

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee

Minutes from February 18, 2020 at MCLC

Attendees- Valerie Patscheck, Dan Nelson & Henry Moraga. Beverly Rueckert was not present.

MCLC Mission Statement- Rooted in God's grace to joyfully witness and serve
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Call to Order- 7:02 p.m.

Devotion- Dan

Naming Bright Spots/ Caring Conversations- Anything good?

Approval of the January meeting minutes recorded by Henry

Evaluation of Recent Events

Valentines Day Hospitality- Feb 9

- Any Improvements for next year? Went very well.
- Lead: All

Progress on Future Events

Lenten Soup Suppers- Mar. 4 - Apr. 1

- Hosting spots have been filled and a sample soup sign-up sheet guide and floor plan suggestion has been distributed to the leaders:
 - Mar. 4: Fellowship Committee & Welcoming Team (Val)
 - Dan will bring split pea and ham
 - Val will bring Minnesota wild rice
 - Hen will bring Chili
 - Mar. 11: Caring Committee & Stewardship (Susan Prosser)
 - Mar. 18: Service & Missions: (Gordon Henry)
 - Mar. 25: Alter Guild (Carol Broderick)
 - Apr. 1: Confirmation Class (Joe Zimmerly)
- Hosting teams have the option to use disposable or washable dinnerware
- Fellowship will have a card table on the patio where individuals can sign up to help hosting tams out starting this coming Sunday, Feb 23
- A gray tub will be stocked on the bottom shelf of the fridge with PB&J, sandwich bread, biodegradable dinnerware, and copies of the guide with the PLC floorpan. Butter will be in the fridge and ice will be in the freezer.
- Lead: All

St. Patricks Day Hospitality(3/17)- Mar. 15

- Val will bring cookies and cupcakes, decor, sandpaper goods
- Dan will bring Limeade and music
- Hen will bring green grapes and a cracker, cheese, & basil tray
- Lead: Val

Earth Day Hospitality(1/22)- Apr. 19

- Val has decor and biodegradable paper goods, will also bring her "dirt cake"

- Lead: Val

Bowling at Harley's- Sunday afternoon moved to May

- Lead: Hen Mother's Day Hospitality- May 10
- Lead: Henry

Father's Day Hospitality- Jun 21

- Lead: TBD

Birthday Bash-Oct. 18

- Date finally set!!!
- will need to check with time & talent sheet for help
- Lead: TBD

Next Meeting

Scheduled for Tuesday, Mar. 24th, 4th Tuesday beginning at 7pm at Val's house, MCLC
Chair- Valerie, Minutes- Henry, Devotions- Dan the Devotion Man

Closing Prayer- Dan

Adjourn- 7:31 p.m.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee

Minutes from September 24, 2019 at MCLC

Attendees- Valerie Patscheck, Dan Nelson, Beverly Rueckert, & Henry Moraga

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Call to Order- 7:00 p.m.

Devotion- Dan the Devotion Man

Naming Bright Spots/ Caring Conversations- What was your thoughtful, good deed for today?

Approval of the July meeting minutes recorded by Henry

Evaluation of Recent Events

Sheri's Farewell on Hawaii's Statehood Hospitality- Aug 18

- Susan P. & hutch Council arranged for the gift, card, and fruit with Angel food cake
- Hospitality Brunch including:
 - Sliders with pulled pork
 - Hawaiian punch
 - Fresh fruit; pineapple cubes
- Lead: Dan

International Peace Day Hospitality-Sep 15

- Casual occasion with fruit, crackers, & cream cheese, yummy cookies, & orange punch
- Bev brought cookies
- Kids all over the place in the kitchen making it difficult for Hospitality to clean up

Progress on Future Events

Octoberfest Hospitality- Oct 6

- Bev will bring Martin Luther cut out, decorations, cookies or apple strudel pastries
- Val will bring pretzel dogs and mustard
- Dan will bring the music
- Hen will bring the rooster and help with setup/ breakdown
- Will need to check for napkins, plates, & cups
- Remember that we are back down to two services 8:30 & 10am
- Lead: Bev

Birthday Bash!- Saturday, Oct 26 at Mt. Cross (will postpone to a later date)

- Potluck supper
- Dan: Make-a-Wish, office in CASA building
- Will need to hire the clean up crew to use the Preschool room
- Lead: Val

Veteran's Day Hospitality- Nov 10

- Put something in the bulletin and grapevine about people bringing photos for the day
- Lead: Dan

Pie Social- Wednesday before Thanksgiving, Nov. 27 at Mt. Cross

- No sign-ups necessary but contact info to be provided
- Decorations at Mt. Cross
- Notices to be submitted to Grapevine, newsletters, & bulletins
- Lead: Henry

Communal Christmas Greeting Board- Dec.2-30

- Val will have board decorated
- Notices to be submitted to Grapevine, newsletters, and bulletins
- Lead: Val

Christmas Concert Dessert Reception- Dec 15, 7pm

- Notice will be placed in Grapevine, newsletters and bulletins
- No sign-ups necessary but contact info will be provided
- Sunday Hospitality
- Lead: TBD

National Fruitcake Day Hospitality- Dec 29

Bowling- Jan?

Unfinished Business

New Business

- Nov 3- Pastor Julie's official installation headed by the Call Committee
- Budget due Oct 31st

Next Meeting

Scheduled for Tuesday, Oct 29, 4th Tuesday beginning at 7pm in the office, MCLC

Next meeting now changed to Nov. 12th at 7pm in the office

Chair- Valerie, Minutes- Henry, Devotions- Dan the Devotion Man

Closing Prayer- Dan

Adjourn- 7:36 p.m.

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Call to Order- 7:00 p.m.

Devotion- Dan the Devotion Man

Naming Bright Spots/ Caring Conversations- Recent wonderful Mt. Cross experience

Approval of the June meeting minutes recorded by Henry

Evaluation of Recent Events

Summer Fruit Bounty Hospitality- Jul 14

- Plenty of Snacks and drinks for everyone. Delicious!
- Lead: Val

Progress on Future Events

Hospitality & Events- Jul-Dec 2019

- Aug 18 - Sheri Send Off & Hawaiian Statehood Day (8/16)
 - Hen will bring Kahlua pork
 - Dan will provide Hawaiian decor
 - Val will bring slider rolls and paper goods
 - Bev will bring chopped pineapple and Hawaiian Punch\
 - Council has a cake & more
 - Lead: Everyone
- Sep 15 - International Peace Day (9/21); Lead: Val & Hen
- Oct 6 - Oktoberfest (9/21-10/6); Lead: Bev
- Nov 10 - Veteran's Day (11/11); Lead: Dan
- Dec 29 - National Fruitcake Day (12/27); Lead: Bev

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- Lead: Val

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- Decorations at Mt. Cross
- Notices to be submitted to Grapevine, newsletters, & bulletins
- Lead: Henry

Communal Christmas Greeting Board- Dec.2-30

- Val will have board decorated
- Notices to be submitted to Grapevine, newsletters, and bulletins
- Lead: Val

Christmas Concert Dessert Reception- Dec 8? 1st or 2nd weekend in December

- Notice will be placed in Grapevine, newsletters and bulletins
- No sign-ups necessary but contact info will be provided
- Sunday Hospitality
- Lead: TBD

Unfinished Business

New Business

- Pastor Julie's Welcome Hospitality- ? (Her first day is Aug. 1, first service Aug. 4)

Next Meeting

Scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 27th, 4th Tuesday beginning at 7pm in Meredith's office, MCLC
 Chair- Valerie, Minutes- Henry, Devotions- Dan the Devotion Man

Closing Prayer- Dan

Adjourn- 7:42 p.m.

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Minutes from January 22, 2019 at MCLC

Attendees- Valerie Patscheck, Dan Nelson & Henry Moraga, Beverly Rueckert was not present.

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Call to Order- 7:03 p.m.

Devotion- Dan the Devotion Man

Naming Bright Spots/ Caring Conversations- Who's your favorite to win the Super Bowl?

Approval of the November meeting minutes recorded by Henry

Evaluation of Recent Events

Communal Christmas Greeting Board- Dec. 2-30

- Pastor Jim mentioned that the rolling board might be tossed this year so will need to find another place to put the cards next year

- Lead: Val

Christmas Concert Reception- Dec. 16, 6pm at Mount Cross

- Time changed from 7pm to 6pm due to the children being involved in the program
- With funds left in the Fellowship budget, a sandwich bar with chips and fruit was provided before the concert for performers and ??; leftovers were donated to the Youth Group
- Dessert potluck was very successful; next year we'll be able to use the patio as well
- No sign-ups necessary but contact info will be provided
- Suggested to Jayne P that we go back to having the concert between services; she agreed
- Lead: Dan & Val

Progress on Future Events

Annual Church Meeting & Potluck- Jan 27, 4pm at Mount Cross

- Sign-ups started at the Church Council meeting on Jan 8 to give members 1st chance
- Further sign-ups were solicited during Hospitality on Jan 20
- Food dishes can be brought to the church as early as the morning of the meeting
- A reminder notice will go out via email and in Friday's Newsletter this week
- Val will contact Denise and/ or Susan if help is needed for setup
- T & T:
- Lead: Val

Hospitality Possibilities- Feb-Dec 2019

- Feb 10 - Valentines Day (2/14); Lead: Bev?
- Mar 3 - Mardi Gras; Lead: Hen
- Apr 14 - Palm Sunday (earth Day Theme [4/22]); Lead: Val
- May 12 - Mother's Day (5/12); Lead: Hen
- Jun 16 - Father's Day (6/16); Lead: Dan
- Jul 14 - Celebrating Summer Fruit Bounty; Lead: TBD
- Aug 18 - Hawaiian Statehood Day (8/16); Lead: TBD
- Sep 15 - International Peace Day (9/21); Lead: TBD
- Oct 6 - Oktoberfest (9/21-10/6); Lead: TBD
- Nov 10 - Veteran's Day (11/11); Lead: TBD
- Dec 29 - National Fruitcake Day (12/27); Lead: TBD

Skyway Playhouse; "As You Like It" (Shakespeare)- Feb 8 - Mar 10

- Feb 17 Sunday matinee followed by supper at 7pm at Lure
- Prepaid tickets will go on sale on Jan 27; notices in Feb Grapevine, newsletters, & bulletins
- Group rate tickets will be sold @ \$10/ person (confirmed on 1/21 since prices for individual adult went up to \$20)
- T&T:
- Lead: Val & Bev

Lenten Soup Suppers- Mar. 13- Apr. 10 (Between Ash Wednesday, Mar. 6 and Easter Sunday, Apr. 18)

- Sign-ups will begin on Feb 24 on the patio
- Rick Mann is donating biodegradable/ disposable bamboo bowls for the entire season!
- Henry will write a Thank you to Mr. Mann
- T & T:
- Lead: Fellowship

Unfinished Business

- 2019 Fellowship budget was approved as submitted in October with decreases to previous years eliminating unspent funds

New Business

- **IMPORTANT!** Check Time & Talent sheet for members wanting to help out for specific events!! Will add additional bullet points in agenda & minutes next to Lead as a reminder to check T & T for members wanting to be involved
- Bring back Birthday Bash! - Possibly Sunday, Oct 27 Potluck dinner with Make-a-Wish with maybe an invitation for one of the children to join the event
- Create a Fellowship Team sign-up sheet to bring to all events where the congregation can join the team or just help out with any specific event

Next Meeting

Scheduled for Tuesday, February 26, 4th Tuesday beginning at 7pm in Meredith's office, MCLC
Chair- Valerie, Minutes- Henry, Devotions- Dan the Devotion Man

Closing Prayer- Hen

Adjourn- 7:39 p.m.

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Call to Order- 6:57 p.m.

Devotion- Dan the Devotion Man

Naming Bright Spots/ Caring Conversations- What's the good news?

Approval of the October meeting minutes recorded by Henry

Evaluation of Recent Events

Bowling Event- Nov. 4 at Harley's Camarillo Bowl ***Cancelled***

- \$100 deposit was refunded

Veteran's Day Hospitality- Nov. 11 at Mount Cross

- Val will be out of town but will leave materials with Bev
- Refreshments: leftover cookies and fruit flag from Hen
- Decorations: Val provided tablecloth and paper goods

- Lead: Bev

Thanksgiving Pie Social- Nov. 21 at Mount Cross

- No sign-ups necessary but contact info was provided
- Val provided paper goods, cups, and plates
- Decorations: at Mount Cross
- Meredith added a fleece quilt activity for CLU students affected by recent events
- Lead: Henry & Dan
- There were no families there just about 42 adults attended

Progress on Future Events

Communal Christmas Greeting Board- Dec.2-30

- Val will have board decorated
- Notices submitted to Grapevine, newsletters, and bulletins
- Lead: Val

Christmas Concert Dessert Reception- Dec 16, 6pm

- Time changed from 7 to 6pm due to the children being involved in the program
- With extra funds in Fellowship Budget maybe sandwiches/ roll-ups be provided before the event
- Dessert potluck
- Notice will be placed in Grapevine, newsletters and bulletins
- No sign-ups necessary but contact info will be provided
- Val will provide Holiday paper goods
- Set up tables, chairs, and cover tables at 4pm
- Suggest for next year that it be a single service and the concert be during the service in the morning.
- Lead: Val & Dan

Annual Church Meeting & Potluck- Jan. 27

Lenten Soup Suppers- Mar. 13- Apr. 10 (Between Ash Wednesday, Mar. 6 and Easter Sunday, Apr. 18)

Old Business

Skyway Playhouse in Jan. or Feb.

- 2019 schedule not out yet, as of Nov. 27
- Lead: Bev

New Business

- Val submitted 2019 Fellowship Budget by Oct. 31 as requested
- Other ideas for 2019 activities? (Check 2018 Time & Talent list)
- New Fellowship Chair?

Next Meeting

Scheduled for Tuesday, January 22nd the 4th Tuesday beginning at 7pm in Meredith's office.
Chair- Valerie, Minutes- Henry, Devotions- Dan the Devotion Man

Closing Prayer- Dan

Adjourn- 7:42 p.m.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee

Minutes from September 25, 2018 at MCLC

Attendees- Valerie Patscheck, Beverly Rueckert, Dan Nelson & Henry Moraga.

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Call to Order- 7:04 p.m.

Devotion- Dan the Devotion Man

Naming Bright Spots/ Caring Conversations- Any positive Influential experiences this week?

Approval of the August meeting minutes recorded by Henry

Evaluation of Recent Events

Blueberry Sunday- Sep 9 on the church patio

- Hen provided blueberry scones
- Bev brought lemon curd
- Val provided limeade with fresh blueberries and paper goods
- Chair: All

Annual Church Picnic- Aug 26 at Nancy Bush Park

- One service at 10am followed by annual picnic
- Hen helped the Henrys with setting up tables and chairs
- KFC chicken provided by Church Council
- Sign-ups for sides were coordinated by Fellowship
- Val lent Corn Hole and Ladder Golf games
- Some complaints were the uneven ground
- There were also much less people then previous Church Picnics probably due to many events going on in the community like Soccer tournaments.

Progress on Future Events

Lunch following MBC One Service- Sep 30 on the patio

- Fellowship will cut and serve the cake from MBC
- Drinks and lunch provided by the Council

Blueberry Sunday- Sep 9

- Blueberry scones provided by Hen
- Limeade, fresh blueberries, paper goods, and lemon curd provided by Val
- Chair: All

Bowling Event- Postponed again to either Nov 4 or 11 at Harley's Bowl

- Postponed due to school starting then from Fellowship members being unavailable
- \$100 deposit has been made
- Val will notify bowling alley of 2nd reschedule
- Cost to participants: \$12/ adult; \$10/ youth; \$35/ family max- includes rentals, unlimited soda, and 2 hours of bowling
- Balance to be paid from Fellowship offsite account
- Chair: Val

Veteran's Day Hospitality- Nov 11

- Dan to provide patriotic decorations
- Chair: Bev

Thanksgiving Day Pie Social- Nov 21

- Chair: Hen

Christmas Concert Dessert Reception- Dec 16

- Chair: Dan

Old Business

- Pavilion Ribbon Cutting Ceremony between services on Oct 28 possibly
 - Per Pastor Jim, he will conduct the dedication ceremony
 - Fellowship will provide Hospitality
 - Chair: Val

New Business

- Skyway Players in January
 - 2019 schedule not out yet as of 9/23. Val will keep checking website

Next Meeting

Scheduled for Tuesday, October 23d the 4th Tuesday beginning at 7pm in Meredith's office.
Chair- Valerie, Minutes- Henry, Devotions- Dan the Devotion Man

Closing Prayer- Dan

Adjourn- 7:51 p.m.

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Call to Order- 7:31 p.m.

Devotion- Valerie

Naming Bright Spots/ Caring Conversations- Your favorite aspect of the new school year starting?

Approval of the June meeting minutes recorded by Henry

Evaluation of Recent Events

July 4th Celebration & Mary's Farewell- Jul 1

- Cake provided by Mary
- Beverage: Hawaiian Punch
- Décor provided by Hen
- Val brought patriotic table cloth from storage
- Chair: All

Hawaiian Luau- Aug 5

- Delicious! Pineapple Upside Down Cake provided by Bev
- Lil' Smokies served on fancy toothpicks
- Hawaiian Punch left from last event
- Chair: Val

Progress on Future Events

Annual Church Picnic- Aug 26 at Nancy Bush Park

- One service at 10am followed by picnic
- Could use help with set-up and clean up (coordinate with Meredith)
- Gordon, Melissa, & Hen volunteered to haul tables and chairs (per Stan)
- KFC will be provided
- Val lending Corn hole and Ladder Golf games

Blueberry Sunday- Sep 9

- Blueberry scones provided by Hen
- Limeade, fresh blueberries, paper goods, and lemon curd provided by Val
- Chair: All

Bowling Event- Postponed to Oct 14 at Harley's Bowl

- Postponed due to craziness from school starting
- \$100 deposit has been made
- Signups to begin Sep 16
- Cost to participants: \$12/ adult; \$10/ youth; \$35/ family max- includes rentals, unlimited soda, and 2 hours of bowling
- Balance to be paid from Fellowship offsite account
- Chair: Val

Veteran's Day Hospitality- Nov 4

- Dan and Hen may provided decorations?
- Chair: Bev or Dan?

Thanksgiving Day Pie Social- Nov 21

- Chair: Hen

Christmas Concert Dessert Reception- Dec 2

- Chair: Dan?

Old Business

- Pavilion Ribbon Cutting Ceremony- date TBD
- Val will offer Counsel Pres. Brian that Fellowship can provide Hospitality

New Business

- Ideas for future activities?
- Bev suggests another play, maybe in January

Next Meeting

Scheduled for Tuesday, September 25th beginning promptly at 7pm at Meredith's office.
Chair- Valerie, Minutes- Henry, Devotions- Dan the Devotion Man

Closing Prayer- Val

Adjourn- 8:17 p.m.

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Minutes from June 26, 2018 at MCLC

Attendees- Valerie Patscheck, Beverly Rueckert, & Henry Moraga. Dan Nelson was not present

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Call to Order- 7:17p.m.

Approval of the May meeting minutes recorded by Hen

Evaluation of Recent Events

Mother's Day- May 13

- Angel food cake, pink lemonade, & strawberries
- Pink tablecloth with lace topper stored from last year
- Music by Dan
- No expenses claimed
- Chair: Henry

Memorial Day display- May 27

- The Prossers had already signed up for hospitality in the PLC. No refreshments needed from Fellowship
- Veteran photos were displayed outside sanctuary
- Notices for Veteran photos fan in the bulletin and newsletters
- Dan provided military detractions
- Val provided patriotic tablecloth
- Chair: Dan

Father's Day- June 17

- Mini pretzel dogs, Dad's rooter, leftover Earth Day paper goods
- Decorated with "Happy Father's Day" banner from last year
- Dan's music
- No expenses claimed
- Chair: Val

Progress on Future Events

4th of July & Mary's Farewell- July 1

- Mary Goodenough is picking up the cake that Mary Altshuller ordered, (requested a red, white, and blue scheme)
- Bev will bring Hawaiian punch to drink
- Décor provided by Dan and Henry
- Val will bring table cloth and paper goods
- Chair: All

Hawaiian Luau- July 15

- Bev will bring Hawaiian punch
- Val will bring 2 pineapple upside down cakes and maybe some pulled pork sandwiches in Hawaiian rolls which is cheaper than the spam sandwiches.
- Henry will be out of state and Dan will be leaving the next day

Peach Sunday- August 5

- Val can make cobbler

Blueberry Sunday- September 16

- Henry can make blueberry scones

Old Business

- Pavilion Ribbon Cutting Ceremony- date TBD, Val is working with the council
- Make Bake Celebrate scheduled for September 29

New Business

Summertime Bowling- August 19 from 1-3pm at Harley's in Camarillo

- Flyer info based on 50th celebration bowling in 2016- Pricing has gone up
- Available budget to supplement charging bowlers
- Harley's does not allow outside pizza because they now sell their own.
- Decided on the no food package at \$13.95 a person for 2 hours with bottomless sodas, and shoes provided and will offer attendees \$10 for children, \$12 for adults and \$35 for families
- Chair: Val

Annual Church Picnic- August 26 at 10am at Nancy Bush Park

- Val to help Meredith with planning and sign-ups
- Entrée last year was KFC but we suggest El Pollo Loco
- Fellowship to help Meredith with set-up and clean-up like last year
- Val lending Cornhole and Ladder Golf game

Next Meeting

Scheduled for Tuesday, August 21st beginning promptly at 7pm at Meredith's office.

Chair- Valerie, Minutes- Henry, Devotions- Dan the Devotion Man

Adjourn- 7:57 p.m.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee

Minutes from April 3, 2018 at MCLC

Attendees- Valerie Patscheck, Dan Nelson, Beverly Rueckert, & Henry Moraga.

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Call to Order- 7:02 p.m.

Devotion- Dan

Naming Bright Spots/ Caring Conversations- What good is going on?

Approval of the March meeting minutes recorded by Valerie

Evaluation of Recent Events

Lenten Soup Suppers- Feb.21 to Mar 21 in Parish Life Center

- A hosting guide with a room layout diagram was left out for the hosting group.
- Fellowship defrosted rolls from the freezer on Wednesday afternoon and provided ice
- Comments?
 - Add to the hosting guide: Responsibility of setup, moderating, and cleaning is on the hosts but a Fellowship member should be on hand throughout the event to help and guide.
 - \$78+ received in good will
- Chair: Valerie

Progress on Future Events

Fellowship has signed up to sponsor these Hospitality events:

- April 22- Earth Day; “Dirt Cake,” apple cider, and Gummy Worms brought by Valerie, Fruit Salad brought by Henry
 - Chair: Valerie
- May 13-Mother’s Day; Angel Food Cake something brought by Henry
 - Chair: Henry
- May 27- Memorial Day; decorations brought by Dan and asking of congregation to bring old Veteran photos.
 - Chair: Dan
- June 17-Father’s Day
 - Chair: Valerie
- July 1- 4th of July Celebration; decorations brought by Henry & Dan
 - Chair: Dan & Henry

“Sylvia”- April 15 at Camarillo Skyway Playhouse

- Group discount \$10/ea; ticket pre-sales on the patio began on March 25
- 14 tickets sold to date
- Dinner at Yolanda’s after matinee
- Chair: Beverly

Old Business

New Business

- Suggested Celebration for Phase two of the Pavilion, maybe a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Next Meeting

Scheduled for Tuesday, May 1st beginning promptly at 7pm at Meredith’s office.

Chair- Valerie, Minutes- Henry, Devotions- Dan the Devotion Man

Closing Prayer- Dan

Adjourn- 7:35 p.m.

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Call to Order- 7:04 p.m.

Devotion- Dan

Naming Bright Spots/Caring Conversations- What is YOUR bright spot this week?

Approval of the February meeting minutes recorded by Henry

Evaluation of Recent Events

Lenten Soup Suppers- Starting February 21 in the Parish Life Center

- Soup etc. sign-ups going well
- Fellowship hosted the 1st dinner and will assist those that host the others.
- Biodegradable cane/bamboo bowls ordered from Amazon for trial working well.
- Process guide with room layout is available for hosting groups
- Valerie setting out butter bowls, PB&J, and defrosted rolls/bread Wednesday afternoon.
- Chair: Valerie

Progress on Future Events

“Sylvia” at Camarillo Skyway Playhouse

- Sunday, April 15, 2:00 PM matinee
- Dinner gathering at Yolanda’s Mexican Café following the performance
- \$10/person admission at the group rate
- Tickets going on sale March 25
- Chair: Bev

Fellowship hosted Hospitality Events:

- April 22 – Earth Day Hospitality: “Dirt” Cake with Gummy worms, etc.
Chair: Valerie
- May 13 – Mother’s Day
- June 17 – Father’s Day
- July 1 – 4th of July Celebration
- August 5 –
- August 19 –
- September 16 –

Old Business

New Business

- Make, Bake, Celebrate (MBC) has been rescheduled to Sept. per Brian Edwards 3/4/18
- Fellowship will Bring Back the Birthday Bash in October 2018
- Change of Fellowship meeting dates moving from 2nd Thursday to the 1st Tuesday of the month starting in March. Sheri has been notified

Next Meeting

Scheduled for Tuesday, April 3 beginning promptly at 7pm at Meredith’s office.

Chair- Valerie, Minutes- Henry, Devotions- Dan the Devotion Man

Closing Prayer- Dan

Adjourn- 7:40 p.m.

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Devotion- Dan

Naming Bright Spots/Caring Conversations- What is your hope for Mount Cross in 2018?

Responses: Growth of the congregation, successful Pastoral search, and increase compassion outreach.

Approval of the January meeting minutes recorded by Valerie

Evaluation of Recent Events

2018 Congregational Meeting Potluck- Sunday, January 28 in Luther Hall

- Assisted Council with potluck sign-ups and setting tables.
- Council hired Meathead movers for table/ chair setup Saturday and take down on Sunday late afternoon.
- Chair: Valerie
- Suggestions discussed for next time:
 1. Upgraded hospitality or potluck following a combined service
 2. Keep 2 services but change 1:00 meeting/3:00 potluck, to 4:00 meeting/6:00 potluck

Progress on Future Events

Lenten Soup Suppers- Starting February 21 in the Parish Life Center

- Be there for setup by 5:15, to have things ready by 6pm.
- Soup etc. sign-ups to begin Feb. 11 on the patio.
- Fellowship will host the 1st dinner and assist those that host the others.
- Check pantry 1st- unopened jar of jelly in pantry from last year.
- 1st round bowls ordered for trial before purchasing more.
- Use placemats.
- Chair: Valerie

Old Business

- Hospitality Organizers- Robert & Cecilia for coffee; Janet Kesler to coordinate refreshments.
 - An announcement will appear in this week's newsletter.
- Next offsite event in the Spring- "Sylvia" at Camarillo Skyway Playhouse?
 - Cost: Adults \$20ea; Seniors \$15ea; Group discount \$10ea.
 - Sunday, April 15 would land between Easter on 4/1 and MBC on 5/5.
 - Valerie emailed the Playhouse to find out when tickets go on sale.
 - Dinner at Yolanda's after matinee?
 - Chair: Beverly
- Valerie verbally added the following future activities she omitted in the agenda but that were suggested in the previous meeting:
 - Hospitality events for Mother's Day, Father's Day, various summer-theme dates
 - Game Night (e.g. Bowling, Bunco, Bingo, etc.) – July (1st choice was bowling)
 - Coffeehouse/Talent Show – September

- Bringing Back the Birthday Bash! – late October

New Business

- Church Council Report.
 - May change liaison for 2018 at tonight's Executive Meeting.
 - See bulletins for new board
- Change of Fellowship meeting dates.
 - Move from second Thursday to the first Tuesday of the month starting in April.

Next Meeting

Scheduled for Tuesday, March 13 beginning promptly at 7pm at Meredith's office.
Chair- Valerie, Minutes- Henry, Devotions- Dan the Devotion Man

Closing Prayer- Dan

Adjourn- 7:51 p.m.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee

Minutes from October 12, 2017 at MCLC

Attendees- Valerie Patscheck, Dan Nelson, Beverly Rueckert, & Henry Moraga.
Members Meredith Gardner & Karen Nelson were not present.

