss did up some architectural drawings on an over hang for the entryway. Adam had found out from Isanti county that because of the distance of our building from the street, we would need to apply for a variance to construct an over hang. The application fee for this is \$500 and is non refundable whether it is approved or not. Motion was made, seconded and passed to bring this to the Voters in October.

Adam and Bob got together and cleaned up one of the storage garages. We discussed tearing down the shed next to the dumpster. The reason for this is because it doesn't seem to be needed, is in poor condition and if it came down we could then use the cement padding for our three propane tanks. One of the tanks is sinking into the ground and needs to be lifted. This item will be brought to the Voters.

Bob did some work on outlets in the kitchen that were not working and is looking into more failed ones. We discussed replacing some of the countertops in the kitchen. Bob will do some research on material for this.

The October Voters' meeting will be held on Sunday, Oct. 26th after church. The Elders and Council will meet on Monday, Oct. 20th.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:19pm.

submitted by,

Mary Cralley

(for Carol Bray, Secretary)

### LWML Meeting Minutes of September 4, 2014

Our LWML September meeting was held on Sept. 4, 2014. Pastor Dandy led us in Bible study on Proverbs 21. This is a study of Jesus being the bride of the church

Oriet began the business meeting by telling us about Mercy Kits that we could make, about adopting a seminary student. We decided to wait until after our church dinner to decide about this.

Janet Hasbargen, our public relations person on our district LWML board would like to come and speak to us sometime.

We began to discuss our dinner to be held on Oct. 12th, 2014. Some things we talked about changing; 1) cut down on buns that we buy (75 dozen), 2) buy less croutons, 3) buy less turkeys (30). We decided this because we had so much food left over. We could make our own placemats used for the dinner.

Donna Schleif, Secretary

# Crown Christian School

The start of the new school year has gone well. Teachers and students have been very busy getting to know each other as our grade breakdowns are different and we have some new students who are fitting in nicely. Mrs. LaVoie is teaching the third through fifth grades. Mrs. Beeuwsaert is teaching first through second grade as well as kindergarten in the afternoons. And Mrs. Schutte, along with her principal duties, is teaching kindergarten in the mornings and music with all grades once a week. Vicki Whittlef is again this year helping us out with the library.

We appreciate the many ways Zion church members and friends help support our school. Our Walk-a-thon is coming up on Oct. 3rd. Our goal is to raise \$2500 but Pastor has vowed to shave his head if we raise \$3000. Many of our students are really striving to reach that goal and you will know when you see Pastor Dandy in October if we succeeded!

Our school continues to collect food labels, boxtops, used print cartridges, Coborn's receipts, etc.. And our biggest fund raiser is Scrip. **Thank you to everyone who has send these in to our school.**



Scrip is "Shopping Cart" fundraising for our school. We receive a percentage of your purchase, you receive the full value or the gift cards. Order these and many more from ShopwithScrip.com. Our School's code is: 7AEL1LL822519 or see Jan Carlson or Rachel Schutte to put in an order for you.



# Zion Lutheran Church of Crown

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## Turkey Dinner & Crafts Sale



**Sunday, Oct. 12th 11:30-2:00**

**Adults \$10.00**  
**4 - 12 \$5.00**  
**3 and under free**

*Served family style*



**Sunday Worship Service**

**9:00am**

**Rev. Jacob Dandy, Pastor**



Brian Young is a nationally known speaker, author of several books, and founder of Creation Instruction Association. Before that he was a high school teacher and principal. He has written for various magazines and journals. He currently speaks on creation vs. evolution, as well as scientific creation as a foundation for good science, theology and moral living.

**have you ever WONDERED?**

- \*What about Carbon dating?
- \*How could people live to be 900 years old?
- \*Did dinosaurs live with man?
- \*Where did Cain get his wife?
- \*What about Cave men & the Bible?
- \*How can we raise our children in today's society?

*Come hear the answer to these questions and others!*

**Wednesday, Oct. 15th 6:00pm**

**Pizza dinner served before the presentation.**

**No charge - however, free will offering will be taken.**

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# October Birthdays and Anniversaries

Bernice Babb	4	
Kristopher Peterson	4	
Ryan Springer	4	
Duane Broten	5	
Karen Olson	6	
Steve Johnson	7	
Kenneth Springer	7	
Thomas Stoeckel	8	
Elise Berry	9	
Alan & Ann Stifter	10	Anniversary
Nik Whittlef	11	
Diane Anderson	11	
Kelly Johnson	12	
Lorraine Daudt	12	
Michele Haas	12	
Rachel Saice	14	
James Wagner	14	
Jennifer Cralley	14	
Tom & Maryann Stoeckel	15	Anniversary
Beatrice Johnson	15	
Janice Carlson	17	
Paul Hass	17	
Danielle Pointner	17	
Claudia Wagner	19	
Taylor Schmahl	18	
Pat Hass	20	
David Springer	20	
Mari Luukkonen	22	
Steven Morse	23	
Alayna Baetke	24	
Jack & Cindy Sjurseth	24	Anniversary
Joe & Oriet Diamond	26	Anniversary
Joyce Olene	30	
Mildred Schumacher	30	
Sue Morse	30	
Savhanna Berger	31	

# October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Elders: Al Stifter and Jim Wagner Greeters: Morse Family Altar Guild: Jan Carlson Head Usher: Darren Jorgenson			1 8:45am Schl Chapel 10am: Bible Study	2  LWML Meeting 7pm	3	4
5 Worship Service 9am Communion Sun. School & Bible Study HS. Youth 6pm	6	7 Mens' Lunch at Captains 12:00 noon	8 8:45am Schl Chapel 10am: Bible Study Confirmation Class	9	10	11
12 Worship Service 9am  Turkey Dinner	13	14  Schl Brd Meeting 6:30	15 8:45am Schl Chapel 10am: Bible Study Brian Young 12:30 and 6pm	16  <b>No School</b>	17	18
19 Worship Service 9am Communion Sun. Schl and Bible Study HS. Youth 6pm	20  Elders 6pm Council 7pm	21	22 8:45am Schl Chapel 10am: Bible Study Confirmation Class	23	24	25
26 Worship Service 9am Sun. Schl and Voters Meeting 10:15am	27	28  SS Staff Meeting 6:30pm	29	30	31  <b>Reformation</b>	