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Call to Order- 7:07 p.m.

Devotion- Dan

Naming Bright Spots/Caring Conversations- Do you have a favorite memory with Pastor John?

Approval of the September meeting minutes recorded by Henry

Evaluation of Recent Events

Rally Day- Sunday, September 17 in Luther Hall

- Shared our table with Caring Committee
- Tri-fold display with photos of past events
- Soup pot & ladle for table prop
- Henry provided survey cards for guest to write-in future event ideas (see below)
- comments?

Progress on Future Events

New Members Welcome Hospitality- Sunday, October 22 in the Parish Life Center

- Dan will order and pick up a sheet cake from Costco
- Apple cider to drink
- Paper goods on hand
- Chair: Dan

Pie Social- Wednesday, November 22 in the Parish Life Center

- Notice will be posted starting in the November Grapevine and church bulletins starting
- No sign-ups, simply encourage attendees to bring a pie??

- Apple cider and ice water to drink
- Set up and take down
- Chair: Henry

Christmas Concert Dessert Reception, December 3 in the Parish Life Center

- Notice posted in November Grapevine and church bulletins
- Those bringing desserts to share to contact Dan
- Chair: Dan

Holiday Greeting Card Wall- Starting Sunday, November 25

- Valerie has decorations and basket from last year
- Notice will be placed in the church bulletin and December *Grapevine*

Fellowship Christmas Gathering- December 3, 2pm at Mary's House

- Possible conflict with the date, may change to that Saturday or Sunday, will finalize at the next meeting.
- Bring a treat to share

Old Business

New event, Food With Friends- September 16 at the Patscheck home

- Greek theme- every household brought a side dish
- Very pleasant evening with a wide range of friends to get to know better (Swindles, Scott & Meredith, Mary A., Mary G., Patscheck, & Morgans)
- Mardi Gras theme in February?
- Continue 3-4 times a year?

New Business

- Next Off-site event- Symphony matinee performances in Oxnard
 - Variety of dates and performers
 - Pricing: \$120 - \$30 (Orchestra is \$66, Mezzanine is \$54, etc)
 - Jesus Christ Superstar tickets were \$60.50/ea
 - A date after Christmas when people are not as busy would be best
 - Block off seats for 10-12 people, even split into two rows
- Comments from Rally Day cards:
 - Bring back birthday dinners
 - Maybe in the Spring instead of October
 - The event was named Birthday Bash
 - Bus load to Hollywood Bowl
 - Shows at Oxnard or Santa Barbara would be closer and easier
 - See a play together at the theatre: Rubicon, Simi Theatre, Theatre by the Camarillo Airport
 - Love the Coffee House, where is the Talent Show?
 - Kudos to the Committee and all you do
 - Hiking trip
 - All Church Events
 - Birthday Bash
 - Intergenerational events at church
 - Chili Cook-off and/ or while watching football
 - Maybe during the Super Bowl or a Championship event
 - Dodger Stadium trip
 - Trip to Ramona Pageant in Hemet or PCPA in Santa Maria
- Church Council report- Stan (None- busy with Interim Pastor search)

Next Meeting

Scheduled for Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Patscheck's home
Chair- Valerie, Minutes- Henry, Devotions- Dan the Devotion Man

Closing Prayer- Dan

Adjourn- 7:59 p.m.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee

Minutes from September 14, 2017 at the Altshuller home

Attendees- Valerie Patscheck, Dan Nelson, Beverly Rueckert, & Henry Moraga.

Guest- Mary Altshuller

Members Meredith Gardner, Karen Nelson were not present.

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Call to Order- 7:02 p.m.

Devotion- Dan

Naming Bright Spots/Caring Conversations- Positive stories in the wake of disasters. What went on during the Caring Meeting?

Approval of the August meeting minutes recorded by Henry

Evaluation of Recent Events

Summer Fruit Day- Sunday, August 13 in the Parish Life Center

- Refreshments: Coffee, blueberry muffins, cranberry scones from Sprouts, fruit kabobs, strawberries, grapes, lemon bites
- Decor: Red & white checkered plates and napkins, red tablecloths
- Notification: Notice was posted in the Friday newsletter
- Cost: Beverly took care of it.
- Chairs: Beverly
- Comments? Perfect for summertime, refreshing. Valerie took some pictures.

Progress on Future Events

Rally Day- Sunday, September 17 in Luther Hall

- Valerie reserved a table and we'll share with the Caring Group
- Any photos for the board display are welcome
- Soup pot & ladle for table prop, costume themes from past events welcome
- Henry will print out survey cards for guests to write in future event ideas
- Valerie will be hosting the Hospitality table
- Anyone willing and able can be at the church between 8-8:15 am

New Members Welcome Hospitality- Sunday, October 22 in the Parish Life Center

- Karen and/or Dan will order and pick up a cake from Costco
- Apple cider to drink from Dan's house inventory
- Paper goods supplied from Valerie's hall closet
- Chair: Dan

Pie Social- Wednesday, November 22 in the Parish Life Center

- Notification?

- No sign-ups, just ads in the bulletin and *The Grapevine*
- Apple cider and water to drink
- Setup and take down
- Chair: Henry

Old Business

Schedule and planning for Food with Friends - Chair: Val

- First occasion will be at the Patscheck home
- Sat., September 16 at 5:30 p.m.
- Sign-ups for 10-12 people will be available on the patio starting August 20
- Theme: Greek potluck
- Not required for the committee members to attend

New Business

- Mary has graciously invited the Fellowship Committee to her home for a **Christmas Party** to be held on December 3, 2pm. Thank you!
- Church Council Report- Stan (not present to report)
- Pastor John's Farewell- November 4 (His last Sunday is the 5th) – not a Fellowship event
 - To be held at the Center for Spiritual Living, 340 Mobil Ave.
 - Planning meeting will be set up sometime next week
 - The ladies who led the 50th Anniversary and Pastor Eric's Going Away will help kick- start the event
 - Suggestions for a gift
 - Safari theme?
- Suggestion for Fellowship Off-site events/activities:
 - Bev suggested starting a spontaneous fellowship invitation, e.g. "Meet Me at McDonald's for Coffee or a Cone"
 - Conductor at the Oxnard and T.O. theaters

Next Meeting

Scheduled for Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Meredith's office
 Chair- Valerie, Minutes- Henry, Devotions- Dan the Devotion Man

Closing Prayer- Dan

Adjourn- 8:04 p.m.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee

Minutes from August 10, 2017 at Meredith's Office

Attendees- Valerie Patscheck, Stan Patscheck, Beverly Rueckert, & Henry Moraga.

Guests- Mary Altshuller & Stan Patscheck.

Members Meredith Gardner, Dan Nelson, and Karen Nelson were not present.

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Call to Order- 7:15

Devotion- Henry

Naming Bright Spots/Caring Conversations- What is your favorite event or exhibit at the fair?

Approval of the April meeting minutes recorded by Valerie

Evaluation of Recent Events

Hawaii Day- Sunday, July 16 on the patio

- Refreshments: Coffee, pineapple upside down cake, and Spam sliders
- Decor: Nelson collection and vinyl tablecloth stored for re-use
- Cost: \$7 for tablecloths and Dan will advise other costs
- Chairs: Dan & Karen
- Comments? Very festive and successful event!

Promote MC BYOP (picnic) for Community Band Concert at 7:00 on July 27

- Comments: Pastor played Clarinet, about 20 people from MC attended

Progress on Future Events

Summer Fruit Day- Sunday, August 13 on the patio

- Refreshments: coffee, fruit kabobs by Bev, blueberry muffins by Val
- Decor: Bev brought paper goods
- Notification: Notice will be in the Friday Newsletter
- Estimated cost?
- Chair: Bev

Old Business

- Schedule and planning for:
 - Talent Show- Chair: Dan
 - Interest survey is being distributed in August
 - Date TBD
 - Pairs & Spares dinner- Chair: Val
 - First occasion will be at the Patscheck home
 - Name suggestions: Meal in the Upper Room, Dinner at Tiffany's, Food with Friends
 - Sat., September 16 at 5:30 p.m.
 - Sign-ups for 10-12 people will be available on the patio starting August 20
 - Theme: potluck
 - Not required for the committee members to attend
- Other off-site activities: Further discussion next month

New Business

- Potential Farewell celebration for Pastor John
 - 11/5 will be his last Sunday
 - feelers are out and Fellowship will offer to be involved
- Any items to submit for the September Grapevine (deadline: Thurs, 8/17) None mentioned
- Church Council Report- Stan
 - Reg Schultz, Bishop Assistant, presented materials and procedures to Church Council regarding the initiation of a new pastor search

- Meredith has submitted a proposal for reorganizing her job description in view of a new pastor search/hire and her desire to serve members and families of the church.

Next Meeting

Scheduled for Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Meredith's office
Chair- Valerie, Minutes- Henry, Devotions- Dan

Closing Prayer- Henry

Adjourn- 8:10 p.m.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee

Minutes from July, 2017 at Meredith's Office

Attendees- Valerie Patscheck, Beverly Rueckert, Karen and Dan Nelson. Henry Moraga was not present.

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Call to Order- 7:06 PM

Devotion- Dan

Naming Bright Spots/Caring Conversations- How are you beating the heat?

Approval of the June meeting minutes recorded by Valerie

Evaluation of Recent Events

- Father's Day – Sunday, June 18 on the Patio
 - Refreshments: Coffee, Dad's root beer, mini pretzel dogs, and chocolate beer cake.
 - Purchased 15 plastic bottles of root beer for best pricing. Extra will be stored for next year.
 - Valerie will make the cake and pick up the Pretzel Dogs. Ice already on hand.
 - Décor: Neck ties, Happy Father's Day banner stored for future use
 - Cost: Approx. \$72 includes root beer and banner for future use.
 - Chair: Valerie
 - Comments: Event was well received and went smoothly

Progress of Future Events

- Hawaii Day – Sunday, July 16 on the Patio
 - Refreshments: Coffee, Spam sliders, pineapple upside down cake.
 - Décor: Hawaiian decorations from the Nelson collection & vinyl tablecloth to go into storage for next year
 - Notification: Dan & Valerie will submit notification in the church bulletin
 - Est. Cost: ??
 - Chairs: Dan & Karen
- Summer Fruit Day – Sunday, August 13 on the Patio – to be discussed at the August meeting
 - Refreshments: Coffee, refreshments featuring a variety of fruits
 - Décor:
 - Est. Cost:

- Chair: Beverly
- Pairs & Spares dinner – Saturday, September 16 at the Patscheck home
 - Sign-ups for 10-12 people will be on the patio toward the end of August.
 - Chair: Valerie

Old Business

- Schedule and planning for:
 - Promote MC BYOP (picnic) for Community Concert at 7:00 on July 27
 - Valerie will place announcement in the various publications after July 17
 - Talent Show – Dan
 - A survey to gauge interest level will be placed in the weekly Grapevine in August.
 - Cook-off event to be deferred for possible reconsideration at a later time.
 - Other off-site activities – to be discussed at a later time.

New Business

- Church Council Report- Stan not in attendance

Next Meeting

Scheduled for Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 7PM in Meredith's office

Chair- Valerie, Minutes- Henry, Devotions- Dan

Closing Prayer- Dan

Adjourn- 8:35 PM

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee

Minutes from June 15, 2017 at Meredith's Office

Attendees- Valerie Patscheck, Stan Patscheck, Beverly Rueckert, and Dan Nelson. Henry Moraga, Karen Nelson, and Meredith Gardner were not present.

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Call to Order- 6:07 PM

Devotion- Dan

Naming Bright Spots/Caring Conversations- Favorite memories shared with Dear Old Dad

Approval of the May meeting minutes recorded by Henry

Evaluation of Recent Events

- Mother's Day hospitality – Sunday, May 14 on the Patio
 - Carnations provided by the Office from the church budget. Henry & Twila helped the ushers distribute.
 - Refreshments:
 - Coffee and Pink lemonade; fresh strawberries (donated by Henry) & tea cakes topped with cream cheese and Peach Amaretto or Strawberry jam.

- Leftover lemonade and strawberries were donated for the CDC kids with many thanks from the CDC staff.
- Décor:
 - Pink paper tablecloth, lace table overlay & floral print napkins will go into Fellowship Décor box for future use.
 - Spring carnations for the table donated by Bev.
- Cost: \$35.81 reimbursed to Valerie for jams and décor items
- Chair: Valerie
- Newcomers Welcome Hospitality – Sunday, June 11 on the patio (formerly a Welcome Committee activity)
 - Refreshments:
 - ½ sheet cake from Costco ordered and picked up by Dan & Karen. Valerie provided punch.
 - Cost: Approx. \$18.00 provided by the Nelsons

Progress of Future Events

- Father's Day – Sunday, June 18 on the Patio
 - Refreshments: Coffee, Dad's root beer, mini pretzel dogs, and chocolate beer cake.
 - Purchased 15 plastic bottles of root beer for best pricing. Extra will be stored for next year.
 - Valerie will make the cake and pick up the Pretzel Dogs. Ice already on hand.
 - Décor: Neck ties, Happy Father's Day banner that will be stored for future use
 - Notification: Valerie submitted announcement for June Grapevine, church bulletins, and weekly newsletters
 - Cost:
 - Chair: Valerie
- Hawaii Day – Sunday, July 16 on the Patio
 - Refreshments: Coffee, Spam sliders, pineapple, etc.
 - Décor: Hawaiian decorations from the Nelson collection
 - Notification: Dan & Valerie will submit notification in the church bulletin
 - Est. Cost:
 - Chairs: Dan & Karen
- Summer Fruit Day – Sunday, August 13 on the Patio – to be discussed at the July meeting
 - Refreshments: Coffee, _____
 - Décor:
 - Notification:
 - Est. Cost:
 - Chair: Beverly

Old Business

- Schedule and planning for:
 - Promote MC BYOP (picnic) for Community Concert at 7:30 on July 27
 - Valerie will place announcement in the various publications after July 17
 - Talent Show – Dan
 - Target October. Dan will send out a survey to gauge interest level in August.
 - (Summer Cook-Off) – Henry
 - To be discussed at a later time.

- Pairs & Spares dinner – Valerie
 - Will schedule for September. More discussion to follow.
- Other off-site activities – to be discussed at a later time.

New Business

- Church Council Report- Stan
 - No further news since June 4 Congregational Meeting
- Meredith Gardner asked Fellowship if we planned to organize an off-site event for Lutheran night at the Dodger Stadium in August. Committee decided that we have enough activities planned for the summer and that this could possibly be handled by the Church office.

Next Meeting

Scheduled for Thursday, July 13, 2017 at 7PM at the Patscheck residence
 Chair- Valerie, Minutes- Henry, Devotions- Dan

Closing Prayer- Dan

Adjourn- 6:45 PM

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee

Minutes from April 13, 2017 at Meredith's Office

Attendees- Dan Nelson, Valerie Patscheck, Beverly Rueckert, & Henry Moraga.
 Members Meredith Gardner, and Karen Nelson were not present.

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Call to Order- 6:00

Devotion- Dan

Naming Bright Spots/Caring Conversations- What occasion or event are you looking forward to?

Approval of the January meeting minutes recorded by Henry

Discussion

MCLC Visioning for 2017- Results from MCLC Council & Committee Kick-Off in January (All ideas below have been typed exactly as they were submitted individually and sorted into committees as best as possible).

- Talent show- Valerie will get a calendar to find an upcoming date that won't conflict with other events.
- Dinner for eight
- Intergenerational- Which will fit well with the talent show idea.
- Fellowship sharing meals
- "Pairs & Spares" (Bread Breakers)- Which can link with dinner for eight and sharing meals.
- Cook Offs- like a pie cook off linked with pie eating or a chili cook off since summer is coming.

Evaluation of Recent Events

Wine Tasting event at Altshuller residence- February 25

- Suggestions for/ from Mary/ Dimitri? It was a nice social event.

Winter Wonderland hospitality- Sunday March 5

- What went right? Cocoa on both days went through fast and the kids liked the snowball throwing.
- Improvements? Better weather since it rained on both dates.
- Event costs: \$51 including refreshments, decorations, and games/ prizes; most which will be stored for future use (hopefully without the rain).

Lenten Soup Suppers- beginning Wednesday, March 8 through Wednesday, April 5

- What went right? Assigning other committees to take care of setup and breakdown as well as not serving the coffee.
- Improvements or suggestions? Creating an outline and layout of what goes where for setup and breakdown. Also reminding those who brought soup to pick up their leftover soup if any and serving ware during announcements after service. No on paper bowls.
- Costs? none really, everything was donated.
- Chairs for the activity: Henry & Valerie.

Jesus Christ Superstar- 2pm Sunday, March 26 at T.O. Civic Arts Plaza

- All tickets sold!
- Comments? Great seats, and a good afternoon for people to get together but the show was so so. Maybe include a dinner at one of the adjacent restraints and walk over to the show. Maybe a show at the Hollywood Bowl, Santa Barbara Bowl, or The Greek Theater. Could get Roadrunner to drive a group. The Ventura County fair is coming up in August as well as the Summer Concert Series in Camarillo on the 4 Thursday's in July.
- Event Chair: Valerie.

Progress on Future Events

Mother's Day hospitality- May 14 on the patio

- Order 5 doz carnations from Flower Power (e.g. 2 doz pink, 2 doz white, 1 doz red, 1 doz yellow = 72). Carnations distributed to Moms.
- Karen Gramacki will assign Fellowship to greet before both services.
- Refreshments: Coffee, pink lemonade, fresh strawberries with powdered sugar on the side. other ideas? Dainty tea.
- Decorations: Valerie has a Lacey tablecloth. Add spring flowers on the table?

Father's Day- Sunday, June 18 on the patio

- Ties, beer cake, mini hotdogs.

Old Business

Dates to remember: Make Bake Apr. 29, Mother's Day May 14, Father's Day June 18.

New Business

Church Council Report- Stan

Next Meeting

Scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2017; 7PM at Meredith's office

Chair- Valerie, Minutes- Henry, Devotions- Henry

Closing Prayer- Dan

Adjourn- 7:15

The Fellowship Committee began the new year relatively slow, taking a breather from the 50th Anniversary celebration events we participated in, followed closely by the Thanksgiving and Christmas festivities. In mid-January, we began gearing up again and planned a “Winter Wonderland” hospitality event, complete with hot cocoa, powdered sugar donuts, games, and entertainment. However, the weather made other plans so we huddled around hot cocoa under the eaves of the Parish Life Center and made plans to recreate the full event in early March. February brought Mary and Dmitry Altshuller’s third annual Wine Tasting event held at their Camarillo home, and assisted minimally by the Fellowship Committee. The appetizers and beverages were most enjoyable and the good cheer flowed.

The first Sunday in March we made plans to re-try the “Winter Wonderland” from January but, again, the weather was wet and cold so we gave it up (over hot cocoa) until next year. We love that rain but..... Lenten Soup Suppers began later that same week and continued each Wednesday before the midweek Lent service through April 5. All suppers were well attended and featured some very tasty soups, bringing together helpers and diners alike in fellowship. Meanwhile, the Fellowship committee arranged the sale of a block of tickets to see the “Jesus Christ Superstar” stage production in Thousand Oaks at the end of March. Twenty lucky people attended the event and, by most accounts, it was a big hit.

Currently, the committee is planning a Mother’s Day recognition greeting for both services and a hospitality event featuring Mother’s Day Tea Party fare. In June, we will honor our dads for Father’s Day with a beer cake and frosty root beer between services. Other ideas are brewing for another offsite activity, a talent show, and the organization of small dinner gatherings in private homes for those interested in getting to know their fellow parishioners a little better, and maybe meeting new folks.

While our committee is small, it continues to be mighty. Dan and Karen Nelson, Henry Montaga, and Valerie Patscheck welcomed new member, Bev Rueckert, into the fold in February. We encourage any interested parties to join our fun group, as well as all constructive suggestions where we can improve or provide new and fun fellowship events. Our meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM, usually in the church office.

Submitted by
Valerie Patscheck, Committee Chair
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Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee
Minutes from January 12, 2017 at Patscheck home

Attendees- Dan Nelson, Valerie Patscheck, Mary Altshuller, Beverly Rueckert, & Henry Moraga.
Members Meredith Gardner, and Karen Nelson were not present.

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Call to order

Devotion- Dan

Naming Bright Spots/Caring Conversations- Do you believe in new Year’s Resolutions? How about “Efforts to improve”?

Approval of the December meeting minutes recorded by Henry/ Valerie.

Evaluation of Recent Events

Congregation Christmas Cards traveling wall beginning Nov. 27

- The ending date was changed to run through the Epiphany, Jan 29th.
- Committee decided to take down after church on the 22nd

Progress on Future Events

Winter Wonderland hospitality- January 22

- Refreshments: Hot cocoa, fruit, powdered sugar & crumb donuts
- Decorations: a winter backdrop, table cloth, snowman materials (already purchased)
- Entertainment: pin the nose on the snowman for little ones, snowball target toss for teens & adults (already purchased)
- Advertised in the grapevine and bulletin encouraging people to wear their winter clothes
- Dan, Karen, & Bev will take care of the refreshment table
- Val will take care of the Tot's Snowman activity
- Henry will take care of the Snowman toss
- All arrive at 8am to set up
- Dan and Val will bring snowflakes
- Hopefully Meredith will be able to round the big and little kids up
- Event chair: Valerie

Wine Tasting Event- February 25 at the Altshuller residence

- Mary will put out an ad in the newsletter and work on a sign-up sheet to put out on the church patio Feb. 5th
- Mary will advertise in the grapevine
- Will assist the Altshuller's if requested

Lenten Soup Suppers- March 8 - April 12 and every Wednesday in between

- Reference notes from last year
- Henry and Valerie will chair the events

Jesus Christ Superstar- March 25 at 2p, at Civic Arts Plaza in T.O.

- Mezzanine seats on the middle aisle at 15+ discount rate of \$60.25; Valerie must confirm by Friday, Jan 15
- Notice has been submitted for the church bulletin to draw interest and will be submitted to the Grapevine
- Will create a signup table in mid-February

Old Business

- Bread Breakers-type event with a foreign country theme will not be a fellowship event. Item to be removed from agenda.

New Business

- Update from Church Council from Bev, information only
- Council sponsored potluck dinner with Reformation theme for the Annual meeting; not a fellowship event

Next meeting

Scheduled for Thursday, February 9, 2017; 7PM at Meredith's office
Chair- Valerie, Minutes- Henry, Devotions- Dan the Devotion Man

Closing prayer led by Dan

Adjourn

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee

Minutes from May 19, 2016 at MCLC

Attendees: Dan Nelson, Valerie Patscheck, Melissa Henry, and Bev Rueckert Council Liaison
Members Meredith Gardner, Karen Nelson, and Henry Moraga were not present.

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Call to order

Devotion – Dan

Naming Bright Spots/Caring Conversations – Plans for celebrating commencements?

Approval of the March meeting minutes recorded by Henry

Evaluation of Recent Events – Fellowship has not hosted events since Lenten Soup Suppers

Progress on Future Events

50th Anniversary Celebration Activities

- Confirmation Reunion May 22 – Celebration Committee
- Wedding Reunion Sunday, June 12 on the Patio
 - Coordinators: Melissa & Valerie
 - Melissa has invitations ready to send to those who were married at MCLC
 - Tule & floral trimmings, 3-tiered cake of some sort
 - Bev has a CD for wedding music, or Dan or Henry may be able to provide
 - Solicit photos for a Photo Board from past MCLC weddings
 - Valerie & Melissa will meet to tie up final details
 - Valerie will contact Flower Power to provide floral decor
- Father's Day Sunday, June 19 on the Patio
 - Fellowship to provide refreshments including root beer floats (Dad's?)
 - Bubble gum cigars?
 - Valerie will bring neck ties for decorating the Patio
 - Coordinator: Valerie
- Patriotic Sunday, July 3 on the Patio
 - Military Recognition
 - Red, white, and blue decorations
 - Dan will advertise in Grapevine, etc.
 - More details to be discussed at the next committee meeting on June 16
 - Coordinator: Dan
- Beach day on Sunday, July 24 after services – Hueneme Beach Park
 - Participants to bring their own picnic lunch
 - Pie Eating Contest, Bean Bag Toss, etc.
 - Coordinator: Henry?
- Bowling Activity on Sunday, August 21 following services at Harley's Bowl, Camarillo
 - Valerie will make the reservation at Harley's
 - Dan will advertise in Grapevine, etc.

- Other summer hospitality themes to be considered and scheduled at the next meeting
 - Silly Hat Day
 - Hawaiian Luau
- 60's Coffee House Saturday, September 24 at MCLC Parish Life Center
 - Folk Music
 - Poetry reading
 - Reference: Robin's Coffee House at Peace Lutheran or Jazz Nights at Trinity
 - Valerie will provide guitar case for tips to be donated to Dan's Make-A-Wish foundation.
 - A Make-A-Wish child recipient will share about their experience
 - Coordinators: Valerie & Henry

Old Business

None reported

New Business

- A proposal has been made to assist Welcome Committee and Caring Committee with their activities.
 - Valerie will meet with Pastor John and possibly Bev Rueckert to discuss further
 - Norm Presecam from Welcome; Linda from Caring

Next committee meeting

Thursday, June 16, beginning promptly at 7PM at the Patscheck residence

Chair – Valerie; Minutes – Henry; Devotions – Dan the Devotion Man

Closing Devotion for May 19 – Dan led the group in prayer

Adjourn

Recorded by Valerie Patscheck

Guideline for Fellowship Committee budget: Spending and Reimbursement

Donations: All cash donations made at any fellowship event are to be put into the general fund for Mt Cross. (Sunday morning can be put directly into the offering plate) This can also be in an envelope marked general fund and given to the financial secretary or the church office.

COST AND REIMBURSEMENT

All events put on as a Fellowship Event is to be funded by the Fellowship Budget.

All items reimbursed should be predetermined and mutually agreed upon in advance by the Fellowship Committee.

Any items purchased above and beyond the mutually agreed upon items will be considered a donation and are not reimbursable. However, if an item is purchased and deemed as a required item, previously forgotten or overlooked this can then be added to the Fellowship Committee minutes regarding this event and becomes a reimbursable item.

Example: Ice Cream Soda Sunday

Items needed-reimbursable and pre-determined by the committee

Cups, straws, napkins, soda and ice cream

If a committee member purchases cookies to “add” to the event this is not a reimbursable cost. This cost was not agreed upon as an expense and is not required for the event. This would be considered a donation.

Decoration items purchased will be determined by the Fellowship Committee. When purchasing items please stay within the parameters decided upon by the committee. If the committee decides to give member buyers discretion, the member will be given a budget dollar amount to stay within.

ITEMS NOT REIMBURSED

A committee member is not reimbursed for an item such as a pot luck dish or hospitality “pot luck”. These are items we are requesting the congregation contribute as well. If the committee is in agreement prior to the event to purchase food items to supply above and beyond the donated items, these items will be reimbursed through the Fellowship Budget.

RETURNABLE ITEMS

When items are left over after the event and are returnable, these items should be returned and the money put back into the Fellowship Budget. These items do not include items used repeatedly such as plates, napkins, cups or utensils. Perishable items cannot be returned.

Items that can be returned are: UNOPENED condiments, chips, soda and cookies. Decorations can be returned as well if the committee is not planning to use them in the near future.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee

Minutes from October 8, 2015 at the MCLC office

Attendees: Scott Fajnor, Karen Nelson, Dan Nelson, Meredith Gardner, Henry Moraga and Valerie Patscheck; Nora Fajnor, Council Liaison to the committee; and guests Dimitri and Mary Altshuller

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Call to order

Devotion – Dan

Naming Bright Spots/Caring Conversations – Favorite Halloween costumes

Approval of the September meeting minutes recorded by Valerie

Evaluation of Recent Events

Sept. 13 - Rally Day Lead: Nora

Cost: None reported

- General comments: Good response and fellowship while asking which Fellowship activities were their favorites and if they had any suggestions for future events. Visitors to the table wrote down comments and ideas on small slips of paper for display at the table.
- Scott and Henry seized the opportunity to ask if anyone would be interested in reviving the MCLC softball team or possibly forming a new soccer team. Scott & Henry will continue to recruit interested players, probably men's softball.

Suggestions for Improvement: None reported

Progress on Future Events

Oct. 24 Birthday Bash, Lead: Valerie

- Make-A-Wish donation coordinator: Dan
- 50th MCLC Anniversary apparel will be available for sale during the event
- Event time: 5PM – 8PM so cleaners can come at 9PM
- Potluck assignments were drawn from a hat at the Sept. meeting:

Jan – Mar	Side Dish (Suggest for future specifying “hot or cold dishes of pasta, rice, potatoes, etc.” instead of simply a side dish)
Apr – June	Entrée
Jul – Sept	Dessert
Oct – Dec	Salad or Bread
- Sign-ups began on Rally Day and will be available on the patio through October 18.
- Valerie & Dan reported that sign-ups are going well. Scott will make another announcement during the 1st service and Meredith will announce/remind the congregation at the 2nd service on October 11.

Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Pie Social, Lead: Henry with assistance from Melissa

- The sign-up sheet for pie contributions has begun based on the Time & Talent responses, and will continue following the Birthday Bash.
- Dan will submit the details to Sheri for advertising in the Grapevine, newsletter, and bulletin.

Nov. 29 Holiday Greeting Card Board, Lead: Valerie

- The rolling bulletin board will be decorated and displayed on the patio during both services with a single holiday greeting from parishioners/families to the entire MCLC membership.
- Starting Nov. 29, a basket will be placed in the Narthex for cards that Valerie will post on the board.
- Dan will coordinate advertising through Sheri.

Dec. 6 – Holiday Choir Concert Dessert Reception, Lead: Dan

- Dan, rather than the committee, was approached by the choir director regarding Fellowship hosting the dessert reception.
- Sign-ups for pie contributions will be available on the patio.

Date TBD – Progressive Dinner, Leads: Henry and Meredith

- Exact date will possibly be in February or later, although Lenten Soup Suppers begins in mid-February through early April.
- Meredith will look into options for the catered meal to be provided from off site
- Youth group will wait on tables and collect tips for their group, organized by Meredith
- Cost for dinner will be \$10 - \$15 to pay for the provided meal.

Other potential events suggested by the congregation on Rally Day:

- A Senior Tech Day to teach or show seniors around email, the Web, facebook, etc. Possibly the Youth Group could be the “mentors”
- Family Beach Day
- Family Picnic with pie eating contest and other games/entertainment.
- “Corn Hole” (bean bag toss) tournament

New Business

50th Anniversary Updates, Dan Nelson

- 50th Anniversary apparel will be sold on the patio prior to the celebration festivities
- Council will be hosting an Oktoberfest luncheon at the church the day after the Birthday Bash.
- The celebration logo has been designed and printed for various uses. The celebration colors are turquoise and gold.
- Melissa offered to purchase turquoise tablecloths herself to be used throughout the year for celebration events, beginning with the Birthday Bash. The Fellowship voted to contribute \$50 from our budget for this purpose.

Happy Hour/Wine Tasting event, Lead: Mary Altshuller

- Mary proposed that the event be held at the Altshullers' home in Camarillo and suggested the event take place on Feb. 6. The committee realized that February is a busy month in the church with Lenten Soup Suppers starting up, among other activities, so we will discuss our options further at the Nov. meeting.
- Mary has researched having the event catered vs. guests bringing appetizers and wine as we did last year. The committee voted to continue to have the refreshments contributed by attendees due to the cost of catering, although the set-up, clean-up, refilling trays, etc. would be taken care of. Catering the event would require the guests to pay a "cover" charge.
- The group agreed that it should be mentioned to those signing up that notification should be given if they are unable to attend at the last minute.

Budget Monitoring

- Our liaison to Church Council was asked to distribute a draft of guidelines for committee discussion regarding Fellowship event costs and reimbursement for those costs. It was stated that all church committees should have budgeting standards and criteria for approving and monitoring committee budget spending.
- The proposed guidelines suggested that all spending for events must be reported, whether the cost is to be reimbursed from the committee's budget or is donated for the event so that the actual value of the event support is available for future reference.
- Receipts for items to be reimbursed should be submitted to the church office with a copy to the committee budget coordinator for future event planning.
- The draft will be discussed further at the November meeting and an agreement will be reached to submit the draft to Council as written or to revise the draft by agreement from the committee members prior to submitting to Council for review.

Committee Budget Balance

- Dan reported that the current budget balance is as follows:

\$ 170.00	October 1, 2015 balance
(50.00)	Contribution to 50 th Anniversary tablecloths
<u>(50.00)</u>	Birthday Bash room take-down depending on Council recommendation
\$ 70.00	Ending balance (likely to be used for misc. supplies at upcoming holiday events)
- Henry volunteered to maintain the budget records for 2016. Dan will bring the expense records to the November meeting.

Publicity for future events

- Birthday Bash – Dan
- Pie Social – Henry with guidance from Melissa
- Choir Concert Dessert Reception – Dan
- Christmas card display – Dan/Valerie

Announcements

- The 2016 Make, Bake, Celebrate event is scheduled for Saturday, April 23.
- Dan & Karen Nelson, as well as Scott & Nora Fajnor will be leaving as members of the Fellowship committee effective December 31, 2015.

Next committee meeting

Thursday, November 12, beginning promptly at 7PM at the Patscheck home.

Chair – Scott; Minutes – Valerie; Devotions – Dan; Event photographer – Meredith

Closing Devotion for September 10 – Dan the Devotion Man

Adjourn

Recorded by Valerie Patscheck

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee Minutes from September 10, 2015 at the Patscheck home

Attendees: Scott Fajnor, Karen Nelson, Dan Nelson, Meredith Gardner, Henry Moraga and Valerie Patscheck

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Call to order

Devotion – Dan

Naming Bright Spots/Caring Conversations

Approval of the August meeting minutes by Valerie

Evaluation of Recent Events

Aug 2 - Blueberry Bash Hospitality, part of the Summer Hospitality, Leads: Scott & Nora

Cost: None reported

General comments: Very successful; received many compliments

Suggestions for Improvement:

Better notification, advertising and announcing during services

Progress on Future Events

Sept. 13 Rally Day, Leads: Nora & Valerie

Try to get a long table for displaying photos of past fun events & various sign-up sheets for future events, e.g. Softball and Birthday Bash.

Oct. 24 Birthday Bash, Lead: Valerie

Make-A-Wish donation coordinator: Dan

Event time: 5PM – 8PM so cleaners can come at 9PM

Potluck assignments were drawn from a hat:

Jan – Mar Side Dish

Apr – June Entrée

Jul – Sept Dessert

Oct – Dec Salad or Bread

Start sign-ups on Rally Day

An announcement will be made during the services on Sept. 6 by Meredith

Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Pie Social, Lead: Henry

The sign-up sheet for pie contributions has begun based on the Time & Talent submittals

Nov. 29 Holiday Greeting Card Board, Lead: Valerie

The rolling bulletin board will be decorated and displayed on the patio with a single holiday greeting from parishioners to the entire MCLC membership. A basket will be placed in the Narthex for cards that Valerie will post on the board.

Dec. 1 – Holiday Choir Concert. The Fellowship committee may be called upon to coordinate the dessert reception following the concert.

Feb. ? – Progressive Dinner, Leads: Henry and Meredith

Diners will be charged \$10 - \$15 per person to cover the cost of a provided meal.

Youth group will be servers and willing to accept tips for their group.

New Business

50th Anniversary Updates, Dan Nelson

Committee action: Bob Brundage may come to a future Fellowship meeting to present the 50th Anniversary Celebration progress from that committee.

T-shirts will be sold on the patio prior to the celebration

Softball or Soccer League Team? – Henry, with Scott as “advisor”

Sign-up sheets will be available on Rally Day

Budget Monitoring

Last year’s Fellowship budget was decreased from the previous year’s \$1,000 to \$500. The committee took a vote and agreed to submit a budget request for 2016 of \$750 providing for entertainment on special occasions, e.g. Hula dancer(s) on Hawaiian Day.

Nora, as our liaison to Church Council, was asked by Council to distribute a draft for guidelines regarding Fellowship and Reimbursement. The draft will be discussed further at the October meeting.

Committee Budget Balance

Budget process will change next year according to Church Council so it is important to track actual expenses for our events, even if some items were donated.

Publicity for future events

Scott will make the Birthday Bash announcement at 1st service Sept. 6; Meredith will cover 2nd service.

Old Business

None reported

Future

Next meeting on Thursday, October 8 beginning promptly at 7PM in Meredith’s office at MCLC. Chair – Scott; Minutes – Valerie; Devotions – Dan; Event photographer – Meredith

Closing Devotion for September 10 – Dan the Devotion Man

Adjourn

Recorded by Valerie Patscheck

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee

Minutes from August 13, 2015 at the Fajnor home

Attendees: Scott Fajnor, Karen Nelson, Dan Nelson, Meredith Gardner, and Valerie Patscheck

Guests: Nora Fajnor (new council liaison), Henry Moraga

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Call to order

Devotion – Meredith

Naming Bright Spots/Caring Conversations – Favorite Back-to-School memories

Approval of the June meeting minutes by Valerie

Special Presentation on the 50th Celebration by Bob Brundage will be postponed until a later date.

Evaluation of Recent Events

Summer Hospitality –

July 19 - Hawaiian Day Hospitality. Lead: Dan

Cost: \$120.00, Donation: \$30.00, Net cost = \$90.00

Suggestions for Improvement:

Make ½ the amount of coffee

Skip the Coconut Bowling game

Serve either Virgin Mai Tais or Hawaiian Punch, but not both

Photo booth was successful

Serving Spam was a hit

Try again next year to have Hawaiian dancers for entertainment

July 25 – Concert in the Park with Journey Tribute Band, Leads: Karen & Valerie

Cost: None

Suggestions for Improvement:

May not make this a Fellowship event in the future. Too many unknowns, e.g. how many to reserve spaces for.

Aug 2 - Blueberry Bash Hospitality, Leads: Scott & Nora

Cost: None

Suggestions for Improvement:

Better notification, advertising and announcing during services

Progress on Future Events

Sept. 13- Rally Day, Leads: Nora & Valerie

Try to get a long table for displaying photos of past fun events & various sign up sheets for future events

Oct. 24 – Birthday Bash, Leads: Valerie

Make-A-Wish coordination: Dan

Event time: 5PM – 8PM so cleaners can come at 9PM

Start sign-ups on Rally Day

An announcement will be made during the services beginning Sept. 6

New Business

50th Anniversary Updates, Dan Nelson

Committee action: Bob Brundage will be invited to present the Anniversary progress from that committee.

T-shirts will be for sale prior to the celebration

Progressive Dinner will be scheduled to occur in Feb. 2016, Leads: Meredith & Henry

Softball or Soccer League Team? – Henry, with Scott as “advisor”

Sign-up sheets will be available on Rally Day

Budget Monitoring

Set future budget with Free Will offerings going into the offering plate for general church budget use.

Committee Budget Balance

Budget process will change next year according to Church Council so it is important to track actual expenses for our events, even if some items were donated.

Publicity for future events

Scott will make the Birthday Bash announcement at 1st service Sept. 9; Meredith will cover 2nd service.

Old Business

None reported

Future

Next meeting on Thursday, Spt. 10 beginning promptly at 7PM, Patscheck home, 556 Otero Ct, Camarillo.

Chair – Scott; Minutes – Valerie; Devotions – Dan; Event photography – Meredith

Closing Devotion for August 13 – Meredith

Adjourn

Recorded by Valerie Patscheck

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee

Minutes from July 9, 2015 at the Nelson home

Attendees: Scott Fajnor, Karen Nelson, Dan Nelson, Meredith Gardner, and Valerie Patscheck

Guests: Nora Fajnor (new council liaison), Gayle Johnson (congregational president)

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Call to order

Devotion – Dan

Naming Bright Spots/Caring Conversations – Favorite/memorable family vacations

Approval of the June meeting minutes

Evaluation of Recent Events

Summer Hospitality –

June 21 – Father's Day Celebration – "Ties and Favorite Father's Day snacks featuring our Dads' favorite treats.

Decorated the patio with neckties and had some extras for people to borrow for the occasion worked well. In the future we need more/better publicity to encourage congregation to bring snacks (to share) reflective of their father's favorite goodies

Cost: None – Committee contributions and free will donations.

July 5 – National Hot Dog – As in years passed, this was a very popular event. Grilled dogs & buns wrapped in foil, condiments, chips, and "Yankee Doodle Salad" were served. Other than chips the left over supplies were minimal.

Needed to take more event pictures!

Cost: \$68 less free will donations of \$28. Dan to be reimbursed for the difference.

Current budget balance: \$365.27

Progress of Future Events:

Hawaiian Day on Sunday, July 19th. Lead person: Dan

Hawaiian Shirts and Muumuus! No Hula Dancers; too costly for 2015 budget. Will provide coconut bowling in lieu of dancers. Snacks to include Kona Coffee, pineapple, Hawaiian Punch, “virgin” Mai Tais, and a coconut cake. Meredith will rescue leis from the attic to provide to people as they enter church.

Concert in Constitution Park on Saturday, July 27. Lead person: Valerie & Karen

A Journey tribute band will be performing. Valerie & Karen will reserve our MCLC space at the park on the prior Thursday at 4:45PM. On the night of the event, fellowship and BYO picnic dinner will begin at 6:00 PM. Concert starts at 7:30 PM.

Blueberry Bash Sunday on August 2. Lead person: Scott and Nora

Congregants will be encouraged to contribute their favorite blueberry dishes.

Congregational Picnic in the Park on August 30, organized by Church Council.

Birthday Bash Dinner celebrating Martin Luther’s birthday on October 24. Lead person:? As in the past, Dan will be conducting the Make a Wish donation fundraiser during the event. Need committee lead(s).

New Business:

50th Anniversary Update – Presentation by Gayle Johnson. Per the anniversary committee, we will conduct our regular events but we may focus on the proposed Route 66 theme, coinciding with the establishment of MCLC in 1966.

Nora Fajnor will be our new liaison to Church Council.

Fellowship Committee structure overhaul:

a) Committee member vs. contributor; b) Lead person(s) will coordinate each event; c) Expense reports and recaps will be submitted by the event lead(s) following each event. Expense reports for recent events:

○ Bunco Night: \$55.00 for snacks and prizes, though \$35 for prizes was donated.

○ Military Day Hospitality: None

- Father's Day Hospitality: None
- Hot Dog Sunday: \$80.68 (Nelsons reimbursed \$28 from free-will donations).

Old Business

- Meredith agreed to be our Facebook/Social Media Coordinator for upcoming events while Dan will continue submitting Grapevine, bulletin announcements, etc. to church office
- Comments always welcome for future Time & Talent survey

Future

Need to talk about a Progressive Dinner and/or Mt. Cross Softball program going forward

Next meeting Thursday, August 13 at 7:00 PM at the Fajnor home

Scott will chair/lead the meeting

Valerie will take notes/minutes

Meredith will provide the Devotion in Dan's absence

Closing Devotion for July 9 – Dan (the Devotion man)

Evaluate the meeting/Adjourn

Recorded by Valerie Patscheck

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee

Minutes from June 11, 2015 at the Patscheck home

Attendees: Scott Fajnor, Karen Nelson, Dan Nelson, Harry Griffith, Shari Gallagher, Meredith Gardner, and Valerie Patscheck

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Call to order

Devotion – Dan

Welcome Guests

Naming Bright Spots/Caring Conversations – Father's Day family traditions

Approval of the May meeting minutes

Evaluation of Recent Events

May 16 - Bunco Night went well with 14 attendees. Prizes purchased by Valerie at about \$30. Publicity may improve next year when congregants are more familiar with the game rules.

May 31 – Military Appreciation Day was a hit. People really enjoyed seeing photos of fellow congregants in their youth and in uniform and trying to guess who was who. Improvement for next year: better publicity so we can involve more participation from our veterans within MCLC.

Progress of Future Events

Summer Hospitality – 1st & 3rd Sundays beginning 6/21.

June 21 – Father's Day - Decided to postpone the car show until we have a wider variety of exhibitors.

Instead, refreshments with Fathers theme will be served and we will advertise that all congregants, including women, wear a necktie or bowtie to church.

July 5 – Hot Dog Sunday with a patriotic theme.

July 19 – Hawaiian theme. Dan will get costs for dancers. If too expensive, we could hold a hula hoop contest instead.

Dan will work with the church office to advertise the theme events coming up.

Other plans in the works:

- Concert in Constitution Park on June 27. Performer(s) have not yet been posted to the website. Valerie will assist Scott in reserving our space at the park on the prior Thursday at 4PM.
- Birthday Bash Dinner celebrating Martin Luther's birthday on October 24.
- Oktoberfest was suggested by the Altshullers at their home. Pastor John advised that there were too many activities in the fall related to the upcoming MCLC 50th anniversary celebration.
- Hockey party will be postponed until possibly next year.
- Meredith encouraged the recent common thought that future events be all-inclusive to bring all generations within the church to interact and get to know each other.

Old Business:

- Scott drafted a revision to our Time & Talent section for Fellowship to be released soon.
- Karen will be monitoring our budget and costs from Bunco & Military Day. Balance?
- Pastor John has shared notes for the 50th and requested a schedule for Fellowship activities.
- Congregational Picnic on August 30 to be hosted by Church Council

Other Business:

- Meredith agreed to be our Facebook/social media coordinator for upcoming Fellowship events and Dan will continue submitting Grapevine and bulletin announcements.
- The theme for the 50th Celebration will be "Yesterday, Today, Forever in Faith".

Build Future Agenda

Next meeting: 7:00 pm, July 9, 2015 at the Nelson home.

Agenda – Scott; Devotions – Dan the Devotions Man; Minutes - Valerie

Evaluate the Meeting - All

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Recorded by Valerie Patscheck

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee
Minutes from May 7, 2015 at the Fajnor home

Attendees: Scott Fajnor, Karen Nelson, Dan Nelson, Valerie Patscheck,

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Call to order

Devotion – Dan

Naming Bright Spots/Caring Conversations – Which of your parents do you most resemble?

Evaluation of Recent Events

Make/Bake/Celebrate went well but seems to be becoming exclusive as it is probably not affordable for some members.

Progress of Future Events

May 16 – Bunco Night.- It was decided not serve alcohol in order to keep the event inclusive to all and will have a table with snacks available.

May 30 – Military Appreciation Day. Dan will submit a Grapevine announcement requesting that all veterans provide photos of themselves wearing their uniforms.

June ? – Hockey Party at the Fajnor Ice Palace to be determined at a later date.

Summer Hospitality – 1st & 3rd Sundays beginning 6/21. Scott will work on the schedule with Gail Baird.

June 21 – Father’s Day Car Show. Valerie will ask Stan to help organize.

July 5 – Hot Dog Sunday

July 19 – Hawaiian theme. Discussed coordinating the hosting with the Fun with Faith group.

Dan will work with the church office to advertise the theme events coming up.

Other ideas:

Concert in Constitution Park on June 21.

Birthday Bash Dinner near Martin Luther’s birthday in October & also to coincide with the 50th anniversary. Possibly to occur on October 23 or 24. Scott will coordinate with Pastor John and the Council.

Old Business:

Scott will draft a revision to our Time & Talent section for Fellowship.

Build Future Agenda

Next meeting: 7:00 pm, June 11, 2015 at the Patscheck home.

Agenda – Scott; Devotions – Dan the Devotions Man; Minutes - Valerie

Evaluate the Meeting - All

Adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer

Recorded by Valerie Patscheck

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee Minutes from April 9, 2015 at Marie Calendar’s Restaurant, Camarillo

Attendees: Scott Fajnor, Karen Nelson, Dan Nelson, Valerie Patscheck

Guests: Pastor John and Harry & Siony Griffith

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Call to order

Devotion – Dan

Welcome Guests!

- Pastor John discussed the congregation’s 50th anniversary to be celebrated in October. He encouraged all that resources be consolidated across events and committees. Church wide fundraising will take place with all congregants getting involved. The goals set out by the church council are to raise \$50,000 and give 50,000 hours in service to our communities.
- PJ also suggested that next Lenten season have a different activity than the 30 minute service after supper, e.g. writing notes to Lutheran ministries.

Naming Bright Spots/Caring Conversations – All provided their favorite “Rainy Day” memories

Approval of last month’s minutes - approved

Council Liaison, Linda Franz will bring up Bunco night (see below) and whether beer/wine could be available

Evaluation of Recent Events

- Lenten Soup Fellowship was very successful. Melissa has offered to share suggestions for next year. See above for Pastor John’s ideas for a different post-supper activity.
- St. Patrick’s Day Fellowship sponsored hospitably was very festive, fun, and well received.

Progress of Future Events

Apr 25 – Make, Bake, Celebrate. Scott reported that Anne shouldn't need our help and simply wants everyone to enjoy the event.

May 16 – Bunco event. Valerie confirmed with Sheri that the evening is available at the church. Serving beer & wine was discussed and the committee will ask Linda take the issue before the church council. However, in the spirit of PJ's suggestion to make our events all-inclusive, we may elect not to serve alcohol so that the youth group can serve sodas & snacks as a fundraiser. Valerie will contact Meredith Gardner. Dan will submit a Grapevine announcement. Valerie will prepare a sign-up table the 1st weekend in May.

May 30 – Memorial Day celebration. Dan will submit a Grapevine announcement requesting that all veterans provide photos of themselves wearing their uniforms.

June ? – Hockey Party at the Fajnor Ice Palace to be determined at a later date.

Summer Hospitality – 1st & 3rd Sundays beginning 6/21. Scott contacted Gail Baird but the sign-up sheet doesn't go out that far yet. Ideas:

June 21 – Father's Day Car Show. Valerie will ask Stan to help organize.

July 5 – Hot Dog Sunday

July 19 – Hawaiian theme. Discussed coordinating the hosting with the Fun with Faith group.

Dan will work with the church office to advertise the theme events coming up.

Other ideas:

Concert in Constitution Park – Schedule not published yet

Summer Bash at the Nelsons' Club House won't be held due to parking issues.

Birthday Bash Dinner near Martin Luther's birthday in October & also to coincide with the 50th anniversary. Possibly to occur on October 24.

Fellowship BBQ to support a Habitat for Humanity work day?

Old Business:

Committee budget – Karen agreed to monitor the budget

Budget & Expenses Monitoring – Karen will monitor our budget. Per Melissa, we requested \$1,000 but were budgeted for \$500

Build Future Agenda

Next meeting: 7:00 pm, May 14, 2015 at Harry & Siony's home, 1157 Bramble Ct., Camarillo. Agenda – Scott; Devotions – Dan the Devotions Man; Minutes - Valerie

Evaluate the Meeting - All

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Recorded by Valerie Patscheck

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee

Minutes from March 12, 2015 at the Nelson home

Attendees: Scott Fajnor, Karen Nelson, Dan Nelson, Valerie Patscheck

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Call to order

Devotion – Dan

Naming Bright Spots/Caring Conversations – All provided their favorite "Easter Traditions"

Approval of last month's minutes - approved

Council Liason, Linda Franz

Evaluation of Recent Events

Lenten Soup Suppers led by Melissa Henry are going well and have been well attended.

Progress of Future Events

Feb 25 – Mar 22 – Lenten Soup Suppers. Melissa kindly volunteered to organize but we will ALL support these events, as usual. Sign ups are on the patio or online.

Mar 15 – Hospitality with a St. Patty's Day theme. Scott will make coffee and provide Lucky Charms as snacks. Other committee members will provide refreshments and decorations.

Apr 05 – Easter Sunday Brunch to be hosted by the Youth Group as a fundraiser for them

Apr 25 – Make, Bake, Celebrate. Scott will ask Anne or Kevin how Fellowship can be of assistance.

May ? – Bunco event. Valerie will contact Sheri about dates, possibly Sat 5/16 if available. Possibly the Youth Group would be interested in serving sodas & snacks as a fundraiser. Valerie will contact Meredith Gardner.

June ? – Hockey Party at the Fajnor Ice Palace. The Fajnor patio cover needs to be repaired or replaced so the date may move have to late June or July.

Summer Hospitality – 1st & 3rd Sundays beginning 6/21. Scott will coordinate with Gail Baird:

June 21 – Father's Day Car Show

July 5 – Hot Dog Sunday

July 19 – Hawaiian theme

Dan will work with the church office to advertise the theme events coming up.

Other ideas:

Concert in Constitution Park – Schedule not published yet

Community Band concert every Thursday in July – Could select a date for MCLC representation and support for band member Pastor John.

Summer Bash at the Nelsons' Club House? Will revisit at the next meeting.

Birthday Bash Dinner near Martin Luther's birthday in October or possibly to celebrate the Mount Cross birthday. Scott will check dates with the church office.

Phone directory – Valerie will check to see if a new update is coming out soon. We may consider making a budget request for next year to compile an updated color photo directory.

Old Business:

Time & Talent updates – Possible persons of interest are the Griffiths and Shari Gallagher

Budget & Expenses Monitoring – Karen will monitor our budget. Per Melissa, we requested \$1,000 but were budgeted for \$500

Build Future Agenda

Next meeting: 7:00 pm, April 9, 2015. Valerie will check into other possible venues such as Marie Callender's, 185 E Daily Dr, Camarillo, (805) 987-5580.

Agenda – Scott; Devotions – Dan the Devotion Man; Minutes - Valerie

Evaluate the Meeting - All

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Recorded by Valerie Patscheck

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee

Minutes from January 15, 2014 at the Fajnor home

Attendees: Scott Fajnor, Dan Nelson, Karen Nelson, Valerie Patscheck, Dmitri Altshuller, and Mary Altshuller (Melissa was with us in spirit & sending out good, supportive thoughts☺)

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Call to order

Devotion - Dan

Naming Bright Spots

Reporting on Progress (Events in the next months)

Jan 18 – New members Meet & Greet on the patio

- Jan 25 – Annual Meeting at 4:00 PM followed by a potluck at 5:30 sponsored by Church Council.
- Feb 7 – Wine Tasting event at the Altshullers’ home. Suggested that we limit the occasion to 20 people and asking that attendees bring an appetizer to serve 8 and/or wine or beverage. Sign ups will begin on the patio Jan 18.
- Feb 29 – Mar 22 – Lenten Soup Suppers. Melissa kindly volunteered to organize but we will ALL support these events, as usual. Thank you, Melissa!
- Apr 05 – Easter Sunday Brunch to be hosted by the Youth Group as a fundraiser for them
- Apr 25 – Make, Bake, Celebrate
- May ? – Bunco event. Valerie will coordinate after Scott finds a date
- June ? – Hockey Party at the Fajnor Ice Palace. Date & details to be discussed at the Feb. meeting.

Continuing Events & Business Items

Time & Talent questionnaires are included in the Stewardship baskets now being circulated.

Business Items:

Last month’s meeting minutes approved

Reviewing Goals (review of events)

Dec. 7 – Choir Concert Dessert Potluck. Note to committee: We definitely need the extra space in Luther Hall for next year’s event if the children’s participation is included, which we hope it is!

Dec. 21 – Farewell & Godspeed to the Goehner family. It was a very emotional and loving church service and the following potluck/reception brought the MCLC congregation together even closer. A big thanks to Scott for designing our Fellowship memorial stole for PE’s celebration.

Setting New Goals (future event planning)

Summer Theme Hospitality – To be planned within the next few months after Scott checks for dates with Gail Baird

Summer Tailgating party in the parking lot is shelved for now. It will be discussed at a future meeting.

Fall 2015 – Progressive dinner? Format and coordinator(s) TBD. We will discuss this in June.

Build Future Agenda

Next meeting: 7:00 pm, Feb. 12 at the Patscheck home

Agenda – Scott; Devotions – Dan the Devotion Man; Minutes - Valerie

Evaluate the Meeting

Adjourn with prayer

Recorded by Valerie Patscheck

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee Minutes

Minutes from December 11, 2014 at the Altshuller Residence

Attendees: Scott Fajnor, Valerie Patscheck, and Melissa Henry

Guests: Mary Altshuller, Dmitry Altshuller

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Call to order

Devotion - Dan was absent

Caring Conversations - shared highs and lows

Naming Bright Spots

Reporting on Progress (Events in the next months)

Christmas Card Sharing –Wall is up, pins are in the basket in the narthex, and Sheri is passing on cards received in the office to display as well. Plan to go through Epiphany.

Dec 21 - Farewell and Godspeed to the Goehner family - Scott volunteered to work on the gift stall, with ideas discussed at the meeting. *Pastor Erik's Sending Stole – Dan suggested looking into a Hawaiian Ti garland. He will research and report back to the group.* - Dan was not at this meeting to address this.

Jan 11 – Not a Fellowship Event - Evelyn Lacey's 90th birthday will be acknowledged by announcing the milestone on the patio and serving a sheet cake during hospitality.

Jan 25 - Annual Meeting - 4:30 potluck, then meeting. Council is hosting.

Feb 7 – Happy Hour event at the Altshullers' home. 7 pm start, with a plan of about 3 hours. Host like the Fajnor do their summer events - every guest asked to bring something: bottle of wine or beverage, or an appetizer. No game or plan, just socialization. Max guests 20, min 10. Signups will start on the patio Jan 15, with "save the date" in this newsletter (deadline ASAP)

Apr 25 – Make, Bake, Celebrate

May ? – Bunco event?

June – Hockey Party at the Fajnor Ice Palace

Continuing Events & Business Items

Softball team has concluded, and will not resume.

Hospitality - we are happy with the new cart.

Business Items: Last month's meeting minutes approved.

Group discussed lowering our budget requests due to low response to pledge drive.

Annual report write-up is due Dec 31. Melissa will submit.

Thank you to all who have served over the past year. We welcome you back next year, but it is not expected. Melissa is resigning from Fellowship but will prepare agenda for next meeting. We will need a new chair.

Reviewing Goals (review of events)

Nov 26 – Went well, Melissa will check on total number attended. Cost \$39. Had seating at 6 tables (8 chairs each) and 2 serving tables (in corner by table closet), drinks on counter. Had 3 unexpected pies show up, and 3 left over. Fun for all who attended. Need more dessert napkins for next year, as we've used up the stash.

Dec 7 – Choir Concert Dessert Potluck led by Valerie. Melissa will check if attendance was taken. Cost \$0. 8 seating tables (6 chairs each) and 2 serving tables (in corner by table closet - next time pull away from wall to allow people to go down either side), drinks on counter. Full room, overflowed into nursery and hall, due to children's participation in the concert.

Setting New Goals (future event planning)

Mary made a suggestion of having Sunday School children make cards for Valentine's Day to homebound seniors...

Progressive Dinner/A Taste of Mount Cross to be discussed further

Tailgating party in the parking lot in the spring or summer?

Build Future Agenda

Next meeting: 7:00 pm on January 15, 2014 at the Fajnor home.

Agenda – Melissa; Minutes – Scott; Devotions – Dan

Evaluate the Meeting

Adjourn with prayer

Recorded by Melissa Henry

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee Minutes

Minutes from November 13, 2014 at the Patscheck Residence

Attendees: Scott Fajnor, Dan Nelson, Karen Nelson, Valerie Patscheck, and Mary Altshuller

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Call to order

Devotion - Dan

Caring Conversations

Naming Bright Spots

Reporting on Progress (Events in the next months)

Nov 26 – Pie Social seems to be covered. It will be held in the Parish Life Center (PLC)

Christmas Card Sharing – Melissa will set up the portable display board the Sunday after Thanksgiving, to be on display through Epiphany.

Dec 7 – Choir Concert Dessert Potluck led by Valerie and Karen. The group considered moving the event to Luther Hall. Valerie will start the sign-up table the week before Thanksgiving (Nov. 30).

Jan 11 – Evelyn Lacey’s 90th birthday will be acknowledged by announcing the milestone on the patio and serving a sheet cake during hospitality.

Feb 7 – Wine Tasting event at the Altshullers’ home. Mary shared her vision of limiting attendance to 8 – 10 people and asking that attendees bring an appetizer to serve 8. Dan and Karen offered their home as an alternate if the Altshullers’ gated community and parking issues are determined to be too difficult.

Mar ? – Make, Bake, Celebrate

May ? – Bunco event?

June – Hockey Party at the Fajnor Ice Palace

Continuing Events & Business Items

Time & Talent questionnaires are included in the Stewardship baskets now being circulated.

Business Items:

Last month’s meeting minutes approved

Melissa did purchase a new coffee cart - it's being used currently

Time & Talent forms will be reviewed at the next meeting

Reviewing Goals (review of events)

Birthday Bash – The event was held on a Saturday morning with a smaller attendance than last year but generally successful. Next year we may consider moving the event to a Sunday brunch following services.

Setting New Goals (future event planning)

Pastor Erik’s Sending Stole – Dan suggested looking into a Hawaiian Ti garland. He will research and report back to the group.

Progressive Dinner/A Taste of Mount Cross to be discussed further

Tailgating party in the parking lot in the spring or summer?

Build Future Agenda

Next meeting: 7:00 pm on December 11, 2014 at the Nelson home.

Agenda – Melissa; Minutes – Scott; Devotions – Valerie

****Update**** - Mary later suggested having the Dec. meeting at her home as a “site visit” for the Feb. event.

Evaluate the Meeting

Adjourn with prayer

Recorded by Valerie Patscheck

**MOUNT CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES**

October 9, 2014 at the Fajnor Home

Mission Statement: Rooted in God's grace to joyfully witness and serve.

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Members Present: Melissa Henry (Chair), Scott Fajnor, Evelyn Lacy, Dan Nelson, Karen Nelson, Valerie Patscheck

Guests Present: Nora Fajnor (Council Liaison)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to Order by Chairperson Melissa Henry at 7:10

Devotions: Dan Nelson

Caring Conversations: Various responses

Naming Bright Spots: Various responses

Reporting on Progress on Events in the coming months:

* Oct 19 --- Support Service and Mission (SAM)/Lutheran World Services/Lutheran Social Services (LWS/LSS) Bake Sale:

It was confirmed that there would be no conflict with Pastor Appreciation Day. This will be a fund-raiser only.

* Oct 25 --- Birthday Bash Breakfast:

Sign-ups have been slower than expected, to date, so requests will be made to the Pastors to have announcements made at the end of church services. Scott and Melissa will offer to make the announcements personally.

* Nov 26 --- Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social:

Melissa will be in charge. Efforts to find a coordinator from the names of those who offered to contribute pies (from the Time & Talent Sheets) came up short.

* Dec 7 --- Christmas Concert Dessert Potluck:

Valerie will be in charge.

Continuing Events and Business Items:

* New Website:

Consensus is that we label Fellowship photos regarding church fellowship activities to be put on the website.

* Softball:

The team is currently in 2nd place in the Fall league.

* Hospitality:

The new coffee cart finally arrived. However, one of the parts was not included so we are on hold until it arrives.

* The committee minutes from the September meeting were approved as corrected.

Reviewing Goals:

* Future events for 2015 being discussed:

Jan --- Congregational Dinner (put on by Church Council)

Feb --- Progressive Dinner and/or Altshuller Event

Mar --- Make+Bake+Celebrate

Apr --- Easter

May --- Bunko Night

Jun --- Hockey Party

Setting New Goals for future event planning:

* Altshuller Event:

Plans and decisions are pending until further discussions with Mary and Dmitry

* Progressive Dinner:

Possible date being considered is last Saturday in February. However, coordination with Altshullers will dictate final date.

- * Tailgating Party:
Event under consideration for next summer.
- * Bunko Night:
Event under consideration for May.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 13th at 7:00 PM at the home of Melissa Henry.
Melissa will prepare the agenda.
Dan Nelson will be in charge of devotions.
Valerie will be in charge of minutes.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.
Submitted by Scott Fajnor

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee Minutes Minutes from August 14, 2014 at the Henry home

Members present: Melissa Henry (Chair), Scott Fajnor, Dan Nelson, Karen Nelson, Valerie Patscheck
Members absent: Evelyn Lacy
Visiting: Mary and Dmitry Altshuller

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Call to order - Melissa

Devotion - Melissa, using your perspectives

Caring Conversation and Naming Bright Spots – Various shares

Reporting on Progress (Events in the next months)

Summer Fun Sundays - we'll host 1st and 3rd and ask for volunteers for the other weeks.

Aug 17- Peach Potluck - wear peach, eat peach. Peach tablecloths and napkins are proving difficult to find. Altar flowers and bulletins will be peach. Sheri has been asked to put it at the top of the Friday email. Scott will make coffee, rest will bring treats made with peaches (and hopefully so will the rest of the congregation).

Rally Day - Sept 7th - dress as a committee - Hawaiian shirts and leis. Karen will make treats, we'll take a 1/2 table and have a few props (Nelson's hula girl, Valerie's car prop, Melissa's pie candle, etc...) Melissa will make a decorative small poster with our events, and a clipboard with a "join the committee" signup.

Continuing Events & Business Items

Softball: New league is beginning soon, Scott will get Craig to add schedule to latest newsletter. Perhaps we can pick an early game to lift up for a fun night out.

Business Items: Web information: website will launch soon; Time & Talent: committee reviewed our slots - Melissa will to check with 3D organizers to rewrite their part. Rest of our area looks good.

Reviewing Goals (review of events)

June 15 - Father's Day - Cars and Ties - Very fun: 7 cars, plus a racecar. Great to see lots of ties being worn - and talked about. Grows every year. Cost: \$16 for treats.

July 6 - Hot Dog Sunday - Served about 90 hot dogs (cooked 100, bought 150 - donated 50 dogs and buns to VBS). Cost \$62.

July 20 - Ice Cream Soda Day - Served about 100 (after 2nd service as well) Bought 15L of vanilla ice cream (used about 11L, Karen used the rest for Hawaiian Day shakes) Bought 3 2L root beer (gone) and used 2L Coke, Diet Coke, and Sprite from church fridge. Also used 4 cans strawberry soda (thank you Valerie) Cans for the non root beer was a good change! Cost: \$22.

Aug 3 - Hawaiian Day - We raised the bar with this one! Auntie Josie brought 5 dancers instead of just herself - which was awesome! We gave her \$40 cash in a thank you note. We have enough leis left over to use next year - stored in the church attic. Karen's shakes were a huge hit! Cost: \$97. Committee was asked to think about the potential of an event next summer of a REAL luau.

Concert in the Park - July 10th - We had a group of about 15 attend. It was a lovely evening - the weather was lovely, the company was good, and the band was excellent.

Setting New Goals (future event planning)

Committee opted to stop hosting 3rd Sunday Hospitality Events - and focus on larger events.

Birthday Bash - "breakfast potluck" in honor of Mt Cross anniversary - Oct 25 (Hire setup of hall after school on Friday, and hosts will be able to decorate on Friday evening, so we can come straight to eat on Saturday morning.

LWR/LSS Bake Sale - Service and Missions Committee asked if the Fellowship Team would support a bake sale on October 26.... we accepted, but want to ask if the bake sale can be moved to the weekend of the 19th, to free us up for the Birthday Bash.

Progressive Dinner - perhaps in Feb?

Wine and Appetizer Mixer - Mary and Dmitry have some ideas on hosting an event in Jan or Feb at their community center. They will check on some dates and answer questions from the committee for the next meeting.

Build Future Agenda

Next meeting: 7:00 pm on Sept. 11, 2014 at Patscheck home. Dan will share devotion, Valerie will take minutes.

Adjourned with prayer by Melissa

Recorded by Melissa Henry

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee Minutes

Minutes from June 12, 2014 at the Patscheck home

Members present: Melissa Henry (Chair), Scott Fajnor, Dan Nelson, Karen Nelson, Valerie Patscheck

Members absent: Evelyn Lacy

Visiting (for the food): Stan Patscheck

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Call to order - Melissa

Devotion - Dan, on resurrection

Caring Conversation and Naming Bright Spots – Various shares

Reporting on Progress (Events in the next months)

Summer Fun Sundays - we'll host 1st and 3rd and ask for volunteers for the other weeks.

June 15 - Father's Day - Cars and Ties - Melissa will purchase all treats and turn in receipts. She will get in contact with Valerie to organize the day. Melissa will also get ads into bulletins and emails. Bow tie pasta salad

July 6 - Hot Dog Sunday - Melissa will shop, Dan and Scott to grill, Karen will help get dogs in buns, serve lemonade coffee and water.

July 20 - Ice Cream Soda Day - Melissa will shop, root beer, diet root beer and vanilla ice cream.

Aug 3 - Hawaiian Day - ideas: coconut flavoring for coffee, fresh pineapple and coconut, Hawaiian punch, leis from Oriental Trading Company, Hawaiian flowers for the altar, bulletin cover

Aug 17- Peach Potluck - wear peach, eat peach. Peach tablecloths and bulletins?

Concert in the Park - July 10th - Melissa will advertise.

Rally Day - Sept 8th - dress as a committee?

Continuing Events & Business Items

Softball:

Business Items: Web information; Time & Talent.

Reviewing Goals (review of events)

May 18 - Armed Forces Day - was fun.

Setting New Goals (future event planning)

3rd Sunday Hospitality Events - **Sept 21** -

Birthday Bash - perhaps as a "breakfast potluck" in the fall (at the time change?)

Tailgating Party in the parking lot

Annual Picnic - Aug 24 - Council is handling it.

Beach service - Aug 31

* Suggestion for Veterans Day next year - invite veterans to bring in a photo in uniform, place them on a table on the patio, and have members try and guess who is who.

Build Future Agenda

Next meeting: 7:00 pm on Aug 14, 2014 at Fajnor home. Evelyn will share devotion, Valerie will take minutes.

Adjourned with prayer.

Recorded by Melissa Henry

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee Minutes

Minutes from May 8, 2014 at the Henry home

Members present: Melissa Henry (Chair), Scott Fajnor, Dan Nelson, Karen Nelson

Members absent: Evelyn Lacy, Valerie Patscheck

Visiting (for the food) Gordon Henry

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Call to order - Melissa

Naming Bright Spots – Various shares

Reporting on Progress (Events in the next months)

May 18 - Armed Forces Day - We've asked people to wear RWB. Dan has the decorations. If members will each bring a snack (no theme unless you want to) Melissa will make coffee. RWB

tablecloths at church. **Note: There are lots of treats at church to be used - so please do not make a big effort to bring something - we will have plenty of food.**

June 7th Hockey Party - is cancelled this year.

Summer Fun Sundays - we'll host 1st and 3rd and ask for volunteers for the other weeks.

June 1 - someone has signed up for it

June 15 - Father's Day - Cars and Ties - Melissa will purchase all treats and turn in receipts.

She will get in contact with Valerie to organize the day. Melissa will also get ads into bulletins and emails.

July 6 - Hot Dog Sunday

July 20 - Ice Cream Soda Day

Aug 3 - Hawaiian Day

Aug 17- Peach Potluck

Continuing Events & Business Items

Softball: Wasn't discussed. Do we have a team this season?

Business Items: Web information - church is updating website - so look for more work here soon! ; Time & Talent; MBC Grant: none at this time.

Nora and Jennifer have resigned from the committee. We thank them for their service, and wish them well as they try to slow down their busy lives.

Reviewing Goals (review of events)

March Meatball Madness - March 9 - Cancelled due to lack of participants.

Lent Soup Suppers - Dan and Karen worked really hard and the meals were a success! The receipts and money have been turned in. Committee expressed a little concerned at the difficulty we had a getting volunteers to do anything besides bring soup - so we will have to approach differently next year.

Setting New Goals (future event planning)

3rd Sunday Hospitality Events - **Sept 21** - 3rd Sunday Hospitality - still plotting....

Birthday Bash - perhaps as a "breakfast potluck" in the fall (at the time change?)

* Suggestion for Veterans Day next year - invite veterans to bring in a photo in uniform, place them on a table on the patio, and have members try and guess who is who.

Build Future Agenda

Next meeting: 7:00 pm on June 12, 2014 at location TBD. Dan will share devotion.

Adjourned with prayer by Gordon

Recorded by Melissa Henry

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee Minutes

Minutes from February 13, 2014

Members present: Melissa Henry (Chair), Scott Fajnor, Nora Fajnor, Dan Nelson, Valerie Patscheck

Members absent: Jennifer Kronberg, Evelyn Lacy, Karen Nelson

Guests: Mary Altshuller

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Call to order - Melissa

Devotion – Nora - "Grumble Box"

Caring Conversations - How do you know life is fragile?

Naming Bright Spots – Various shares

Reporting on Progress (Events in the next months)

Feb 16 - Hospitality - Melissa will prep coffee and table, but is unable to stay and help with cleanup. If each member brings one treat, we will have plenty. Nora will make pink rice krispie treats. Dan and Vale will help with cleanup. Doesn't have to be huge - just nicer than usual!

March Meatball Madness - March 9 - Time change due to conflict with CROP Hunger Walk, so event is now for dinner at 5pm. Can encourage people to participate in the walk, and then come to church for dinner! Asking for signups for the following: salad, dessert, bread. Committee will provide cooked noodles and lemonade/water/decaf coffee. Still working on prizes - Scott will make a trophy, and present a box of noodles? If anyone comes up with something silly, send an email to the group. Simple decorations - red plaid tablecloths (with solid red and white to fill in). Melissa will check with Sandie to see if she is available to set up Luther Hall in case we need it. Cards for voting (1/person) will be passed out to each diner while Mary gives a "welcome and have fun" speech.

Lent Soup Suppers - March 12, 19, 26, and April 2, 9, 2014. Karen Nelson will help coordinate with Gail Baird. Signups have started, but first week is always to get it in the heads of members. If first week is not full, Melissa suggests a plea from Dan during Sunday service the week before, but this should not be an issue. The soup suppers are usually well supported. Melissa will make deposit forms for the collection plate each week and get them to the Nelsons.

Mar 16 Hospitality - St. Patrick's Theme - Dan will get writeups in and will request a green bulletin cover that day - perhaps some "cloverleaves" added in somewhere. Maybe even speak to Guy about prelude/postlude/offertory/other music..... Green treats, wearing green, Lucky Charms in a bowl.

Continuing Events & Business Items

Softball: New season begins 2/17, but team is very small. Concerns over it continuing.

Business Items: January meeting minutes approved; 2014 Budget request were adjusted; Web information - church is updating website - so look for more work here soon! ; Time & Talent; MBC Grant: none at this time. Melissa will check on last year's grant and make sure it was spent.

New Liaison - Nora Fajnor will now be representing us at Council meetings. Thank you, Nora!

Reviewing Goals (review of events)

Jan 19 - Celebrate Snow Day - A fun day - and committee is willing to revisit. Snow ball treats (powdered donut holes) were a hit, as were snow caps. And many made mochas with the hot cocoa.

Setting New Goals (future event planning)

3rd Sunday Hospitality Events - April is Easter Sunday, so we get a break. May 18 - Armed Forces Day - S%*\$ on a Shingle - melba toasts?

Hockey Party - June 7th

Summer Fun Hospitality - Committee discussed the rigors of this weekly expectation, and decided that we will host the first and third Sundays (to maintain our pattern as it is set now). Will provide the list attached to the signup sheet to encourage other MC members to take a day.

Build Future Agenda

Next meeting: 7:00 pm on March 13, 2014 at the Nelsons home. Val will share devotion. Nora will prep agenda and lead the meeting. Scott will take minutes.

Adjourned with prayer by Nora

Recorded by Melissa Henry

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee Minutes

Minutes from January 9, 2014 at the church office

Members present: Melissa Henry (Chair), Scott Fajnor, Nora Fajnor, Dan Nelson, Karen Nelson

Members absent: Jennifer Kronberg, Valerie Patscheck, Evelyn Lacy

Guests: Mary Altshuller, Gail Baird

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Call to order - Nora

Devotion – skipped

Caring Conversations - Who do you know is truly happy?

Naming Bright Spots – Various shares

Reporting on Progress (Events in the next months)

Discussed Hospitality first so GB was free to leave. - nothing new to report, but the committee thanks GB for attending our meeting, and for her work with Hospitality.

March Meatball Madness - Mary came to share an idea for a March Potluck - her church had these "rules" which we will modify. It was lunch, not dinner, noon after church. Noodles were provided by the church. Crockpots were numbered, and each person attending gets one vote (on cards like for chili cookoff) 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes were given, each cook told to make 2 meatballs per person attending.

Jan 19 - Celebrate Snow Day - Dan: music, bulletin cover, Melissa: make coffee, donut holes (6 dozen), snow decorations, Nora: snow caps and hot cocoa, Karen: snow decorations. Melissa will do a verbal reminder in church to remind people to dress up. Snowflake making, snowball fight, snowmen from marshmallows - only if Melissa finds other volunteers.

Lent Soup Suppers – March 12, 19, 26, and April 2, 9, 2014. Karen Nelson will help coordinate with Gail Baird.

Continuing Events & Business Items

Softball: Scott will check with Craig on starting date.

Business Items: December meeting minutes approved; 2014 Budget request were adjusted; Web information; Time & Talent changes were made; MBC Grant; Annual Report is in - thank you, Scott!

Reviewing Goals (review of events)

Nov 27 (Wed) Thanksgiving Eve Pie social – Revised Cost was \$37.

Christmas Card Sharing - lots of photo cards, about 21 cards - cost \$0 so committee thinks to do again. Melissa has entered the photo cards into the book, so we have a year to year record.

Dec. 15 “Gaudy Christmas Clothing Day” some wore, some didn't, but it was fun anyhow.

Setting New Goals (future event planning)

3rd Sunday Hospitality Events - Feb 16 - Valentine's - Mar 16 - St. Patrick's Go Green

Hockey Party - June

Breakfast Potluck (at time change) in the fall

Build Future Agenda

Next meeting: 7:00 pm on February 13, 2014 at the Patscheck home. Nora will share devotion

Adjourned with prayer by Melissa

Recorded by Melissa Henry

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee Minutes
Minutes from December 12, 2013 at the Fajnor Residence

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Members absent: Craig Blois, Jennifer Kronberg, Dan & Karen Nelson

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Call to order - Melissa

Devotion – Valerie Patscheck

Caring Conversations

Naming Bright Spots – Various shares

Reporting on Progress (Events in the next months)

Continuing Events & Business Items

Dec. 1 (Sun) The Christmas card sharing began. Cards are coming in.

Hospitality – It was suggested that we invite Gail Baird to our Fellowship meetings

Business Items: November meeting minutes approved; 2014 Budget request review; Web information; Time & Talent changes were made; MBC Grant

Annual Report – Scott is working on the report. Suggest that we budget \$1,200 for non-ticketed events & adjust the \$1,200 budgeted for hospitality down to \$800.

Reviewing Goals (review of events)

Nov 16 (Sat) Birthday Bash Potluck – very successful! Cost was \$120. \$430 was raised for The Make a Wish Foundation. Next year we may consider “Regions of the U.S.” theme?

Nov 27 (Wed) Thanksgiving Eve Pie social – Cost was \$20. Very well received and we plan to do it again next year setting up 8 table instead of 6.

Dec 8 (Sun) Christmas Concert with Dessert Potluck – Cost was \$20; same set up modifications for next year as Pie Social, i.e. 7 or 8 tables instead of 6.

Setting New Goals (future event planning)

3rd Sunday Hospitality Events

Dec. 15 “Gaudy Christmas Clothing Day” contest will be hosted by FC

Jan 19 - Snow Day, suggest donut holes. Soliciting snow caps in the Grapevine. Wear mittens?

Jan 26 - Annual Meeting will be planned and hosted by Church Council

Lent Soup Suppers – March 12, 19, 26, and April 2, 2014. Need coordinator.

Meatball Madness – March 2014. Committee will consult with Mary Altschuler as we plan the event.

Summer Events – A “Dress Your Husband” theme?

Melissa suggested a Saturday Brunch at Daylight Savings or possibly in the summer.

Build Future Agenda

Next meeting: 7:00 pm on January 9, 2014 at the church. The meeting on February 13, 2014 will be held at the Patscheck residence.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Recorded by Valerie Patscheck

Recorded by Valerie Patscheck

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee Minutes

Minutes from November 14, 2013 at the Nelson Residence

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Members absent: Craig Blois, Jennifer Kronberg

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Call to order - Melissa

Devotion – Evelyn Lacy, *Communication - What is Prayer?*

Caring Conversations – Suggest writing in a journal to review later and reflect.

Naming Bright Spots – Various shares

Reporting on Progress (Events in the next months)

Nov. 16 (Sat) Birthday Bash Potluck – Melissa will be at the church at noon. Table hosts can decorate their tables then and return by 5:15. Fellowship committee members will arrive around 4pm. At the event Melissa will deliver a devotional message and Dan will speak on the Make A Wish fundraiser. (Committee is thrilled to have almost 100 participants!)

Nov. 27 (Wed) Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social – Requesting that the pies arrive sliced and if the providers would like to volunteer to help plate them. Karen & Dan will provide cider for the event. Will check the church fridge for available whip cream and supplement accordingly.

Dec. 1 (Sun) Begin the Christmas card sharing. Melissa will prep rolling wall but committee members are to have cards to her THAT MORNING.

Dec. 8 (Sun) Christmas Concert & Dessert Potluck. Fellowship Committee will arrive at the church at 6PM. Same table/chair set up as Thanksgiving Pie Social.

Continuing Events & Business Items

Events: Softball – continuing. Craig Blois has officially resigned from the Fellowship Committee due to current family obligations. We would like to thank him for his years of services, and would welcome him back at any time!

Business: October meeting minutes approved; 2014 Budget request are in Web information; Time & Talent responses have been recorded.

Annual Report – Scott volunteered to prepare our report to present to Council

Reviewing Goals (review of events)

3rd Sunday Hospitality for September and October were well received.

Vibrant Faith – Discussed goals and effectiveness of the program.

Setting New Goals (future event planning)

3rd Sunday Hospitality Events – Dec. 15 “Gaudy Christmas Clothing Day” contest will be hosted by FC

Annual Meeting & Meal – Jan. 26 (Sun), 2014, will be planned and hosted by Church Council

Lent Soup Suppers – March 12, 19, 26, and April 2, 2014. Need host.

Make Bake Celebrate (MBC) will be held on March 29 (Sat), 2014

Build Future Agenda

Next meeting: 7:00 pm on Dec. 12, 2013 at the Fajnor Residence. Valerie will host devotion.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Recorded by Valerie Patscheck

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee Minutes

Minutes from October 12, 2013 at the Henry Home

Members present: Melissa Henry (Chair), Karen Nelson, Scott Fajnor, Dan Nelson

Members absent: Nora Fajnor, Craig Blois, Valerie Patscheck

Guests present: Evelyn Lacy and Jennifer Kronberg

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Call to order - Melissa

Devotion – Dan

Caring Conversations – Habits

Naming Bright Spots – Various shares.

Reporting on Progress (Events in the next months)

Nov. 9 (Sat) Birthday Bash – Melissa will check about moving the date due to the overlap with Family Camp at El Camino Pines. Will let group know Nov 16 is available.

Cost will be free will offering with the potluck. Committee has enough money to pay for cake and beverages - and excess will go to a fundraiser - perhaps Make-A-Wish? Dan will check on that.

Potluck will be divided by months - ask for dish that will serve 6-8 - main dish (Dec Jan Mar May), side dish (Sept Oct Apr Jun), salad or rolls (Feb Nov Jul Aug). Melissa spoke with Sheri Stava who has offered to help host a table.

Verbal announcements in church starting this Sunday. Melissa will handle first service, Scott second.

Karen and Dan will make poster, Melissa will make sign-up sheet.

Melissa will handle hall set-up.

Melissa will work on caring conversations about birthdays to provide hosts at tables.

Need hosts to decorate their own month's table - will tap some people as they sign up. Melissa will have room set-up by noon to allow hosts time to come in and "make it pretty" - she also volunteers to spend the afternoon so they can come when it is convenient.

Committee will provide drinks: water, lemonade, coffee. Melissa will check on other supplies (plates, napkins, silverware.) Jennifer is on cupcake duty. Evelyn will bring the candles. Melissa will give them numbers after last Sunday of sign-ups.

Nov. 27 (Wed) Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social - Karen will be lead, with help. Perhaps put this in the Acorn or Star? Suggestion: ask for pies to come pre-cut. Melissa will check on write-up and email to T&T volunteers. Also, committee would like to use Luther Hall - as last year it was VERY CROWDED in the PLC - and we can afford the cost. Purchase 16 quarts of apple cider. Melissa will check Fellowship box and see what other supplies we need to purchase.

Dec. 1 (Sun) Begin Card Exchange - Use wall again this year - it worked well last time. Each year response has grown. Request that Committee members have their card ready THAT DAY to get a good start to the wall.

Dec. 8 (Sun) Christmas Concert - Melissa will speak with Jayne about her thoughts on this. If we do dessert potluck, perhaps we could get help from choir for cleanup? It would be extremely helpful to our committee.

Continuing Events & Business Items

Events: ◦ Softball – Schedule has not been in bulletin, but season is almost over.

◦ Hospitality – Gail Baird made a lovely new chart, and has volunteers to host most Sundays until Thanksgiving.

◦ Third Sunday Fun - October 20 - Sports Day - Encourage members to wear their favorite sports team gear. (Committee acknowledges completely missing Sept. day)

Business: ◦ August meeting minutes approved with no changes;

- Budget: We have spent about 1/4 of our money, but have events lined up that will use funds. Budget requests are due Oct 25, discussion followed, Melissa will submit.
- Web - Publicity – Check with Worship and Music to see if they want to put Thanksgiving Eve service in Calendar section of the Acorn for free.
- Time & Talent – Changes are due. Melissa submitted changes we had listed, but will verify they are done!
- New Members to the Committee - We are thrilled to have Evelyn Lacy and Jennifer Kronberg join us in our fellowship!

Reviewing Goals

- Aug. 11 Hawaiian Day - was a lovely day - and the cost was \$0!
- Sept. 1 Newspaper Carriers Day - was fun - and the cost was \$45 for donuts and rubberbands.
- August 25 Annual Picnic – Committee thanks the group who put this event on. It was wonderful.
- Sept. 8 Rally Day – Committee feels this was kind of a wash. There was too much on the patio, and not enough people in church that week.

Setting New Goals

The committee would like to focus on better descriptions of our events so people understand what is being offered. Also vocal announcements in church in the weeks leading up to an event by members of the committee who know what they are talking about.

Build Future Agenda

Next meeting: Nov 14 at 7pm at Nelson's home. Evelyn will provide devotions.
Adjourned with prayer by Dan

Recorded by Melissa Henry

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee Minutes

Minutes from August 8, 2013 at the Fajnor Home

Members present: Melissa Henry (Chair), Karen Nelson, Scott Fajnor, Nora Fajnor, Craig Blois, Dan Nelson
Members absent: Josh Graziani, Mona Neuhaus, Kristin Keough, Valerie Patscheck

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Call to order - Melissa

Devotion – Karen - Mary and Martha - finding balance between being and doing

Caring Conversations – Favorite family vacation

Naming Bright Spots – Various shares.

Reporting on Progress (Events in the next months)

Committee wishes to thank all church members and other committees who have hosted a Summer Sunday Hospitality Day. They have all been great! We are looking forward to the rest of the summer.

Aug. 11 Hawaiian Day - Dan has music covered, Melissa will bring wraps to use as decoration. Food suggestions were pineapple, coconut jell-o, yellow cake, beverage of "blue Hawaiians" - blue lemonade.

Sept. 1 Newspaper Carriers Day - Ideas: roll bulletins and secure with a rubber band - will do this one evening after office has them printed. Pass them out from cloth bags over ushers shoulders. Newspaper for tablecloth - Karen will start keeping hers. Treats: Doughnut holes and coffee - Melissa will order and borrow kids bikes to lean on planter. Invite people to stand if they have ever been a delivery person - Melissa will check with pastors on that. (Also Monthly Fair Trade Sale day.)

August 25 Annual Picnic – Park by swimming pool. Task force is being headed by Jim Prosser.

Committees are being asked to do jobs the day of. Our committee hasn't picked a job because only one person at this meeting will be in town on the day of the service.

Sept. 8 Rally Day – Council has decided that there will be only one day, after all. Scott and Craig will staff our table with photo book of past events and a clipboard.

Nov. 11 Birthday Bash – Cost will be \$5 per person, plus potluck. Money will be used for cake and beverages - and excess will go to a fundraiser - perhaps Make a Wish? Potluck will be divided by months - main dish, side dish, salad or rolls. Melissa will meet with Sheri Stava and get details on advertising, etc...

Nov 27 (Wed) Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social - perhaps put this in the Acorn or Star?

Dec Card Exchange - Use wall again this year - it worked well last time. Each year response has grown.

Continuing Events & Business Items

Events: Softball – New season is starting. Craig will get something into next newsletter.

Hospitality – Gail Baird, Chair, is organizing other summer theme sponsors and hopefully working on a chart for the fall.

Business: July meeting minutes approved with no changes; Budget is good; Web - Publicity –Time & Talent –MBC grant.- No discussion.

Reviewing Goals

July 14 Blueberry Brunch hospitality – Went well. Small response from congregation, but people still had a fun time.

Setting New Goals

The committee would like to focus on better descriptions of our events so people understand what is being offered. Also vocal announcements in church in the weeks leading up to an event by members of the committee who know what they are talking about.

Perhaps hosting a Fun Sunday once a month - we talked the 3rd Sunday. Sept 15 - College Day - Encourage members to wear their school colors or logo, then spur discussion on the patio. Oct 20 Sports Day - same general idea, favorite team. Nov 17 - canned food drive just before Thanksgiving. Perhaps tie in a potluck hospitality to these as well?

Build Future Agenda

Next meeting: Sept 12 at 7pm at Melissa's home. _____ will provide devotions.

Adjourned with prayer by Dan

Recorded by Melissa Henry

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee Minutes

Minutes from July 11, 2013 at the church office

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Call to order - Melissa

Devotion – Melissa - What is Hospitality?

Caring Conversations – How have you received hospitality in the last week? How have you given it?

Naming Bright Spots – New mission statement (may be changed) and various shares.

Reporting on Progress (Events in the next months)

Committee wishes to thank all church members and other committees who have hosted a Summer Sunday Hospitality Day. They have all been great! We are looking forward to the rest of the summer.

July 14 Blueberry Brunch hospitality – Melissa will make coffee. All members are encouraged to participate.

Aug. 11 Hawaiian Day - Dan has music covered, Melissa will bring wraps to use as decoration. Food suggestions were pineapple, coconut jell-o, yellow cake, beverage of "blue Hawaiians" - blue lemonade.

Sept. 1 Newspaper Carriers Day - Ideas: roll bulletins and secure with a rubber band. Pass them out from cloth bags over ushers shoulders. Newspaper for tablecloth - Karen will start keeping hers. Treats: Doughnut holes and coffee - Melissa will check with Randy Churchill on ordering lots! Borrow kids bikes to lean on planter? Robes and slippers for committee behind table? Invite people to stand if they have ever been a delivery person - Melissa will check with pastors on that.

August 25 Annual Picnic – Park by swimming pool. Task force is being headed by Jim Prosser.

Committees are being asked to do jobs the day of. Our committee hasn't picked a job because only one person at this meeting will be in town on the day of the service.

Sept. 8 – Sept. 29 Rally Days – Committee requested 9/15 for Fellowship's display. Still waiting for council to decide.

Nov. 11 Birthday Bash – Cost will be \$5 per person, plus potluck. Money will be used for cake and beverages - and excess will go to a fundraiser - perhaps Make a Wish? More research needed. Potluck will be divided by months - main dish, side dish, salad or rolls. Melissa will meet with Sheri Stava and get details on advertising, etc...

Continuing Events & Business Items

Events: Softball – Schedule has not been in the bulletin. Perhaps because Craig is on paternity leave?

Hospitality – Gail Baird, Chair, is organizing other summer theme sponsors and hopefully working on a chart for the fall.

Business: June meeting minutes approved with one change - June 16 did not have a contest; Budget is good;

Web - Publicity –Time & Talent –MBC grant.- No discussion.

Reviewing Goals

June 16 Father's Day Car Show and Nat'l Ice Cream Soda Day –Although the car show was small, we think it was enjoyed. Idea for 2014; Having a Barbershop Quartet on the patio. Also, move ice cream soda table to under the tent - closer to church door and away from coffee table.

June 22 Concert in the Park – “Surf City”. For those who went, the concert was fun and the per-concert time was enjoyable. Def. do again next summer. Would still like to see more people come out - but there was a crowd.

Setting New Goals

The committee would like to focus on better descriptions of our events so people understand what is being offered. Also vocal announcements in church in the weeks leading up to an event by members of the committee who know what they are talking about.

Build Future Agenda

Nov. 27 - Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social

Next meeting: July 11 at 7pm at Fajnor's home. Karen will provide devotions.

Adjourned with prayer by Melissa

Recorded by Melissa Henry

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee Minutes
Minutes from June 13, 2013 at the Patscheck Residence

Members present: Melissa Henry (Chair), Dan Nelson, Karen Nelson, Scott Fajnor, Nora Fajnor, Valerie Patscheck

Members absent: Craig Blois, Josh Graziani, Mona Neuhaus, Kristin Keough

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Call to order - Melissa

Devotion – Dan Nelson

Caring Conversations – Various shares

Naming Bright Spots – Individual reflections & discussion on success of the Hockey party

Reporting on Progress (Events in the next months)

June 16 Father's Day Car Show and Nat'l Ice Cream Soda Day – 5 cars will be displayed on the church patio and front curb. The Craziest Tie contest will be held and the patio decorated in old ties. Melissa & Nora will check existing ice cream, soda, and paper goods inventory and supplement where needed. (Idea for 2014; Having a Barbershop Quartet on the patio.)

June 22 Concert in the Park – “Surf City”. Scott & Valerie will stake out MCLC at 4:30 Thurs 6/20.

July 14 Blueberry Brunch hospitality – Nora will send announcement to Marilyn to post and Dan will provide music.

August 25 Annual Picnic – Patriot's Park on Pleasant Valley Road. Scott will suggest to Council that they appoint a task force to manage the various aspects of the event & propose that this event planning be added to the Time & Talent survey. The Fellowship Committee is willing to assist but not lead this event.

Sept. 8 – Sept. 29 Rally Days – Melissa requested 9/15 for Fellowship's display. Scott will ask the Executive committee or Church Council to set the schedule and organize these activities.

Nov. 11 Birthday Bash – Will be discussed further next month and volunteers will be assigned.

Continuing Events & Business Items

Events: Softball – Mount Cross team undefeated. Only one church member is currently playing;

Hospitality – Gail Baird, Chair, is organizing other summer theme sponsors.

Business: May meeting minutes approved; Budget is okay; Web needs updating; Publicity – some events would be appropriate for public advertising. Currently Desta & Marilyn are maintaining the facebook account; Time & Talent – Melissa will check the T&T survey for people to help with the church picnic and also suggest modifications for classifications; New trash cans from the MBC grant will be discussed next month.

Reviewing Goals

Hockey Party was very successful with more new faces.

Summer Hospitality was kicked off May 26 with a Memorial Day theme by Fellowship committee

Setting New Goals

A progressive dinner and/or A taste of Mount Cross will be postponed for now
The Birthday Bash will be held on Nov. 9, 2013

Build Future Agenda

Will coordinate efforts toward the Church picnic and begin planning the Birthday Bash

Next meeting: July 11 in Pastor John's office at the church

Recorded by Valerie Patscheck

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee Minutes

Minutes from May 9, 2013 at the Church Office

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Call to order - Melissa

Devotion – Valerie Patscheck

Caring Conversations – Various shares

Naming Bright Spots – Individual reflections

Reporting on Progress (Events in the next months)

June 1 – Hockey Party at Fajnor's Ice Palace; Sign-ups going well. Ding Dong-like Hockey pucks have been located but will have to be foil wrapped. Frozen malts are available in Fullerton or El Monte and Karen volunteered to pick up. Valerie will check with CI Food Services for local delivery and report back. Scott & Nora will let the Fellowship committee members know when and how they can assist.

June 22 Concert in the Park – "Surf City". Scott & Valerie will stake out MCLC at 4:30 Thurs 6/20.

May 26 thru Sept 1 Summer Theme Sundays – Melissa created a new Hospitality sign-up board.

August 25 Annual Picnic – One service in the park only and no church services that day. Scott will suggest Patriots Park for consideration at the next Council meeting.

Sept. 8 – Sept. 29 Rally Days – Fellowship will have their table on the patio Sept. 15, possibly with Welcome committee.

Continuing Events & Business Items

Men's Softball team won season championship! Next season begins the 1st week of June on Monday.

Business Items:

Minutes from April 11 were approved; no changes to the Budget and Web Information

Hospitality – The existing large coffee pots are okay pending a better suggestion. Melissa will check on a new cart.

Publicity – MCLC facebook page has been established with Desta coordinating posts.

Make, Bake, Celebrate 2013 – Fellowship grant requests were approved at \$18k.

Church office has a new form for checking out tables/chairs on loan for off-site events.

Reviewing Goals

New Member Sunday on April 21 went well and will continue to be coordinated by the Welcome Committee.

Setting New Goals (future event planning)

Birthday Bash to coincide with Martin Luther's birthday in November. Melissa will chair the event.
Build future agenda – Next meeting: Thurs. June at 7PM at the Patscheck residence. The devotion will be provided by Dan.
Evaluate the Meeting – All agreed that it was a productive meeting.

Recorded by Valerie Patscheck

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee Minutes
Minutes from April 11, 2013 Meeting at the Fajnor Home

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Call to order - Melissa

Devotion – Dan Nelson

Caring Conversations – Various shares

Naming Bright Spots – Individual reflections

Reporting on Progress (Events in the next months)

Apr 27 – Make, Bake, Celebrate (MBC); Valerie cannot attend so someone else will need to assist Gail Baird (Hospitality) with cutting and serving the big cake.

June 1 – Hockey Party at Fajnor's Ice Palace; Sign-ups will start on May 1. Scott & Nora will let the Fellowship committee members know when and how they can assist.

Summer Concert in the Park – date to be determined when the schedule has been announced.

May 26 thru Sept 1 – Summer Theme Sundays; Fellowship will host one Sunday per month with the other weeks to be hosted by other committees. Melissa will reserve the following dates for Fellowship Committee:

5/26 – Memorial Day with Red, White & Blue snacks, decorations, and attire

6/16 – Father's Day Ice Cream Sodas; Nora will buy supplies. It was suggested that we distribute a token gift for all fathers as they enter the church, e.g. Chapstick or chocolate with an MCLC label, etc. We will discuss further at the next meeting.

7/14 – Blueberry Potluck with various snacks and refreshments using blueberries

8/11 – Hawaiian Day; leis and attire, decorations and Hawaiian foods

9/04 – Newspaper Day with donut holes & coffee using newspapers as table coverings, etc.

Father's Day Car Show in the parking lot on June 16. Valerie will ask Stan if he will coordinate with members who own unique vehicles to display in the church parking. She will report back to the group via email within the next week.

Annual Picnic – Scott will follow up again with Council to see if any decisions have been made on the format of the event and whether a service will be held in the park.

Rally Day – Scott will ask Council again for direction on whether this will be a one day event as it had been previous to last year or if it will be spread over several Sundays like last year. Committees will want to begin to plan their display or activity soon.

Continuing Events & Business Items

Men's Softball on Monday evenings has been going well.

Vibrant Faith recommends that a major event be held every six weeks. On May 28, the day following MBC, Council will be hosting a BBQ following the service in the tent.

Caring Committee tracks church service attendance from the red books in the pews in an effort to follow up and re-engage members who recently may not have felt compelled to attend regularly.

Business Items:

- Budget requests have been submitted for new square trash/recycle bins for the kitchen and patio @\$500 and new acrylic brochure racks @\$200; Melissa is currently gathering quotes for these items. (New collapsible easels were removed from the list when some were recently found in the church attic).
- Our web Information is now current.
- Publicity may be considered for the proposed Father's Day Car Show.
- Time & Talent responses will be reviewed for prospective new committee members.
- MBC grant request was submitted by Melissa as discussed at last month's meeting.

Reviewing Goals

New Member Sunday on April 21 will be coordinated by the Welcome Committee. Dan will provide the names of those becoming members so we can greet and engage them in church activities.

A Fellowship Events binder has been organized by Melissa that includes reimbursement and event evaluation forms for reference when planning future events. The binder will be kept in the Fellowship Committee mail slot in the church office.

Setting New Goals (future event planning)

Progressive Dinner and/or A Taste of Mount Cross will be discussed at a later time.

A giant Birthday Party was suggested as a possible twist to the above events consisting of tables set up in Luther Hall for the months of the year and one person at each table coordinates themed table decorations. This would encourage a 'mixer' opportunity to mingle. The Birthday Bash idea was suggested by Sherry Stava as an event that was held at their former church.

Build future agenda – Next meeting: Thurs. May 9 at 7PM at the church office. The devotion will be provided by Valerie.

Evaluate the Meeting – Scott stated that the fellowship is a bright spot for the congregation, encouraging a friendly, casual, and easy transition for new members.

Recorded by Valerie Patscheck

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee Minutes
Minutes from March 14, 2013 Meeting
At the Mount Cross parish office

Members present: Melissa Henry (Chair), Dan Nelson, Valerie Patscheck, Scott Fajnor, Nora Fajnor, Craig Blois

Members absent: Karen Nelson, Josh Graziani, Mona Neuhaus, Kristin Keough, Barbara Burke

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Call to order - Melissa

Devotion – Melissa; Philippians 1:21-30 from “The Word in Season”

Caring Conversations – Various shares

Naming Bright Spots – Individual reflections

Reporting on Progress (Events in the next months)

March Meatball Madness – Time running out but the group agreed to consider this again next year.

Apr 21 – New Member Sunday; to be hosted by the Welcome Committee

Apr 27 – Make, Bake, Celebrate (MBC); Council requested that Fellowship cut & serve the big cake at Sunday services following MBC. Valerie volunteered to assist Gail Baird (Hospitality) with this.

June 1 – Hockey Party at Fajnor's Ice Palace @\$15/person. Guests are welcome to join the MCLC fun and fellowship.

Summer Concert in the Park – date to be determined when the schedule has been announced.

5/26 thru 9/1 – Summer Theme Sundays; Discussed having cards with Vibrant Faith messages on the patio tables with enlarged versions on posters in the patio to inspire VF conversation and mingling during the 30 min. break between services. A calendar will be provided at the next Fellowship meeting so we can start scheduling theme Sundays and host groups.

Annual Picnic – Committee will check the Time & Talent submittals to recruit parties interested in organizing the next picnic. Location and format to be determined at a later time.

Rally Day – Fellowship will ask Church Council for direction.

Continuing Events & Business Items

Promote support of Men's Softball on Monday evenings

Sunday Hospitality – Considering whether to replace the large coffee urns with Hot Pots

Business Items – Budget, Web Info, Publicity, Time & Talent may be discussed next month.

Reviewing Goals

Vibrant Faith Weekend – Feedback suggests that little changes matter. Some felt that the focus was on raising families which was not applicable to the entire audience. However, the momentum of VF for the entire congregation should grow in the future.

Lenten Soup Suppers appear to be successful and have broken even financially.

Fellowship Event Form was reintroduced to the committee to evaluate success and track costs of future events.

Setting New Goals (future event planning)

Fellowship Committee goal: To recruit 3-5 new active participants

Progressive Dinner & A Taste of Mount Cross will be combined to maintain interest.

Available Fellowship funds – suggest buying additional patio trash/recycle receptacle and one for the kitchen, and possibly a new easel and acrylic brochure rack.

Build future agenda – Next meeting: Thurs. April 11 at 7PM at the Fajnor residence. Devotion to be provided by Dan Nelson

Evaluate the Meeting – It is the hope that Caring Conversations will lead to congregants knowing people better, not as servants but as fellow humans.

Recorded by Valerie Patscheck

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee Minutes

Minutes from February 6, 2013 Meeting

At the Mount Cross parish office

Members present: Dan Nelson, Valerie Patscheck, Scott Fajnor, Nora Fajnor

Members absent: Melissa Henry (Chair), Karen Nelson, Craig Blois, Josh Graziani, Mona Neuhaus, Kristin Keough, Barbara Burke

Mission Statement: "Just as Heaven will blend all God's creation, so fellowship blends and bonds people of different backgrounds into one church, one fellowship, one faith." - Anon

1. Opening Prayer
2. The minutes from the 1-10-13 meeting were approved
3. Budget for 2013 – approved as requested. \$1,000 is available in the church budget for setting up events in Luther Hall. Requests must be submitted to the office, or this becomes a Fellowship expense.
4. Web information – Melissa will provide comments on the changes at a later date.
5. Publicity – Acorn Calendar page; Some events may be announced prior to the event inviting the public. Due to the logistics of planning and Health Dept. regulations, other events are more appropriate for public notification following the event.
6. Time & Talent – It has been suggested that the Cooks Club, a group who hosts events at the church, be revived with a new name.
7. MBC Grant info: \$750 for hospitality/hosting. Melissa will report status on a new cart and any additional requests for this year at the next meeting.
8. Review of events:
 - Jan 27 – Annual Meeting Meal – Vibrant!** Well attended and food contribution was abundant. Discussed not having a sign-up sheet next time but decided that sign-ups keep the momentum going leading up to the event. Comments during and following the event varied widely from very positive to criticism due to unanticipated overflow. The committee suggests that the Annual Meeting meal become a Church Council event in the future. If not, will the Chili Cook-Off return next year?
 - Leads: Dan & Karen
 - Cost: To be reported at the next meeting
9. Planning Events for 2013
 - Feb 20 – Lent Soup Suppers begin.** A sign-up board was available on the patio last week and will continue through the Lent season. Scott announced at the council meeting that committees are encouraged to host a Wednesday and individuals can fill in where needed. Property committee is hosting 2/20, Choirs 2/27, Fun with Faith 3/6 & 3/20. Council will possibly host 3/13.
 - March 2-3 Vibrant Faith Weekend** – Saturday 8:30-Noon is open to the congregation; Noon-2PM Learning committee with 1-on-1 consultation in the afternoon. Sunday the VF consultant will lead all services; 12:30-3PM Council feedback & vision with staff & leaders followed by a meeting with the pastors and the VF consultant. (Disclaimer: Schedule may not be totally accurate.)
 - April 21 – New Member Sunday** will be hosted by the Welcome committee.
 - April 27 – Make Bake Celebrate;** Fellowship will contact the MBC committee to offer assistance. Ideas for a committee auction contribution will be discussed at the next meeting.
10. New Business:
 - Softball** – The first game is on Monday, Feb. 18.

March Meatball Madness – a competition of “best meatball” suggested by new members Dmitri & Mary Altschuler. Dan will contact them to become involved and check the church calendar. Basketball play-offs will actually occur in April so April 7 has been targeted for this event to be held in Luther Hall.

Hockey Party – Saturday, June 1 at the Fajnor residence.

Concerts in the Park – Fellowship will organize, reserve a spot at Constitution Park at 5PM on the Thursday before the Saturday concert, and meet attendees bringing chairs/blankets. Latecomers will not be guaranteed seating with the MCLC group. The date will be determined at a later time when the concert schedule is available.

Summer Sunday Themes – Scott has addressed these events at Council suggesting they host one or a few of these events. A schedule will be determined at the next meeting.

Progressive Dinner – A date in the fall has yet to be determined

A Taste of Mount Cross – Will be temporarily discontinued due to a full spring schedule and in hopes that a hiatus will generate a wider interest from the congregation at a later time.

11. Next meeting: Will revert back to former schedule – 2nd Thursday, March 14 in the church office.

12. Closing Prayer

Recorded by Valerie Patscheck

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee Minutes

Minutes from December 13, 2012 Meeting

At the Patscheck home

Members present: Melissa Henry (Chairperson), Dan Nelson, Karen Nelson, Valerie Patscheck

Members absent: Craig Blois, Lynn Boyden, Josh Graziani, Mona Neuhaus, Marsha Niedens, Scott Fajnor, Nora Fajnor

Guest: Susan Prosser

1. Opening Prayer by Dan Nelson

2. The minutes from the 11-08-12 meeting were approved with the following change:

Article 3. OLD BUSINESS

□ An additional proposed change to the Time & Talent sheet was to suggest “Annual Picnic Helper” and will be presented at the next Church Council meeting attended by Scott submitted to church office.

3. Budget for 2012 – as of end of Nov 2012

A. Programming \$1,145 budget; spent \$1,204.08 (85300); income \$1,035.65 (75540)

B. Offsite (ticketed) \$1,980; spent \$2,312.66 (85400), Income \$2,319.25 (75560) – zero based

C. Hospitality \$1,200 budget,; spent \$466.64 (85200), income \$499.21 (75550)

And designated money

4. Web information – Melissa thanked Nora for her review and will respond to Nora’s recent emailed questions and suggestions to the committee.

5. Publicity – Melissa suggested we take advantage of the free monthly Calendar page ad in The Acorn newspaper for church events such as Make Bake Celebrate (MBC), etc.

6. Time & Talent – no change

7. Annual Report – Melissa’s submittal copy was distributed at meeting and is available by request

8. MBC Grant info: \$750 for hospitality/hosting equipment. Purchased:

A. 10 new red tablecloths - \$107.10

B. Coffee pot and Hot Pot - \$48.85

C. 6 trays, 6 large bowls, 6 small bowls - \$115.32

Cart option: \$400 w/butcher block top (could be purchased under Fellowship budget expiring 12/31)

9. Review of events:

Nov. 11 – **Martin Luther Birthday Celebration** should be promoted during the services.

Lead: Melissa

Cost: \$35.98 (2 cakes)

Nov. 21 – **Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social** needed more people for clean-up. May hold next year’s event using part or all of the space in the larger Luther Hall and that offers festive decorations made by the CDC kids.

Lead: Karen and Melissa

Cost: \$25.93 (apple cider)

Dec. 02 - **Christmas Concert& Dessert Potluck** – Suggested that the choirs should attend and participate in the after event. Melissa invited CDC teachers to take down & set up for \$100, which worked well so the room was properly restored to the CDC arrangements. Could add 2 more tables for seating. Suggest that Craig updates his floor plan to accurately set up the tables and serving area.

Lead: Craig

Cost: \$16.28 (plates) and \$50.00 (1/2 hall set up)

10. Planning Events for 2012-2013

Ongoing – Christmas Card Sharing

Participation should pick up this week. Melissa will ask pastors to announce the activity during the services.

Lead: Melissa

Cost: \$7.39 (ribbon)

Jan 27 – Annual Meeting Meal - Vibrant Ministry – Susan Prosser

Church Council requested a “Vibrant” themed potluck this year to kick off the 2013 Vibrant Ministry project with possible entertainment, instead of the chili cook-off from previous years. The Council will advertise the event in the church bulletin, the Grapevine, etc., and Fellowship will conduct potluck sign-ups, meal set-up/take-down, and decorations. Ideas for promoting the Vibrant theme included using vibrant spices, vibrant colored decorations (perhaps using colored Christmas lights), “good vibrations”. Committee members will continue to brainstorm on definitions or notions of the “vibrant” theme, and could ask congregation to provide their own meaning of “vibrant”. Other ideas discussed: serving sparkling cider; using new red tablecloths and purchase a few yellow, purple, or green tablecloths for a lively accent; and using potted herbs and spices for centerpieces to be given away at the end of the evening. Sign-ups will start on the patio between services on 1/6/13.

Susan expressed the Council’s appreciation and acknowledged that many of the congregation’s former programs have fallen into to the hands of the Fellowship Committee.

Leads: Dan & Karen

11. New Business:

Progressive Dinner (March?) – Craig & Scott will decide if they will lead and schedule a date

Lent Soup Suppers – Begins Feb 20 with sign-ups starting Feb 3. Valerie will make sign-up board. Melissa will work with Valerie to distribute email for sign-up commitments.

Set up/clean up by committee

MBC – April 27, 2013

New Member Event – Jan 20, 2013

Welcome committee will propose providing & serving a sheet cake to clergy.

12. Old business:

Host a person without a family for the holidays – Message was too vague in the 12/9 bulletin and should have provided contact info.

13. Announcements:

Craig is willing to stay on committee as needed and Barbara Burke will be joining our group in January. Lynn will attend as she is able. Scott is taking a 3 month leave of absence to focus on work commitments and Nora will continue to be involved with Fellowship. Desta, Marsha Niedens, and Josh will be removed from the email list for now.

14. Next meeting date is Thursday, January 10, 2013, 7:00 PM in the MCLC parish office.

15. Closing Prayer by Melissa Henry

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee Minutes

Minutes from November 8, 2012 Meeting

At Mount Cross

“Just as heaven will blend all God’s creation, so fellowship blends and bonds people of different backgrounds into one church, one fellowship, one faith.”

Members present: Nora Fajnor, Scott Fajnor (liaison), Melissa Henry (Chairperson), Dan Nelson, Karen Nelson, Valerie Patscheck

Members absent: Craig Blois, Lynn Boyden, Josh Graziani, Mona Neuhaus, Marsha Niedens

1. Opening Prayer by Scott Fajnor
2. The minutes from the 10-11-12 meeting were approved as amended.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- No latest update to our budget and spending was available. We still have money to spend in our budget even though the budget shows otherwise.
- An additional proposed change to the Time & Talent sheet was to suggest “Annual Picnic Helper” and will be presented at the next Church Council meeting attended by Scott.
- The information on the Mount Cross website needs to be updated. Nora volunteered to review the current Fellowship webpage, recommend required changes, and will make a presentation of those proposed changes for the December meeting.
- The Fellowship Committee suggests selling the current Hospitality Cart and putting the proceeds, along with the yet unused funds from MBC, to purchase a new, better cart. It was also decided to purchase a \$50 coffeemaker for the Kitchen and put additional funds towards the new cart.

4. REVIEW OF EVENTS

- Nothing in October to review.

5. UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Martin Luther Birthday Celebration (Nov 10).** Lead: Melissa. Dan will set up his ipod to play music written by Martin Luther. Nora will provide a copy of Luther’s Small Catechism and try to find some biographical information for display. Gail Baird is in charge of coffee hospitality and Deborah Goebel will be cutting the Birthday Cake.
- **Pie Social (Thanksgiving Eve).** Lead: Karen and Melissa. Anne Valencia had sent her “guidelines” from previous events to be used for this event planning/set-up.
- **“Adopt Someone for Thanksgiving”** ---- Lead: Nora. Publicity has been posted and Marilyn has been contacted to re-broadcast the notice (in the bulletins, newsletters, etc.) up to Thanksgiving.
- **Dessert Social after Christmas Concert (Dec 2)** ---- Lead: Craig. Melissa will provide last year’s sign-up chart to Craig to start the advertising the patio between services. Who will be responsible for take-down, set-up, and set-up of the School is still under review.
- **Chili Cook-Off (Jan 27, 2013)** ---- We need to stay tuned regarding this event. The Church Council is still evaluating how they want the Congregational Meeting and meal to be scheduled.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- **Ideas for fall events (Oct-Nov).** A continuation of events from past years as well as some new ideas was discussed.
 1. **Lefsa Making.** This is still being reviewed but it is certain that a scheduled event date will not be before January 1 of 2013. Coordination with Mr. Ronning still needs to be confirmed.
 2. **Christmas Card Sharing (Advent).** Lead: Melissa. Scott will contact Marilyn regarding re-broadcasting last year’s notice to the congregation. Melissa will put together a “rolling wall” so it can be present during church services and Christmas Concert.
 3. **Progressive Dinner 2013.** Lead: Craig & Scott? Scott will talk to Craig about his interest in planning this program for next year. There were responses from the Time & Talent cards for possible helpers/coordinators.
 4. **New Member Dinner(s).** Lead: Dan: Dan expressed interest in a combined effort with the Welcome Team to put on a “welcome event” for new members. More discussion to come.

5. Life Planning Workshop(s). Lead: Melissa. Melissa is trying to coordinate a program of workshops offered to the congregation for different aspects of Life Planning. She is targeting something during Lent but this is just in the infancy stages of planning.

- **Committee “Note Taker”.** Scott expressed his need to step back from Committee activities come the first of the year as he is dealing with conflicts from work related events. He has offered to take back the responsibilities at a later date once he completes his continuing education commitment(s). Dan said he would prayerfully consider taking the responsibilities on an interim basis. Will be discussed further at next meeting.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

- **Fellowship Committee Recruiting:** Once their respective schedules free up, Barbara Burke and Kristen Keough will be joining our committee.
- **Annual Picnic Reimbursement.** Josh needs to be contacted regarding repayment for the Park deposit. Also, the committee will suggest to the Church Council that NEXT year, on Annual Picnic Sunday, that a 1st church service be held at church and a 2nd church service be held in the park. The other suggested alternative was to have only the 1 church service held in the park.
- **Spending.** Melissa mentioned that the Fellowship Committee could offer a Trash/Recycling “Center for the Kitchen Island. Melissa will get some prices to present at the next meeting.
- **Annual Report.** Lead: Melissa. After a request for a volunteer to write and/or edit a first-draft report (and there were none!), Melissa offered to write a report to be reviewed by the committee at the December meeting. If possible, she would send out a draft prior to the December meeting to be read, reviewed, and commented on at that meeting.

8. Next meeting date is Thursday, December 13th, 7:00 PM at Valerie Patscheck’s home

9. Closing Prayer by Melissa Henry

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee Minutes

Minutes from October 11, 2012 Meeting

At Melissa Henry’s home

“Just as heaven will blend all God’s creation, so fellowship blends and bonds people of different backgrounds into one church, one fellowship, one faith.”

Members present: Nora Fajnor, Scott Fajnor (liaison), Melissa Henry (Chairperson)

Members absent: Craig Blois, Lynn Boyden, Josh Graziani, Karen Nelson, Mona Neuhaus, Marsha Niedens, Valerie Patscheck

Guest: Gordon Henry

1. Opening Prayer by Gordon Henry

2. The minutes from the 9-13-12 meeting were approved as amended.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- No latest update to our budget and spending was available. We still have money to spend in our budget even though the budget shows otherwise. Melissa will try to have updated numbers from Marilyn for the November meeting.
- Review of preliminary budget for Fellowship for 2013 was discussed with suggested changes. There was unanimous approval and our budget would be submitted by Melissa.
- The proposed changes to the Time & Talent sheet previously brought to Pastor John and the Church Council were not on the 2013 T&T sheets that went out with the Stewardship baskets. Scott will follow-up with the Council as to reasons for the omissions. They were:
 1. “Photographer for Church Events”
 2. “Videographer for Church Events”
 3. Omit “Bread breakers Coordinator”
- The Fellowship Committee suggests selling the current Hospitality Cart and putting the proceeds, along with the yet unused funds from MBC, to purchase a new, better cart.

4. REVIEW OF EVENTS

- Annual Church Picnic (August 26). Lead: Josh Graziani. Costs and donations were unavailable as Josh was unable to attend the meeting. We will look forward to updates at the November meeting.
- **Mount Cross Fantasy Football League** (Aug 26 draft date). Lead: Josh. Costs and donations were unavailable as Josh was unable to attend the meeting. We will look forward to getting a final team count, etc.
- **Men’s Softball Team.** Lead: Craig. Cost: \$345(?) per season but is 100% reimbursed by participants. Fall season is underway.
- **Coed Softball Team.** Lead: Scott. Cost: \$345(?) per season but is 100 % reimbursed by participants. Not enough interested players came forward so there is NO Mount Cross team for the Fall season. Scott will try again after the first of the year to encourage participation.
- **Rally Day (Sep 16).** Having a “just Fellowship” Sunday was beneficial for promoting what our committee does. However, there was a lot of confusion as to who is in charge of dedicating space for each group wanting to host a table and/or setting up the required stations. Groups directly linked to Mount Cross should be able to take care of themselves, but outside groups did not have a clue as to what was expected of them regarding set-up, take-down, where to find tables and/or chairs, when to set-up, and/or hope long they were expected to stay before taking-down. For the future, it is recommended to have a weekly contact person for each week to handle these issues. It was also noted that maybe Learning and W&M could combine “rally days” to shorten the Rally Day “season”. It was also mentioned that maybe “committee spotlight(s)” should be offered at other times during the church year. Rally Day should be special.
- **“A Taste of Mount Cross” (Sep 21, 22, & 23).** Lead: Scott. Cost: \$0. Disappointed with the overall participation of the congregation. Those that did attend a get-together thoroughly enjoyed it. In the future the committee needs to do a better job of VERBALLY explaining what this is! In essence, it is Bread Breakers in one, two, or three weekends in the year and will be discussed further at November meeting. We are still working out bugs to perfect this idea.

5. UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Pie Social (Thanksgiving Eve).** Lead: Karen with Melissa’s assistance. Anne Valencia & Desta Goehner have decided to retire.
- **Dessert Social after Christmas Concert (Dec 2)** ---- Lead: Craig (& Tracy?) Blois. Jayne Pompey is on board regarding splitting any cost i.e. set-up PLC, take-down, etc.
- **Chili Cook-Off (Jan 27, 2013)** ---- We need to stay tuned regarding this event. The Church Council is still evaluating how they want the Congregational Meeting and meal to be scheduled.
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6. NEW BUSINESS

- **Ideas for fall events (Oct-Nov).** A continuation of events from past years as well as some new ideas was discussed.
 1. **Lefsa Making.** This is still being reviewed but it certain that a scheduled event date will not be before January 1 of 2013.
 2. **Martin Luther's Birthday Celebration (Nov 10).** Lead: Melissa. Should this be a continuation of our Summer Fellowship series? It was discussed that copies of Luther's Small Catechism could be emphasized with/without black hats.
- **"Faith Infusion".** Since several members were not at the August meeting, a review of our discussion with Pastor John was reviewed. Ideas revisited were Mount Cross Fellowship Committee hosting a themed event (similar to Summer Fellowship) at another church, supporting an "Adopt a Soldier/Sailor" program as an invitation to join a church Family(s) during one-or-both Holidays, a "Blessing of Pets", and/or a "special" cake celebration on the hospitality patio in acknowledgement of Martin Luther's Birthday. Also discussed was meeting with other church's Fellowship Committees share/compare ideas. Nora offered to write-up a "faith infusion" article, regarding "adopt a soldier/sailor" to be offered for the next newsletters.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

- **Fellowship Committee Recruiting:** From the "Taste of Mount Cross" get togethers, three (3) prospective new committee members came forward. We will be inviting Barbara Burke, Kristen Keough, and Dan Nelson to our next meeting!
- **Facebook Page.** It was discussed, as part of our future publicity for this committee, the possibility of having our own Facebook page. More discussion to follow.
- **Publicity.** It was asked, and needs to be followed-up on, as to what events can and/or cannot be noticed in the Friday emails. It was discussed that some "far off" events get more notice that current and/or quickly approaching events do not.
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8. Next meeting date is Thursday, November 8th, 7:00 PM at Church

9. Closing Prayer by Melissa Henry

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee Minutes

Minutes from September 13, 2012 Meeting

At Mount Cross Lutheran Church

"Just as heaven will blend all God's creation, so fellowship blends and bonds people of different backgrounds into one church, one fellowship, one faith."

Members present: Nora Fajnor, Scott Fajnor (liaison), Melissa Henry (Chairperson), Karen Nelson, Valerie Patscheck

Members absent: Lynn Boyden, Craig Blois, Josh Graziani, Mona Neuhaus, Marsha Niedens

1. Opening Prayer by Melissa Henry
2. The minutes from the 8-9-12 meeting were approved as amended.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- No new submittals had been made to the Fellowship website information and/or to our Shutterfly website. Scott will follow-up with Lisa Saner, again, regarding photos taken at the 2012 Hockey Party so those might be posted on website.
- No latest update to our budget and spending was available. We will try to have updated numbers for the October meeting
- There are no proposed revisions for the Time& Talent sheet since the 7-12-12 meeting.

4. REVIEW OF EVENTS

- National Golf Day (August 12). Lead: Craig Blois. Hospitality provided by Cy & Gayle which included “Arnold Palmers” and “golf ball” donut holes. Cost: \$0
- Peach Potluck (August 19). Lead: Lynn Boyden: Coffee provided by Lynn Boyden. Cost: \$0. Nora Fajnor and Desta Goehner also supplied Apple Crisp in honor of Pastor Erik’s 40th Birthday
- Annual Church Picnic (August 26). Lead: Josh Graziani. Costs and donations were unavailable as Josh was unable to attend the meeting. We will look forward to updates at the October meeting.
- **Mount Cross Fantasy Football League** (Aug 26 draft date). Lead: Josh. Costs and donations were unavailable as Josh was unable to attend the meeting. We will look forward to getting a final team count, etc.
- **Men’s Softball Team.** Lead: Craig. Cost: \$345(?) per season but is 100% reimbursed by participants. Fall season is underway.
- **Coed Softball Team.** Lead: Scott. Cost: \$345(?) per season but is 100 % reimbursed by participants. Although there had been new interest in resurrecting a Coed team, only 2 people came forward expressing interest in playing. Since the fall season has started, Scott will try again after the first of the year to encourage participation.

5. UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Rally Day (Sep 16).** We will continue to have a table out for sign-ups for A Taste of Mount Cross. It will be the last day of sign-ups at church.
- **Rally Day (Sep 23).** Lead for Fellowship Participation: Craig. Cost: Hopefully \$0. Craig will be responsible for securing a table, with electricity that will feature what Fellowship has done so far this year. Whoever, from our committee, that can help with [staffing](#) the table(s) will wear Hawaiian Shirts in honor of a past event. The committee will have information of what our committee accomplishes during the year such as:
 1. **January:** Chili Cook-off
 2. **February:** Progressive Dinner
 3. **March:** Lenten Soup Dinners
 4. **April:** Make+Bake+Celebrate
 5. **May:** Softball is well underway
 6. **June:** Annual Hockey Party
 7. **July:** Summer Fellowship events between church services
 8. **August:** Annual Church Picnic
 9. **September:** A Taste of Mount Cross
 10. **October:** Lefsa Making

11. **November:** Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social

12. **December:** Dessert Potluck after the Christmas Choir(s) Program

- **“A Taste of Mount Cross” (Sep 21, 22, & 23).** Lead: Scott. Cost: \$0. With hopes that last year’s “A Taste of Mount Cross” will encourage more participation, Scott has had Marilyn publicize the event in all the church correspondences. To date we have at least 6 homes that have offered to host events from Friday evening to Sunday evening. Sign-ups will conclude Sunday, 9-16, and hosts will be notified of the people who want to attend their individual events with exact time, location, and expectations.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- **Ideas for fall events (Oct-Nov).** A continuation of events from past years as well as some new ideas was discussed.
 1. **Pie Social (Thanksgiving Eve)** ---- Melissa will contact Anne Valencia & Desta Goehner to confirm their interest in organizing the annual Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social as they have in the past.
 2. **Lefsa Making (October?)** ---- Melissa will contact Desta to see if there are plans for another Lefsa Making Day (Heather Barry has moved away and Desta was the other organizer from last year).
 3. **Dessert Social after Hanging of the Greens Program (Dec 2)** ---- Melissa will check with Jayne Pompey to see what plans/ideas she has for the concert and IF Jayne wants Fellowship Committee participation.
 4. New ideas included “Blessing of Pets” but interest and availability of the Pastor(s) needs to be confirmed.
- **“Faith Infusion”.** Since several members were not at the August meeting, a review of our discussion with Pastor John was reviewed. Ideas revisited were Mount Cross Fellowship Committee hosting a themed event (similar to Summer Fellowship) at another church, supporting an “Adopt a Soldier/Sailor” program as an invitation to join a church Family(s) during one-or-both Holidays, a “Blessing of Pets”, and/or a “special” cake celebration on the hospitality patio in acknowledgement of Martin Luther’s Birthday. Also discussed was meeting with other church’s Fellowship Committees share/compare ideas.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

- **Fellowship Committee Recruiting:** The committee needs to get active about recruiting new members to be a part of our group. Due to other commitments, Josh Graziani and Craig Blois are taking a sabbatical from the committee but will help out with executing events where and when they can. Due to personal reasons, Mona Neuhaus needs time away from meetings. Due to time constraints, Desta Goehner has left the committee but would like to continue receiving the monthly minutes as Anne Valencia has for the past year. We need more people to help with our events because the small group we currently have are starting to suffer from burn-out. A request for and an invitation to join will be on our table at the 9-23 Rally Day. Scott will submit an invitation to Marilyn to post in the newsletters and bulletins.
- **Summer “Concert in the Park”:** It was noted that we did not **do** a church-wide “Concert in the Park” this summer. We noted that it was due to Scott’s/Nora’s busy schedule (they organized this the past 2 summers) and the Henry’s being gone all summer. We will revisit the idea next summer.
- **Chili Cook-Off (Jan 2013)** ---- Scott will request a confirmation on the date at the next church council meeting.

8. Next meeting date is Thursday, October 11th, 7:00 PM at the home of Valerie Patscheck.

9. Closing Prayer by Melissa Henry

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee Minutes

Minutes from July 12, 2012 Meeting

In Pastor John's Office at church

“Just as heaven will blend all God's creation, so fellowship blends and bonds people of different backgrounds into one church, one fellowship, one faith.”

Members present: Craig Blois, Lynn Boyden, Nora Fajnor (Chair Pro-Tem), Scott Fajnor (liaison), Josh Graziani, Karen Nelson, Mona Neuhaus, Valerie Patscheck

Members absent: Desta Goehner, Melissa Henry, Marsha Niedens

1. Opening Prayer by Scott Fajnor
2. The minutes from the 6-14-12 meeting were approved as amended.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- No new submittals had been made to the Fellowship website information and/or to our Shutterfly website. Lisa Saner has been contacted regarding photos taken at the 2012 Hockey Party and the availability to be posted on website.
- No latest update to our budget and spending was available. We will try to have updated numbers for the August meeting.
- There are some proposed revisions for the Time& Talent sheet. Under the FELLOWSHIP portion, the following is proposed:
 1. “Photographer for Church Events”
 2. “Videographer for Church Events”
 3. Omit “Bread breakers Coordinator”

4. REVIEW OF EVENTS

- National Pink Day (June 24). Lead: Melissa. Cost(s) and money donated to “free will” baskets unknown as Melissa was not present. Overall review was very positive even down to the pink bulletins. One comment was that the pink wine, at communion, was a bit much.
- Patriotic Day (July 1). Lead: Valerie. Cost: \$5. Donated “free will offering” was unknown. Very well received and supported.
- National Hot Dog Day (July 8). Lead: Craig with help from Karen and Dan Nelson. Cost: \$60.43. Donated “free will offering” was \$59. It was fun to see so many people enjoying a grilled Hot Dog at 10:00 in the morning!!! Of the 100 Hot Dogs purchased, only 2 were left! It was noted that it is extremely important to grill the hot dogs during the first service so they can be wrapped in foil and ready to be served as soon as people arrive.

5. UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Summer Fellowship/Hospitality.** It was noted that it would be nice if we could find someone who could/would take photographs for our summer events. The schedule for the rest of the summer:
 1. July 15 ----- “Blueberry Brunch” with Nora & Scott Fajnor as lead and coffee and blueberry beverage(s) provided by Mona & Tom Neuhaus
 2. July 22 ----- “Amelia Earhart Day” with Karen Nelson as lead and coffee provided by Lynn Boyden. Ideas include a Paper Airplane making/flying contest (Josh will supply an instructional manual), peanuts & pretzels as snacks, Boarding Pass inserts in bulletins, world maps as table cloths, a representative “Amelia”, and the ushers providing instructions as to wear the exits are in church.
 3. July 29 ----- “Twins Day” with Mark and Lisa Saner as leads. There is some confusion as to what this means, but Karen & Dan Nelson plan to wear Minnesota Twins paraphernalia, couples dressing alike, etc.
 4. August 5 -- “National Ice Cream SunDAE Day” with Josh Graziani as lead and providing the coffee.
 5. August 12 – “National Golf Day” with Craig Blois as lead. Mona & Tom Neuhaus will provide coffee.
 6. August 19 – “Peach Potluck Sunday” with Lynn Boyden as lead. She will also provide the coffee.
 7. August 26 – Annual Church Picnic with Josh Graziani as lead. Last year’s format has changed. A 9:00 AM traditional church service at Mount Cross will be followed by a procession up Camino Esplendido to pray for our church neighbors. After the 10:30 AM contemporary church service at Mount Cross, there will a procession down Camino Esplendido to pray for our church neighbors and down to Nancy Bush Park for our potluck picnic. Josh will reserve the park ASAP.
- **Mount Cross Fantasy Football League** (Aug draft date TBA). Lead: Josh. Cost: \$\$\$\$. Josh will notify past participants and submit an invitation for new participants to Marilyn to be put in the weekly bulletins & email newsletters and monthly newsletter ASAP as he’d like to have a pre-season draft in August before the season starts.
- **Rally Day (Sep 9).** Lead for Fellowship Participation: Craig. Cost: \$0. Craig will be responsible for securing a table, with electricity that will feature what Fellowship has done so far this year and have available information about upcoming events. A sign-up sheet will be available for “A Taste of Mount Cross....” Help manning the table will be required by committee members.
- **Men’s Softball Team.** Lead: Craig. Cost: \$345(?) per season but is 100% reimbursed by participants. Craig has already submitted the rest of the Summer Schedule to the church office to be noted in bulletins and newsletters. Registration for Fall season starts in August.
- **Coed Softball Team.** Lead: _____. Cost: \$345(?) per season but is 100 % reimbursed by participants. There has been new interest in resurrecting a Coed team. Jim Gramacki has been contacted and is willing to manage the team as long as enough dedicated players come forward. Scott will submit an invitation to contact him, directly, regarding interest in participating but it needs to be done soon because the registration period is coming very soon!
- **“A Taste of Mount Cross”.** Lead: Scott. Cost: \$0. With hopes that last year’s “A Taste of Mount Cross” will encourage more participation, Scott will confer with Marilyn as to available weekends to feature this event. The weekends of 9/21-9/23 and/or 9/29-9/30 were selected “first choice(s)”. The idea is that there will be hosted events Friday evening, SaturDAY and Saturday evening, and SunDAY and Sunday evening all in the same weekend. Even if you host an event hopefully there will be an opportunity to attend an event, too.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- **Ideas for Fall events (Oct-Nov).** Other than the Mount Cross Golf weekend in mid-October, there isn’t any Fellowship events planned between “A Taste of Mount Cross” and the Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social.

Some initial ideas, to be continued at August meeting, included some kind of “Fall Festival” (NOT a Halloween Party), a possible “Block Party”, and/or another Potluck Dinner held at church.

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- **“Faith Infusion”**. Scott brought up the Church Council’s vision for the coming church year. More discussion and brain-storming to continue at August meeting after Scott clarifies with Pastor John. Some ideas at this time included hosting/sponsoring an information booth at Community Events (i.e. Camarillo Fiesta, Celtic Day, etc.), sharing/exchanging our Fellowship ideas with other congregations, etc.

8. Next meeting date is Thursday, August 9th, 7:00 PM at the home of the Fajnor.

9. Closing Prayer by Nora Fajnor

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee Minutes

Minutes from January 12, 2012 Meeting

In Pastor John’s Office, Mount Cross Lutheran Church

“Just as heaven will blend all God’s creation, so fellowship blends and bonds people of different backgrounds into one church, one fellowship, one faith.”

Members present: Craig Blois, Nora Fajnor, Scott Fajnor, Josh Graziani, Melissa Henry (chair), Karen Nelson, Anne Valencia

Members absent: Lori Clem, Desta Goehner, Marsha Niedens, Carol Paul (liaison)

Guests: Marty and Mary Mannason

1. Introduction of Guests and purpose of their attendance:

- Marty and Mary propose Mount Cross host a monthly BBQ on the patio following the 3rd service. They see this as way for members to invite friends/family/guests as a means to introducing them to Mount Cross with hopes of stimulating membership. Marty said he’d like to see the Church front the initial money (~\$100) and then ask for a free-will donation to fund future BBQ’s. Melissa noted that money was not requested in the Committee’s 2012 budget and that we need to wait until the Annual Congregational Meeting to see how the church’s budget looks. She also noted that there are proposed changes for the New Year regarding money coming in and money going out, per committee, and we don’t know the impact yet. Anne commented that it was a great idea but that the current committee has several projects and events already on our plate and that, in lieu of using our committee’s energy, recommended that Marty and Mary seek help and support for their idea. This would include man-power for publicizing (Melissa gave them some ideas), set-up, clean-up, cooking, providing the necessary supplies, etc. It was also recommended that the Mannasons attend the Congregational Meeting, stand up, and propose their idea to see what kind of feedback they would get. The committee agreed we would support the effort in any way we could.

2. Accepted minutes from 11-10-11 approved as corrected.

3. **OLD BUSINESS**

- Budget: Melissa reiterated that our committee proposed a budget of \$3575 for Fellowship events, and \$1200 for Hospitality. It was noted that some of the events that come out of the \$3575 budget will be/can be reimbursed through donations for each individual event.

- Josh noted he was reimbursed for the expenses, and receipts, he incurred for the Children's Christmas Program and Dinner.
- Anne may still have some outstanding expenses she needs to be reimbursed for.
- Melissa was given the results from the 2012 Time& Talent Sheets. She noted that we have some new volunteers for our recurring events and that she'll send out a digital copy to our committee members so they know of the pool of volunteers to draw from for the different event. Melissa was especially elated with the response for the Lenten Soup dinners during Lent. She said she will send out a list of dates for the upcoming Lenten Soup dinners to those who responded and ask them, first, which date(s) work best for them. We will then do our best to fill in the gaps!

4. REVIEW OF EVENTS

- Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social (Nov 23) – lead: Anne Valencia. Cost = \$Still needs to be determined based on Anne's receipts. Since is resigning as a full-time member of the Committee, effective 1-13-12, she will find someone to “organize and direct” the 2012 event.
- Hanging of the Greens and “A Taste of Mount Cross” Dessert Potluck (Dec 4) – lead: Craig Blois. Proposed Cost(s) = \$100 for Luther Hall set-up & take down to be shared with choirs 50/50 and ~\$40 in supplies thus a Fellowship cost of ~\$90 from Committee budget (expenditure was approved by the Council) but actual costs were not discussed at the meeting. Comments and suggestions for next year included providing more seating (as there were about 200 people who attended the concert) and, possibly, requesting only “finger food” for ease of presentation and gratification as it is less messy. However, it was also noted, that a diversity of desserts is what makes the event so wonderful. Future discussions, as the 2012 event nears, will occur
- Lefse Making Day (Dec 11) – lead: Desta Goehner and Heather Barry. Cost: \$0; counting on donations. Those that attended praised the event as a huge success with 20-25 participants. Comments included the fun and educational aspects, especially the differing approaches by Heather Barry and Desta's father. It was nice to have the youth participants clean-up although there were some unhappy parents that didn't realize how late and how long it would take. It was proposed that we make this an annual event but in the future provide more electricity and investigate the possibility of using Luther Hall for more room.
- Children's Christmas Program Pizza Feed (Dec 18) – lead: Josh Graziani. Proposed Cost to the Fellowship Committee was \$110. The actual cost was ~\$286 which included \$50 for Luther Hall take-down/set-up (shared with Children's Ministry), ~\$236 for pizzas and supplies. With the \$121 from the free-will donations, the event had a net cost of ~\$165 and over budget. This did include the cost of CD's proposed to be “burned” for people to take after the event while enjoying the cookies prepared and pre-package for those going to view Christmas Lights around town. See the attached report, below, by Josh:

1. Fellowship Christmas Program Dinner Summary 12/18/2011
2. I felt that this evening's dinner went as smooth as it could.
3. Dinner started at 5:00pm so I got there about 3:30 after doing some shopping. I went to Smart and Final to purchase 125 thick paper plates, 150 cups, napkins, lemonade, and dinner mints for \$42. I also picked up cookie bags and ties from 99 Cent store for \$8. The day before, I called Tony's Pizza to make an order for about 65 confirmed RSVP adults and about 50 children. With an anticipation of an average of 2 slices per person, I ordered 24 – 14” pizzas (8-cheese, 8 pepperoni, 8 mushroom) totaling \$186, including a \$10 tip, which was a good amount considering as the program had started we had just under 2 pizzas to go. 4 large bags of Salad with 6 bottles of dressing was donated by Courtney Burke which was plenty (we used 3 bags with leftovers) and 2 large zip lock bags of pasta salad from Joshua Graziani.
4. After Scott Ingram had set up the room, I did not bother with table cloths except the two tables with salad and beverages. I filled the lemonade container and went through an additional 6 pitchers of lemonade to refill with ice (same with the water container). I spread out the dinner mints all over the tables and left a basket of napkins at each table as well. Pizzas arrived about

4:50pm and we served through the kitchen window following the self served salad and beverage tables to their left. We had a bucket for free-will offering to offset the pizza cost and we collected \$121.

5. As families were arriving, those who signed up for cookies left them in the kitchen and as they started leaving to get their seats in the church, I and 4 other high school kids helped count, bag, and tie individual bags of cookies for everyone to enjoy after the program. There were 112 bags with about 2 cookies each, 12 holiday Chinese takeout containers filled with cookies and a tray of 24 cupcakes that were placed neatly outside the front doors of the church for everyone to take home or eat immediately. It was a nice touch.
6. After that, I did the final clean up and dishes from dinner and took out the trash. I left about 7:30 and was satisfied with a job well done.
7. Joshua Graziani

- Christmas Card Sharing (during Advent) – lead: Scott Fajnor. Cost: ?? Melissa purchased the foam-core boards the cards were mounted on but no record of receipt. About 35 people/families participated which we feel is a great start to what we see as an annual event. Comments and suggestions for the future included more visibility (i.e. placed on easels and/or Front Entry Doors to Sanctuary, weather permitting), designating someone as “manager of the boards” (boards were put where nobody knew where they were!), more publicizing by Pastors (during announcements?), and having people mailing their cards directly to the church to avoid forgetting to bring them each week.

5. UPCOMING EVENTS

- Melissa reminded the committee that Sunday, January 22nd is the deadline to submit items to Marilyn for the upcoming Newsletter!
- Annual Meeting/”A Taste of Mount Cross” Chili Cook-off (Jan 2012) – lead: _____. Cost = to be reviewed pending curtailment of expenses reaching into the New Year. Event was discussed with logistics of set-up (before/during the Congregational meeting) and serving being the biggest obstacles. Melissa will do her best to locate the newsprint/butcher paper that was set aside for this event but was moved from its prior location. It was agreed that Scott, Josh, and hopefully Craig will be the “spooner-uppers” and Melissa, Nora, and Anne will serve. We will hope others can help out as possible. Melissa will purchase the onions, cheese, sour cream and corn chips. Anne will provide the cornbread. Desta will be asked, once again, to pick-up the vegetarian pasta to be served as an alternative to chili, as in the past. Nora will provide two (2) of the “prizes” and Anne will return the roving trophy she won last year. Medals, previously purchased, will also be awarded. Josh will prepare the sign-up list for 1-15-12 and others will help with sign-ups on the 22nd and 29th (TBD).
- Lenten Soup Dinners (Feb 29, Mar 7, Mar 14, Mar 21, and Mar 28) – lead: _____. Cost: _____. Although response from Time & Talent sheets provided several names, we still need a “chairperson” for each evening to coordinate set-up, take-down, providers of bread, etc. Melissa will send out an email to those who volunteered to make soup(s) to give them first right of refusal of which date(s) they would like to provide soup and/or help. Melissa and Anne volunteered to “chair” one evening each, Scott and Craig offered to do take-down as often as needed.
- Progressive Dinner (Mar 31) – lead: Craig and Scott. Cost = \$TBD. Date was established so we have a target to work towards! Craig will submit a “save the date” and “more information to come” notice to Marilyn to put in the newsletters and bulletins. Pricing of food will be presented at the February committee meeting with Scott and Craig meeting, as necessary, in the meantime to work on ideas to propose to the committee.
- Softball – lead: Craig. Cost = \$0. Craig has started notifying past players that it is time to sign-up and will be placing a notice in the upcoming Grapevine(s) inviting new participants to join the Monday night team. If there is enough interest, especially from women, a Coed team will be/can be organized, too.

- Make Bake Celebrate (Apr 28) – lead: Anne Valencia. Cost: By the MBC Committee. “Save the Date” notices have been appearing the newsletters and bulletins for some time now. The MBC Celebrate Committee may seek Fellowship Committee help/support with set-up and/or clean-up. Will be advised.
- Hockey Party (Jun 2). Lead: Scott and Nora Fajnor. Cost: TBD. Date for the annual event was set. Trepidation with new Church Council policies on collecting money for the event and dispersals to event planners for costs. May have to approach Church Council and/or Financial Secretary and/or Treasurer as to new protocol.
- “Welcome” notes to new church members. Melissa said, though she has been remiss to do so to date, she will send out “welcome” cards/notes to the 5 new church members notifying them of upcoming Fellowship events with a personal invitation to attend as many as possible. Communication with the Welcome Team was discussed with encouragement to have new member’s sponsors to bring the members to as many events as possible to integrate them into the family of Mount Cross.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- At the 2011 Make-Bake-Celebrate, the Cy Johnson family purchased a concert donated by the Praise Band. The Johnson family, in return, would like to donate the concert back for a combined effort of the Fellowship and Service & Missions Committees for an event with Fellowship offering/preparing the meal and SAM providing a service project(s) in conjunction with the concert. Melissa Henry and Nora Fajnor will take the proposal to the SAM committee to seek a project, date(s), and program to then confirm with the Praise Band for their availability.
- The committee acknowledged the service to long-time committee member, Anne Valencia, and current committee member, Lori Clem, for their contributions to the fellowship at Mount Cross. We hate to see them leave our committee but will look forward to their continued participation in our Fellowship events.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

8. Next meeting date is Thursday, February 9th, 7:00 PM at a location to be determined.
9. Closing Prayer by Melissa

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee Minutes

Minutes from November 10, 2011 Meeting
In Pastor John's Office, Mount Cross Lutheran Church

“Just as heaven will blend all God's creation, so fellowship blends and bonds people of different backgrounds into one church, one fellowship, one faith.”

Members present: Craig Blois, Nora Fajnor, Scott Fajnor, Josh Graziani, Melissa Henry (chair), Carol Paul (liaison)

Members absent: Lori Clem, Desta Goehner, Karen Nelson, Marsha Niedens, Anne Valencia

Guests: Heather Barry

1. Opening Prayer by Carol Paul
2. Accepted minutes from 10-13-11 approved as corrected.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- Budget: Melissa reiterated the “expenditure curtailment” but confirmed that the Fellowship Committee expenses for the rest of the year are on track and accounted for. Per Melissa's meeting with Susan Prosser of the Budget Committee, all Fellowship events and monies taken in and spent must go through the Finance Committee. Melissa noted that she has broken down Fellowship events into “reimbursed/reimbursable” events (money is collected to cover the expenses for the event) and “budgeted events” (money is spent from our proposed budget and is a direct expense for event). Hospitality, **MBC**, Crossbeams, and the Photo Directory are independent from the Fellowship budget. Listed below are those events:

Budgeted Events/Items:

Dinners and Potlucks
Annual Meeting/Chili Cook-off
Lenten Soup Suppers
Summer Hospitality Sundays
Annual Picnic
Hanging of the Greens Dessert Potluck

“Reimbursed” Events/Items:

Hollywood Bowl
Hockey Party
Family Campout
Softball Registration Fees

Pizza Dinner/Children's Christmas Program
Lefsa Making(??)

• Other Events:

Concert(s) in the Park
"A Taste of Mount Cross" Events
Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social

- From the submitted 2012 Time & Talent sheets, the committee will be adding Valerie Patscheck to our group. We look forward to having her join us and especially look forward to her becoming our newest Bread Breaker Coordinator! Melissa will extend an invitation to Valerie to join us for our December meeting even though she will not "officially" become a member until 2012.

4. REVIEW OF EVENTS

- Relay for Life (Oct 15-16) – lead: Melissa Henry. Cost = \$0. 38 Mount Crossians participated in the event. The Mount Cross group alone collected \$4,200 for cancer research as part of the overall \$180,000 earned from the Camarillo Relay for Life.
- 45th Anniversary of Mount Cross/Pastor Appreciation Day/Pumpkin Potluck (Oct 23) – lead: Anne Valencia and Melissa Henry. Cost = \$0. A pumpkin-themed potluck was a big success and is hoped to be repeated again next year. However, Anne and Melissa plan to make this a non-committee event and, instead, will sign-up as another Hospitality event. One particular comment that was noted was, "No cake! Thank you!"

5. UPCOMING EVENTS

- Melissa reminded the committee that Monday, November 14th is the deadline to submit items to Marilyn for the upcoming Newsletter!
- Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social (Nov 23) – lead: Anne Valencia. Cost = \$40 (for supplies; expenditure was approved by the Council). Karen Nelson is available to help out in any way necessary. Plans are under control.
- Hanging of the Greens and "A Taste of Mount Cross..." Dessert Potluck (Dec 4) – lead: Craig. Cost = \$100 for Luther Hall set-up & take down to be shared with choirs 50/50 and ~\$40 in supplies thus a Fellowship cost of ~\$90 from Committee budget (expenditure was approved by the Council). Craig plans to start the set up in the Luther Hall around 5:00 PM (Concert at 7:00 PM with Dessert to follow). Melissa advised Craig to prepare a "plan" for the set-up of the room to give to Scott Ingram so Scott would know how he wants to tables located, et.al.
- Lefse Making Day (Nov 5) – lead: Desta and Heather Barry. Cost: \$0; counting on donations. It was advised and noted that Heather should start sign-ups this Sunday (11-13) as attendance might be low over Thanksgiving weekend. Heather will make a sign-up poster and have recipes for the dough ready to give to participants. Josh said he'd help set up tables on the Sunday mornings leading up to the event.
- Children's Christmas Program Pizza Feed (Dec 18) – lead: Josh Graziani. Cost = \$~110 from the Fellowship budget to cover 50% of Luther Hall set-up & take-down (shared with Children's Ministry) and ~\$60 for pizzas and supplies (expenditure was approved by the Council). Pizza and salad dinner will be at 5:00 PM with the program to begin at 6:15 PM pending confirmation with Linda Tandler, Sunday School Coordinator. Josh hopes to get some of the High School youth to help with preparation as bags of cookies will be bagged and wrapped for families leaving the program as they leave to view Christmas Decorations throughout the City. Josh will request a "free-will" offering to minimize cost(s) of pizzas and will request participating families to contribute 2 dozen "Christmas Cookies" for the post-program event. Josh will pay for the pizzas and submit his receipt for reimbursement. Josh will also be contacting Underwood's or Driscoll's about donating salad mix.
- Annual Meeting/"A Taste of Mount Cross" Chili Cook-off (Jan 2012) – lead: Anne, Lori, Marsha. Cost = to be reviewed pending curtailment of expenses reaching into the New Year. Item tabled until more information regarding monies available. Carol will discuss times for the Council's consideration

regarding the Congregational Meeting starting earlier (4:00-ish) with the Chili Cook-off to follow immediately afterward (5:30-ish).

- Progressive Dinner (Feb/Mar 2012) – lead: Craig and Scott. Cost = \$TBD. No new updates regarding proposed costs and timing. Tabled, again, until next meeting due to lack of new information regarding possible costs and possible dates until the Congregational Meeting date is confirmed.
- Softball – lead: Scott and Craig. Cost = \$0. Carol reported that the Council agreed to “front” the registration fee for the annual “All-Camarillo Churches Softball Tournament” usually scheduled for late November. Craig reported that he doesn’t think Mount Cross will be fielding a team this year due to a lack of available players. Long-time participants are not playing this year and Craig doesn’t feel there is an adequate pool of players to be sufficient for a full day of softball. Melissa noted that a softball registration fee was included in our 2012 budget as long as this was a “reimbursable” expense i.e. Craig would collect the fee(s) from the player and reimburse the Church for the “loan”. This could continue for all three seasons during the year.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- Christmas Cards – lead: Anne, Lori, Marsha. Cost = \$0. This proposed plan is that we extend “fellowship” into Christmas. In an economy where people are having to cut back expenses, it is proposed that each Mount Cross family submit ONE of their Christmas cards to be hung in the Narthex as a greeting to their Mount Cross family in lieu of sending individual cards. It was also recommended that a donation of any amount be given to the church (\$\$\$ saved from not buying postage?!?) to help with budget shortfalls. A basket would be put in the Narthex to drop off cards each week and cards would be mounted on boards for everyone to view. As necessary, the boards could move from the Narthex to the covered breezeway (near the Hospitality area) to the Luther Hall for “Hanging of the Greens”, etc. It would be a new kind of Fellowship that could also raise additional funds for the General Fund. When someone noted that they usually do an updated “family photo” card, it was noted that would also give the congregation to have another way to know our members. Wording of a submission for the Newsletter would be reviewed by the committee before final copy emailed to Marilyn.
- New Members – lead: Anne, Lori, Marsha. Cost = their time. It was noted that 5 new members would be joining the congregation in November. Handwritten “welcome” notes would be sent to the new members with a note regarding upcoming Fellowship events with an invitation to join us! Melissa volunteered to take care of this.
- Kudos to the Committee! Carol acknowledged the Fellowship Committee, on behalf of the Church Council, with “thanks” and “praise” for what we’re doing and how we’re doing it!

7. OTHER BUSINESS

8. Next meeting date is Thursday, December 8, 7:00 PM at the Office of Marsha Niedens (445 Rosewood, Suite N, Camarillo) due to conflict with the CDC Christmas Program at Church. It was suggested that attendees bring some snacks and munchies to share!
9. Closing Prayer by Josh

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee Minutes

Minutes from October 13, 2011 Meeting

At Marsha Niedens' Office, 445 Rosewood, Camarillo, CA

“Just as heaven will blend all God’s creation, so fellowship blends and bonds people of different backgrounds into one church, one fellowship, one faith.”

Members present: Craig Blois, Nora Fajnor, Scott Fajnor, Josh Graziani, Melissa Henry (chair), Karen Nelson, Marsha Niedens, Carol Paul (liaison)

Members absent: Lori Clem, Desta Goehner, Diana Graziani, Anne Valencia

1. Opening Prayer by Melissa Henry
2. Accepted minutes from 9-8-11 approved as amended.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- Budget: Melissa read the memo of “expenditure curtailment”, an [Action Item](#) from the Church Treasurer and Executive Committee. It is to be seen how the imposed curtailment impacts our committee and future events already planned
- Time & Talent Forms: The revised Fellowship T&T sheet was submitted to the Church Secretary and amended by Pastor John. Melissa submitted the new Fellowship T&T, with attached descriptions of positions and/or activities, for committee information.
- Web/Photo Information: No new information presented.

4. REVIEW OF EVENTS

- Rally Day – lead: Anne Valencia/Desta Goehner. Cost = \$0. It was noted that for future opportunities to present a Slide Show of Fellowship Activities that we request a better location (in the shade and NOT in the sun!) so people can see slides more clearly. It was also suggested that a “brainstorming” box/sheet be available for people to suggest ideas for activities that they’d like to see. Sheet would request name and contact information.
- Hollywood Bowl Trip – lead: Tracy/Craig Blois. Cost = [We made \\$1!](#) People that went had a fabulous time but in the future we will try to schedule it earlier and be sure to collect ticket prices from purchasers at the time of commitment. The Hollywood Bowl schedule will be researched earlier to secure a date more convenient than after school starts.
- “A Taste of Mount Cross” – lead: Desta Goehner. Cost = \$0. Well intended but not as well attended as hoped. Though the committee thought the event was well publicized, maybe it was not explained as well to others and we probably waited too long before starting sign-ups. Some suggestions for the future are to include host(s) names, hold this type of event more often, and possibly spread out the event over 2 weekends. Josh suggested that we tie the name “A Taste of Mount Cross” to more events involving food.

5. UPCOMING EVENTS

- Relay for Life (Oct 15-16) – lead: Melissa Henry. Cost = \$0. Melissa noted that Mount Cross has a maxed-out team of 22 participants but that anyone who would like to join them is welcome. Mount Cross youth will be involved with the Luminaries Ceremony.

- 45th Anniversary of Mount Cross and Pastor Appreciation Day (Oct 23) – lead: Anne and Melissa. Cost = \$0. A pumpkin-themed potluck is planned during the Hospitality time(s) and is no longer an official Fellowship Committee event.
- Lefse Making Day (Nov 5) – lead: Desta and Heather Barry. Cost: ?? Neither Desta nor Heather were in attendance to share their vision so the committee has no details as to who is invited to participate (whole congregation?), what is needed (space? materials?), when (time?), where (Kitchen? Luther Hall? PLC? Are these even available?), and how will this be done. This event has not been publicized so Scott agreed to contact the lead people to inquire as to their intentions.
- Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social (Nov 23) – lead: Anne Valencia. Cost = \$40 (for supplies; Melissa will put in a request for funds). Karen will contact Anne and help out in any way necessary.
- Hanging of the Greens and “A Taste of Mount Cross...” Dessert Potluck (Dec 4) – lead: Craig. Cost = \$100 for Luther Hall set-up & take down to be shared with choirs 50/50 (if funds available per curtailment [measure](#)) and ~\$40 in supplies thus a Fellowship cost of ~\$90 from Committee budget.
- Children’s Christmas Program Pizza Feed (Dec 18) – lead: Josh Graziani. Cost = \$110 from the Fellowship budget to cover 50% of Luther Hall set-up & take-down (shared with Children’s Ministry) and ~\$60 for pizzas and supplies (subject to curtailment [measure](#)).
- Annual Meeting/”A Taste of Mount Cross...” Chili Cook-off (Jan 2012) – lead: TBD. Cost = to be reviewed pending curtailment of expenses reaching into the New Year. Item tabled until more information regarding monies available.
- Progressive Dinner (Feb/Mar 2012) – lead: Craig and Scott. Cost = \$TBD. New ideas were discussed but item was tabled until next meeting due to lack of new information regarding possible costs and impact of curtailment of expenditures.
- Family Campout – lead: Kate Fisher. Cost = \$?? Plans nor updates have not been forthcoming so will be discussed at the next meeting. A contact from the Fellowship Committee for Kate will be established to continue dialogue and assist with planning.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- Softball – lead: Scott and Craig. Cost = \$0. This program has been financially self-sufficient (NO financial support from Mount Cross) for many years with receipt of monies from players going directly towards registration and required umpire fees. Craig inquired about new policies regarding church related functions being processed through the treasurer because he usually has to front the registration fee(s) and wait for players to repay him. Is the church willing to front the registration fee with commitment to be repaid? Although the team name is “Mount Cross Lutheran”, currently less than 50% of roster is Mount Cross members and/or church-goers. Fellowship Committee may request money to support Church Team in the annual “All-Camarillo Churches” Softball Tournament in November or December once entrance fee is learned.
- Melissa acknowledged Diana Graziani’s resignation from the committee due to a relocation and thanked her for her service.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

8. Next meeting date is November 10, 7:00 PM at the Church.
December meeting will be December 8, 7:00 PM at the Office of Marsha Niedens (445 Rosewood, Suite N, Camarillo) due to conflict with the CDC Christmas Program at Church.
9. Closing Prayer by Scott

Mount Cross Lutheran Church
Fellowship Committee
Minutes from September 8, 2011 Meeting
At Melissa's home, 895 Creekside Circle

“Just as heaven will blend all God's creation, so fellowship blends and bonds people of different backgrounds into one church, one fellowship, one faith.”

Members present: Melissa Henry, Anne Valencia, Craig Blois, Scott Fajnor, Nora Fajnor, Josh Graziani, Diana Graziani

Guests: Jim Gramacki, Karen Nelson, Tracy Blois

Members absent: Lori Clem, Carol Paul, Marsha Neidens, Desta Goehner

1. Opening Prayer by Josh
2. Accepted minutes from 8/3/2011 meeting as amended
3. Budget – Jessica is working on changing the current number system. Melissa will contact Jessica with some suggestions.
4. Time and Talent – add “Pastor Appreciation Celebration” and maybe “other celebrations”
5. Web/Photo Information – I Cubed wants to create a DVD to give to potential members. Perhaps some of our event photos should be included. Scott will check.

6. Review of Events

1. **Aug 6th (Sat) Concert in the Park** – lead: Scott and Nora. 19 people in one group, 4 others. Come up with some way to “mark” the site to make it easy to find? Do again? YES!
2. **Aug 7th (Sun)** – National Watermelon Day – lead: Melissa. Cost of \$12. 4 small watermelon were donated from VBS. Leftover whole watermelon were sold. Total of 7 watermelon were cut. Note: need a sharp knife – bring from home. How many were in church that day? _____ Do again? YES!
3. **Aug 21st (Sun)** – National Peach Month – lead: _____ potluck hospitality. Excellent. Mini ice cream cones were a huge hit – perhaps use them on National Ice Cream Day next summer with multiple ice cream flavors. Themed beverage was great idea. Next time, move away from coffee table and use both sides of the table for serving. Do again? YES!
4. **Aug 28th (Sun) Olympics/ Summer BBQ** – lead: **Josh** Many people ate and left (hainvg been there all morning with the service) and no activities planned. Need to offer games, even if they are simple. Perhaps next year at Freedom Park or Bob Kildee (Pleasant Valley) Park. Do again? Yes, with games.

7. Planning Events

1. **Rally Day – Sept 11th (Sun)** –lead: Anne. Table is reserved. Desta will have signups for “A Taste of...” MBC save the date. Hand out softball schedule. Running photos on a computer or photo frame.

2. **Sept 24 (Sat) Hollywood Bowl Trip** – lead: Tracy and Craig. 2 tickets available, Tracy will make a sign for Rally Day. Group will discuss plans for day of.
3. **Sept 23-25 weekend A Taste of Mt. Cross** – lead: Desta. Sign-up sheets on Rally Day table. Have 6 hosts. Various times and tastes offered.
4. **Oct 15-16 Relay for Life** – lead: Melissa. Want to list events and activities under Fellowship page in newsletter. Invite Mt. Cross family to come participate, even if they don't walk.
5. **Oct 23 (Sun) 45th Anniversary of Church** – Scott spoke with Carol. PJ is taking care of celebration. Anne and Melissa were scheduled to do hospitality, so we will check with PJ
6. **Oct 30 (Sun) Pastor Appreciation Sunday** – Melissa received a request that we handle cake/hospitality. Anne and Melissa could move to this Sunday for the Pumpkin Potluck Hospitality.
7. **Nov 23 (Wed) Thanksgiving Eve pie social** – lead: Anne.
8. **Dec 4 (Sun) Hanging of the Greens dessert potluck** – Group is willing to do. Lead: Craig. Move to Luther Hall. Jayne will split costs of hall setup with Fellowship.
9. **Dec 18 (Sun) Children's Christmas Program** – lead: Josh. Pizza and salad dinner. CDs? Needs good info in the write-up to be successful. Invite members to bring someone, go look at lights, etc. like last year.
10. **Jan - Annual Meeting / Chili cook-off.** Check last year's notes – but move time! Offer vegetarian pasta.
11. **April 28 – Make Bake Celebrate** – Save the date

8. Other/Old Ideas:

1. **Progressive Dinner** – Craig and Scott brought some ideas: Make main dish in kitchen ahead of time – or buy. Appetizers at church, dinner at homes, dessert at one house to end or back at church. Everyone brings salad or side
2. **Family Campout** - Kate Fisher is willing to organize. Thank you, Kate.
3. **Lefse Making Day** – Heather Barry would like to help coordinate a lefse making day in the fall. Perhaps as a fundraiser. Desta will check with her on Date of November 5. Craig will invite Heather to the next meeting.
9. Other info: none.
10. Next Meeting: Oct 13 (Thur) 7 pm Marsha's office

Mount Cross Lutheran Church
Fellowship Committee

Minutes from August 3, 2011 Meeting

“Just as heaven will blend all God’s creation, so fellowship blends and bonds people of different backgrounds into one church, one fellowship, one faith.”

Members present: Lori Clem, Melissa Henry, Anne Valencia, Craig Blois, Scott Fajnor, Nora Fajnor, and Carol Paul

Members absent: Josh Graziani, Diana Graziani, Marsha Neidens, and Desta Goehner

1. Opening Prayer by Melissa
2. Accepted minutes from 6/8/2011 meeting
3. Budget – have about \$300 in designated fund to cover summer events. Nora will check how much she has spent for hospitality for the year so far.
4. Time and Talent – no changes
5. Web Information – Anne reminded us that we can each upload photos to the site she started.
6. **Review of Events**
 - **June 26th** – National Sunglasses Day – went well, was fun and easy. *Do again?* Yes, but with a touch more heads up on the date advertising.
 - **June 27th and July 27th (Mon)- Softball Games 6 pm with Toppers dinner after – lead: Craig** First night was entirely softball team, second night had more participation. It continues to bring attention to the fact that we have a team. Needs to be better advertised and we’d like to see the schedule for the team go back on the back of the bulletin/monthly calendar for church. Easy. Little prep and no cost. *Do again?* Yes.
 - **July 10th** – National Blueberry Month – ask members to bring a treat to share – potluck hospitality. Went very well. Lots of members brought treats, lots stayed to visit on the patio. Exactly what we were hoping for. *Do again?* Yes.
 - **July 15th (Fri) ELCA World Hunger Potluck and “Into the Woods”**– lead: Melissa – had 8 people at the potluck, but it was fun and easy and nice to visit. The show was great and the room was fairly full. *Do again?* Yes, if there is a show again.
 - **July 24th** – National Vanilla Ice Cream Day – Floats – Anne spent \$19 on soda, plus used from the fridge. She will get receipt to Melissa to make notes on what was purchased and used. Made 120, had 32 cups left. Need about 3 gallons of ice cream for that number of floats. Next year – buy only diet root beer and use other diet from fridge. Buy twice as much root beer and less others. Fruit punch and cherry coke were both good (if in fridge) Also, perhaps put out ice cream early to soften it. Needed more help with prescooping the ice cream. This is a great Sunday, but it really requires the whole group to participate. It takes more help than other ideas. *Do again?* Yes, if have people available.
7. **Planning Events for 2011**
 - Aug 6th (Sat) Concert in the Park** – 5:30 Classic Rock – lead: Scott and Nora - Like last summer, we will encourage member to put out their blankets and have an evening at the park. Scott wrote something for the newsletter. Meet Thursday 4:45 to put out blankets together.
 - Aug 7th (Sun)** – National Watermelon Day – lead: Melissa. Committee will provide watermelon. Melissa: shopping. Nora: coffee. Craig: tables and slicing. Lori: cleanup. (Side note: Anne might need to teach the song next year!)
 - Aug 21st (Sun)** – National Peach Month – lead: _____ Carol: coffee and tables. Anne: prep during first service. Lori: cleanup. Melissa and Anne are planning to bring items. Craig will be gone. Members have been asked to bring a treat to share – potluck hospitality? Scott wrote a great item for the newsletter.

Rally Day – Sept 11th (Sun) –lead: Anne. Need to have a presence on the patio. Anne will make posters and staff table. Get anything to her that you would like included, like signups for upcoming events, etc.. Hand out softball schedule on “business cards”.

Aug 28th (Sun) Olympics/ Summer BBQ – lead: Josh A Minute to Win It? Melissa presented details Josh had given her before the meeting. Park is reserved (\$134, Josh needs to turn in receipt) Trying for a “plastic-free” picnic off VBS theme – encourage people to bring their own plates, utensils, etc. from home but will have supplies on hand for people who forget. Coolers with spigots rather than water bottles, etc. No raffle. Sign-up board is ready to be hung on Sunday (asked that it be put out since he will miss church) Advertise to bring chairs for worship service and lunch. Church is handling service set-up, Fellowship is handling picnic set-up. We questioned specifically what that meant. What about games?

Sept 24 (Sat) Hollywood Bowl Trip – lead: Tracy and Craig selected Sound of Music Sing-A-Long. Have not yet gotten a great response, but are hopeful. \$30/ticket. Carpool from Camarillo.

Sept 23-25 weekend **A Taste of Mt. Cross** – lead: Desta - 12-16 guests at a host house. Everyone brings an appetizer and beverage. ~3 hours. Different beverages at different homes, depending on what people respond they are planning to bring. Wine tasting, beer tasting, root beer or juices, etc... Trial day for committee at Fajnor house on Aug 26 (Fri).

Family Campout – mid October - Kate Fisher is willing to organize. Thank you, Kate. (Note conflicts with church calendar, Relay for Life, blood drive)

Lefse Making Day – Heather Barry would like to help coordinate a lefse making day in the fall. Perhaps as a fundraiser. Anne will check with her on Date of November 5.

45th Anniversary of Church – Carol will be checking if there is anything to be done for this.

Other/Old Ideas:

Progressive Dinner – Craig and Scott will discuss and have some plans/ideas in the next few months.

9. Other info: Need to grow our group. Please pray about it, then ask someone to join us. Perhaps we need a “uniform” for events – like leis to wear while we’re “working”. Show how much fun it is. Melissa will check into getting something for Rally Day.

We’d like to pick a regular date for our meeting. Perhaps 1st or 2nd Thursday of each month. Check your calendars for any conflicts.

10. Next Meeting: Sept 8th (Thur) 7 pm Melissa’s home

11. Closing prayer by Melissa

Mount Cross Lutheran Church
Fellowship Committee
Minutes from June 8, 2011 Meeting

“Just as heaven will blend all God’s creation, so fellowship blends and bonds people of different backgrounds into one church, one fellowship, one faith.”

Members present: Lori Clem, Melissa Henry, Anne Valencia, Scott Fajnor, Nora Fajnor, Carol Paul, and Desta Goehner

Members absent: Josh Graziani, Diana Graziani and Craig Blois

Welcome new member Marsha Niedens!

8. Opening Prayer by Desta
9. Accepted minutes from 5/16/2011 meeting
10. Budget – no discussion
11. Time and Talent – no changes
12. Web Information – send pictures to Craig – also Craig has begun a website where we can store documents online for all to have access... and Anne has done the same with a photo website – more info will follow, but thank you to both for taking these steps.
13. Ongoing Calendar of Events – On kiosk and in powerpoint – Melissa will resurrect.

14. Review of Events

June 4th - Hockey Party – Scott and Nora

71 people attended. Great time, as usual. Thank you to Scott and Nora for all their hard work!

Changes for next year: ticket money needs to come through church; paypal/facebook event page; postcard on signup table to “invite” a friend; get “sponsorship” of hockey game tables to fund church events. (There was a donation of \$108 to H4H Guatemala from this year’s sponsors.)

New Member Meal – from I Cubed – The I Cubed committee planned their own event.

15. Planning Events for 2011

July 15th (Friday) ELCA World Hunger Potluck – Melissa - *To encourage attendance of the play, have a potluck before the show. Melissa will contact the director of “Into the Woods” to see if this would be something they would like us to plan. Melissa has not heard back from director. Going ahead and will cancel if he has an issue with the idea.*

Aug 6th (Saturday) Concert in the Park – 5:30 Classic Rock – Scott and Nora - Like last summer, we will encourage member to put out their blankets and have an evening at the park. Scott will write something for the newsletter. Meet Thursday to put out blankets together.

Aug 28th (Sunday) Olympics/ Summer BBQ – Josh A Minute to Win It?

Summer Hospitality – Sunday mornings

June 26th – National Sunglasses Day – wear fun/funky sunglasses on the patio

July 10th – National Blueberry Month – ask members to bring a treat to share – potluck hospitality?

July 24th – National Vanilla Ice Cream Day – Floats – Nora will shop for items needed, but help is needed to do prep, setup and cleanup.

Aug 7th – National Watermelon Day – committee will provide watermelon

Aug 21st – National Peach Month – ask members to bring a treat to share – potluck hospitality?

June 27th and July 27th (Mondays)- Softball Games 6 pm with Toppers dinner after – Craig will include these two dates in the newsletter as soon as he gets the schedule for the new season to encourage members to go out and cheer on the team, then share a meal afterward. Craig should reserve the room at Toppers for the first date.

Hollywood Bowl Trip – Tracy and Craig have volunteered to select a concert, advertise, sell tickets, etc.. More info at next meeting Anne also mentioned checking Santa Barbara Bowl schedule.

Fall Events:

Rally Day – Sept 11th (Sunday) – need to have a presence on the patio

A Taste of Mt. Cross – the weekend of Sept 23-25 – Desta - 12-16 guests at a host house. Everyone brings an appetizer and beverage. ~3 hours. Different beverages at different homes, depending on what people respond they are planning to bring. Wine tasting, beer tasting, root beer or juices, etc...

Family Campout – mid October - Kate Fisher is willing to organize. Thank you, Kate. (Note conflicts with church calendar, Relay for Life, blood drive)

Lefse Making Day – Heather Barry would like to help coordinate a lefse making day in the fall. Perhaps as a fundraiser. Anne will check with her on Date of November 5.

Other/Old Ideas:

Women's and Men's Events – Anne will send write-up to newsletter for Dec or Jan and see if we get any volunteers

Progressive Dinner – Craig and Melissa will discuss and have some plans/ideas before the next meeting.

BINGO or Card Night

Family Game Afternoon – 3 pm ice cream sundae bar. Bring your favorite board or card game and favorite topping for sundaes. In PLC. FC will provide ice cream, bowls, and spoons. – discussed different times for many reasons, but going to try this time for one event. Noon, with pizza is another idea. A Minute to Win It!

9. Other info:

10. Next Meeting: Wednesday Aug 3rd 7 pm Erik's office

11. Closing prayer by Melissa

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Members present: Craig Blois, Melissa Henry, Anne Valencia, Scott Fajnor and Desta Goehner
Members absent: Josh Graziani, Diana Graziani and Lori Clem

Welcome new member Nora Fajnor and new liaison to council Carol Paul!

16. Opening Prayer by Melissa

17. Accepted minutes from 1/19/2011 meeting

18. Budget – remains the same

19. Time and Talent – add category for lent soup suppers lead and soup donor.

20. Web Information – send pictures you have to Craig

21. Review of Events

Jan. 30 Annual Meeting Dinner – Taste cups worked, and paper tablecloths were a hit so that people could write notes and doodle. Perhaps we could have the meeting at 4pm, then dinner after at 5:30?

Lent Soup Suppers – Recruit “hosts” ahead of time, by calling or asking before signups start. Fellowship will still get helpers with on patio signup sheet. Fellowship should buy butter, ice, everything for PB&J sandwiches. Hold back one soup for the bell choir. Mostly went well, with new system of signups. Plan to use same method for next year.

Make Bake Celebrate – Fabulous night! Thank you to the committee for all their work! Loved the tent service after, with nametags of what service you usually attend. Menu suggestions for dinner: no nuts, vegetarian option.

7. Planning Events for 2011

Hockey Party – June 4th – need more recruits with only two weeks left for signups.

New Member Meal – from I Cubed – Committee discussed the possibility of helping with this, but don’t feel we want to be the organizers. We will offer our support (room setup plans and directions from soup suppers/potlucks, tips on potlucks, etc) to the I Cubed Committee as they plan an event.

Summer Hospitality – Committee is happy to do this again. Desta is going to check dates and email group. Really liked hot dog Sunday and ice cream floats. Maybe three events over the summer.

ELCA World Hunger Potluck – July 15th – To encourage attendance of the play, have a potluck before the show. Melissa will contact the director of “Into the Woods” to see if this would be something they would like us to plan.

Concert in the Park – Aug 6th – 5:30 Like last summer, we will encourage member to put out their blankets and have an evening at the park.

Softball Games 6 pm with Toppers dinner after – Craig will include these two dates in the newsletter as soon as he gets the schedule for the new season to encourage members to go out and cheer on the team, then share a meal afterward.

Olympics/ Summer BBQ –Aug 28 A Minute to Win It?

Wine Tasting Party – Lutheran Happy Hour – (Desta will work on title) 12-16 guests at a host house.

Everyone brings an appetizer and beverage. 4-7 pm. Try to begin in the fall, with a few homes hosting the same night. Different beverages at different homes, depending on what people respond they are planning to bring. Wine tasting, beer tasting, root beer or juices, etc...

Hollywood Bowl Trip – Melissa will put a note in the newsletter to see if anyone wants to be the organizer of a carpool night to the Bowl.

Movie Night – in the park - *Anne – will you be attending any of these and want to advertise?*

Family Campout – mid October - Kate Fisher is willing to organize. Thank you, Kate. (Note conflicts with church calendar, Relay for Life, blood drive)

Other/Old Ideas:

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8. Other info:

Craig will work on getting us a website to share paperwork.

9. Next Meeting: June 8th 7 pm Erik's office

10. Closing prayer by group – Lord's Prayer.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church

Fellowship Committee

Minutes from January 19, 2010 Meeting

Members present: Craig Blois, Melissa Henry, Anne Valencia, Char Sakioka, Scott Fajnor and Lori Clem

Members absent: Josh Graziani, Diana Graziani and Desta Goehner

22. Opening Prayer by Melissa

23. Accepted minutes from 11/17/2010 meeting

24. Budget – Melissa submitted budget request for 640.00, then went back and upped the amount to \$700 based on slightly more accurate info. Plus requested \$500 for the 640.10 kitchen fund which covers hospitality. Please continue to turn in receipts – and hospitality money as we have been doing. Anne and Melissa will meet to finalize budget and money issues. Shared spending patterns from the last year.

25. Annual Report – Thank you to Anne the Annual Report write-up.

26. Time and Talent – new names are available. Char will contact people interested in coordinating Breadbreakers. Melissa will contact one on the list to restart the cook's club. Asked if there are any changes, and was decided that Time and Talent will remain on the agenda to keep us thinking about new categories as the year progresses.

27. Mission Statement – Anne read her statement from the Annual Report – agreed to use it temporarily.

28. Web Information – send pictures you have to Craig, who will contact Jim to get them up and posted. Melissa will contact a few other people/groups about updating the info.

29. Review of Events

Nov. 24 Pie Social after Thanksgiving Eve Service – 7 pm service, 7:30 pie social

Anne has 10-11 pies so far, from an email off Time and Talent. Desta, Melissa, and Anne will arrive at 6 to set up room. Nursery will run from 6:15-8:15 to help during setup and event. No changes needed – was lovely.

Dec. 5 Hanging of the Greens – dessert reception – Concert at 7, dessert following. Anne will do purchasing and room setup, Melissa has quite a few signups, with more to come. Craig and Diana will work during concert and after church. Lori will check. We are asking that people bring their dessert to church that morning so we will have the day to prepare. Need more room next year – Luther Hall? More seating. More coffee stations spread around the space to keep from having large lines.

Dec. 19 Children's Christmas Program – LIGHT up the night! Anne will prep CDs. Josh will bag cookies and get a number attending to plan pizza, plus call around for some deals. CMT (Josh's new committee) is handling the rest. Maps? Melissa will check with Patti. We need to provide more info ahead of time to CMT. Give a specific written note of what needs to be done and what exactly we are providing. Put out recycle barrels. Have volunteers to plate or bag cookies. Pass out cookies under lit trees on the patio (don't return to room), with better info/map about driving to look at lights. Have enough plates to go around. All in all, not as smooth as we were hoping.

9. Planning Events for 2011

Jan. 30 Annual Meeting Dinner – 4 pm dinner, meeting at 5:30. Chili cook-off. Anne has designed a scorecard, Char will handle advertisement – add time deadline. Desta will get a veggie pasta as alternative dinner. Char found medals for our contestants; Scott will take one and build a trophy for 'all around best' winner. Hottest: bottle of Tabasco, Best Flavor: Chocolate bar with chilies. Char is buying kitchen supplies and food. Anne is getting cornbread. All the rest are needed for serving up chili in kitchen and serving it out to members and for general cleanup. 3 pm decorate hall – Anne, Craig, Melissa, and Char. Butcher block paper. Pens and crayons in clean tin cans, chips in plastic baskets. 4 pm chili in kitchen into cups – brought out 2 at a time on trays to waiting guests.

Progressive Dinner – Craig and Melissa will discuss and have some plans/ideas before the next meeting.

Family Campout – Kate Fisher is willing to organize. Thank you, Kate.

Women's and Men's Events – Anne will send write-up to newsletter for Dec or Jan and see if we get any volunteers

Movie Night

Family Game Afternoon – **March 20th** 3 pm ice cream sundae bar. Bring your favorite board or card game and favorite topping for sundaes. In PLC. FC will provide ice cream, bowls, and spoons. – discussed different times for many reasons, but going to try this time for one event. Noon, with pizza is another idea. A Minute to Win It!

Lenten Soup Suppers: going to try and have new Cook's Club be the organizers. **3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6, 4/13.** Melissa will contact names on T&T to see if we can find a leader.

Hockey Party – possibly 1st weekend in June

Wine Tasting Party – at a home?

Hollywood Bowl Trip

Olympics/ Summer BBQ – a Minute to Win It?

10. Other info:

Anne will work on resurrecting the informational binder.

Changing Meeting Date – discussed need to move meeting. Josh and Diana can no longer make Wed. nights. It's not really working having the children here. (Works better in the summer when they can be outside.)

Perhaps a Tuesday evening meeting?

11. Next Meeting: did not decide

12. Closing prayer by Anne.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church
Fellowship Committee
Minutes from October 13, 2010 Meeting

Members present: Scott Fajnor, Craig Blois, Josh Graziani, Melissa Henry, Diana Graziani, Anne Valencia, and Lori Clem (Welcome to Lori, our new member)

Guests: Jayne Pompey

1. Opening Prayer by Melissa
2. Review of Events – Church Picnic, Block Party, Rally Day
3. Planning dates – ideas

Nov. 24 Pie Social after Thanksgiving Eve Service – Anne will lead. Melissa will aid. Hot cider, coffee, pies in a well ambianced PLC.

Dec. 5 Hanging of the Greens – dessert reception – Concert at 7, dessert following. Anne will do purchasing and room setup, Melissa will take signups for desserts and get with Marilyn on ads, Scott is ushering (but might help after church with setup) Craig and Diana will work during concert and after church. Lori will check. Asking that people bring their dessert to church that morning so we will have the day to prepare. Serve coffee, water, hot cider.

Dec. 19 Children's Christmas Program – Lite up the night! Theme from prior year. Invite church members to bring someone with them to the evening. Pizza and salad dinner before the program, CDs and cookies after to take in the car and go look at the lights of Camarillo. Our committee is providing food for dinner (no setup or cleanup) ads from last time, maps and CDs. CMT (Josh's new committee) is handling the rest.

January Annual Meeting Dinner – are we willing?

April 30 – Make, Bake, Celebrate – Save the date!

Hockey Tournament – first weekend in June?

Progressive Dinner – postpone until the new year. Craig, Anne, and Melissa will discuss and have some plans/ideas before the next meeting.

Potmeal for ELCA World Hunger – may tie to movie night

Movie night – Melissa will speak to current movie group about combining activities and having a potluck meal with a movie. Perhaps movie first and watch something which will stimulate discussion.

Thrivent Grants – Care in Community – There is money available for projects in the community if we want to try and do something.

4. Web Info – all members have a copy of the website info. Read, think about changes, and send email to Melissa. Love to see pictures and up to date info. (And excitement!) Will discuss more at next meeting, so come prepared!
5. Newsletter Addition: Help wanted/classified section – to bring in new helpers, offer opportunities for service
6. Next Meeting: November 17 at 5:45 pm in CDC office
We will review our mission statement, the website info, budget, upcoming events, new year calendar. Come prepared and excited!

Fellowship Committee Report

Date of Meeting: June 16, 2010

Those Present: Scott Fajnor, Josh Graziani, Diana Graziani, Nora Fajnor, Craig Blois and Charlene Sakioka (liaison)

Review of Past events:

Hockey Party was a huge success. Next year **Scott & Nora** will review and see about changing the date.

National Ice Cream Soda Day – This event has happen and was a success. Committee raised \$58 in donation which covered the costs of this event. Thanks to Diana for coming early and scooping all the ice cream for us.

National Blueberry Day. Wow did you see the line at the table for the treats. Another success. Donations for this event went to Hospitality.

Scheduled events:

3. **July 14th** – Potluck in PLC at 6pm. Set up will start at 5pm with **Scott, Diana, Josh and Charlene**, if others can help it will be appreciated. Clean up is all of Fellowship committee. **Anne** to purchase paper plates for this event.
4. **July 18th** – National Hot Dog Month – The men of Fellowship (**Josh, Scott and Craig**) will be BBQing hot dogs and the rest of the Fellowship committee will serve hot dogs to the congregation on the patio after 1st service. **Nora** to purchase food for this event.
5. **Aug. 15th** – Service & Missions has agreed to help with the Summer Events (Relaxation Day) on the Patio and will be hosting this one. They will be hosting at the Hospitality table by doing a bake sale with proceeds going to LSS.
6. **Aug. 15th or 22nd TBD** – Fantasy Football Draft to be held at church after the last service. **Josh** hosting this event.
7. **Aug. 29th** – Church Picnic – **Josh Graziani** will chair this event. This year it has been decided to have the church service at 10am in the park prior to the picnic at Mission Oaks Park. Fellowship members need to start collecting donations for the raffle now so that we can start advertising them in the newsletter and Sunday bulletin. **Anne** will handle the raffle and organizing the donations. Anne **is not in charge** of getting all the donations, which needs to be handled by all Fellowship committee members. We did agree on a price of \$1 per ticket or 12 for \$10. Josh would like to see an Adult vs. Youth game of some kind. We are also looking for designated Grill Masters. **We really need to work on the donation collection.**
8. Sept. 11th – Neighborhood Open House 4-7pm – This event is being put on by Steve Kohl, Fellowship will be supporting him on this event, more news to follow.

Action Items:

Steve Kohl to be at the next meeting to present his ideas regarding the Open House.
Update on the Progressive Dinner from the committee.

Tentative events:

The next Fellowship meeting will be at church on Wednesday, July 14th immediately following the potluck if all are available.

Fellowship Committee Report

Date of Meeting: May 20, 2010

Those Present: Scott Fajnor, Josh Graziani, Diana Graziani, Nora Fajnor, Desta Goehner, Craig Blois and Charlene Sakioka (liaison)

The committee discussed the upcoming events.

Scheduled events:

1. **June 12th** – Hockey Party – **Scott & Nora** chair this event. Scott will be calling on the Fellowship committee to help with decorating and set up the event. Scott is looking for tables & chairs.
2. **June 20th** – National Ice Cream Soda Day – **Diana & Charlene** will chair the event. We will be serving ice cream in a cup and guests are invited to pick a soda of their choice and enjoy an ice cream soda. Charlene to buy supplies. Diana & Charlene to pre scoop the ice cream the day before on the 19th. This is also Father's Day. Advertising: Charlene to put in the newsletter and Sunday bulletin.
3. **July 11th** – National Blueberry Month – **Fellowship** will work together on this as a committee. We will be hosting the Hospitality table on this day and we will all bring food made with blueberries. Nora will email us a list of suggestions from last year.
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We discussed having potlucks attached to softball games, but there are no BBQ grills at the new ballpark and no tables for sitting. We would like to have at least one potluck during the summer.

Tentative events:

Progressive Dinner – early Fall
Neighborhood block party*
Movie Night in the Parking lot*
Potlucks

*These 2 can be combined.

The next Fellowship meeting will be at church on Wednesday, June 16th at 5:30pm.

Fellowship Committee Report

Date of Meeting: Monday, October 19, 2009

Those Present: Scott Fajnor, Anne Valencia, Melissa Henry, Josh Graziani, Diana Graziani, Nora Wall and Charlene Sakioka (liaison)

The committee discussed the past and upcoming events.

In discussing the events that were held during the summer the committee agreed that more advance notice should be given for the "Movies & Concerts in the Park". We had a lot of positive feed back from the events on the patio on Sundays and we will try to continue events on the patio once a month.

Regarding the Olympic BBQ – the raffle raised \$123 which Josh will use to reimburse Jason for the park reservation, which cost \$125.

Scheduled events:

1. Nov. 8th – Gifts of Hope – Kick-off Concert (Albert McNeill Jubilee singers at 5pm). Aids, orphans and Africa. This event is taking place at Ascension Lutheran in Thousand Oaks. **Melissa** will handle advertising for this event. Planning to invite those who attend to go out for dessert or late supper after the concert.
2. Nov. 18th - The Stewardship committee would like to have a potluck as part of their stewardship drive for this year. Fellowship was asked to help with the potluck and it was agreed that we are able to do this. **Josh** will start with a sign up sheet this weekend on the patio. **Scott** will also help with sign ups. Stewardship committee to handle the advertising for this event.
3. Nov. 22 – Fellowship on the patio. We will continue on this day with fellowship committee members bringing harvest/pumpkin type treats. We will have a "Thankful Jar" on the table with paper and pens. People can write down what they are thankful for. **Anne** to ask the Pastors to bless the jar during the Thanksgiving Eve service. **Anne** has signed up for hospitality and will do advertising.
4. Nov. 25th – Pie Social. **Anne** and **Desti** have done this event in the past with great success and will continue doing so. **Anne** has asked for members to help with the set up and take down of this event. **Josh** will also follow up with nursery care information.
5. Dec. 13 – Committee to hold a Holiday Bake Sale on the patio in between services. Funds from this event will go to "Gifts of Hope" event. **Melissa** will handle advertising for this event.
6. Dec. 20th – Committee will host a pizza dinner after the Sunday School Christmas program. All members are encouraged to help on this event with set up and clean up.
7. Jan. 31st 2010 – Fellowship would like to do the dinner/potluck for the Annual Dinner. The theme of "A Tailgate Party/Chili Cook Off". Fellowship to bring the appetizers.
8. Feb. 2010 - Fellowship would like to have an Adults only event. It was discussed as either poker or bonkers night. We would need a fairly big home to accommodate a crowd. Guests would be asked to bring an appetizer to share. Committee members are searching for a home or a possibility would be a community recreation room.

Tentative events:

Fillmore Train
Kitchen Fund Raiser
Hollywood Bowl Family Night
Amtrak train to Santa Barbara Zoo
Car Rally
Bowling
Craft Fair (Christmas time)
Hobo Dinner
Father/child and/or Mother/child Brunch

The next Fellowship meeting will be at church on Monday, Nov. 30th at 5pm.

Fellowship Committee Report

Date of Meeting: Sunday, June 14, 2009

Attendees: Scott Fajnor, Anne Valencia, Melissa Henry and Charlene Sakioka (liaison)

Absent: Karen Gramacki, Desta Goehner, Stephanie Galgano, Josh Graziani

The committee discussed the upcoming events focusing on things that needed immediate attention.

Scheduled events:

1. June 21st is the next receiving of new members. Summer Solstice - **Stephanie Galgano** and **Charlene** are chairing this event. Strawberry short cake and lemonade to be served on the patio in between services. Sand toys for the playground will be provided.
2. July 11th – Concert in the Park – Moorpark Symphony Orchestra. Fellow church members can meet up with **Scott Fajnor** at a designated spot during a specific 15 minute period. If they would like to sit with fellow Mt. Cross members. **Scott** to advertise in worship folder and Grapevine. Each member is to bring their own everything (drinks, food, chairs and blankets).
3. July 16th – Church potluck. This is on a Thursday with a Men's softball game to follow at 7:30pm at Freedom Park. **Fellowship** will set up at 5:30pm and potluck to start promptly at 6pm. Those who wish to continue the fellowship can venture out to the ball park to support our Men's team.
4. July 31st – Church potluck. This is on a Friday with the potluck being out at Freedom Park Field. **Fellowship** will have the BBQ pits fired up so each can bring their own meat and a side dish to share. Game time is 6:15pm following with a potluck meal at the park.
5. July 19th is National Ice Cream Day. **Fellowship** will host an ice cream party on the patio in between services. **Charlene** will purchase ice cream from Smart & Final. **Charlene** will start advertising June 27th. Fellowship members will pre-scoop ice cream into cups and serve. Members of the church will be asked to bring a topping to share.
6. August will start Fantasy Football. **Josh** will be chair of this event.

7. Aug. 16th is National Tell a Joke Day. **Josh** will be setting up the podium for those that want to tell a joke. Fellowship to assist Josh.
8. Church Picnic on Aug. 30th. **Josh Graziani** is the chair. Josh has secured Mission Oaks Park. The official title is "Mount Cross BBQ". Josh will be selling t-shirts this year for the games. Committee to assist Josh with any needs as requested. Fellowship should help with getting donations for the raffles prizes.
9. National Neighbor Night – is Aug. 4th. **Anne** has located a blow up projection screen. Fellowship would like to do a trial run to work out any kinks prior to inviting the locate neighbors. Possible dates will be Sept. 19th and/or Oct. 17th. Anne will look into sunset times. **Fellowship** will BBQ hot dogs and/or hamburgers, serve popcorn & drinks.
10. Aug. 21st. Fellowship will advertise the Movies in the Park for "Bolt". This movie is at the Camarillo Community Center. **Anne** will do advertising.
11. Progressive dinner in the fall (Sept. 13) is still on the table. **Marilyn Gardner** to check with Gail Baird to see if they want to chair this event.
12. Mom's Night out (MNO) is an on going event to be held the second Monday of the month. This has been a huge success. Newcomers coming each time. This is still a church member only event at this time. Chairs: **Desta, Anne and Lori Clem.**
13. A schedule of the up coming Fellowship events will be placed on the Hospitality table on Sunday mornings. **Melissa** to provide the schedule.
14. A list of Sponsor Guide lines as well as a list of new sponsor volunteers was given to **Jason Graziani** at the Church Council meeting (6/9). Fellowship requested that the new sponsors help to encourage and/or bring their new members to the fellowship events.

Tentative events:

Fillmore Train – **Anne/Desta**

Kitchen Fund Raiser – **Charlene** to contact Kate Fisher, Stephanie Galgano & the Manns

Hollywood Bowl Family Night

Car Rally – Pastor John, Cy Johnson, Kevin Churchill

Bowling - fall

Craft Fair (Christmas time)

Father/child and/or Mother/child Brunch - 2010

The next Fellowship meeting will take place at Charlene's house at 5:30pm. Charlene to provide hamburgers & hot dog's committee to bring side dish to share. Meeting to start at 6pm.

Fellowship Committee Report

Date of Meeting: Thursday, May 14, 2009

Those Present: Scott Fajnor, Anne Valencia, Melissa Henry, Josh Graziani, and Charlene Sakioka (liaison)

The committee discussed the upcoming events focusing on things that needed immediate attention.

Scheduled events:

1. Potluck on May 18th @ 6pm. The committee will meet at the church at 5pm to start the set up for the potluck. **Charlene** to check on supplies (plates, forks, cups). Fellowship to provide drinks (lemonade). **Melissa** will make signs to place by the plates for the next potluck to bring their own plates, cups and utensils if they would like. Current sign ups show 15 members. **Melissa** will continue sign ups on Sunday May 17th.
2. Hockey Party on June 6th. Scott has been getting ready, he is out sourcing tables and chairs and seems to be fine. Charlene will handle signs up on May 31st. Planning for this event is on track.
3. June 21st is the next receiving of new members. The committee would like to see a list of guidelines of what a sponsor is responsible for provided to new sponsors and generated by the Pastors. Thoughts of a possible committee to help assist the sponsors maybe needed. A "Come and See" letter with upcoming events will also go to the sponsors to encourage them to bring their new member to the events, letter to be generated by **Melissa**. **Charlene** will request the Time & Talent report from Marilyn. Fellowship wants to engage new members ASAP.
4. June 21st is Summer Solstice. **Charlene** will have summer "things" on the patio. This is to kick off the Summer time fun. Advertising to start the end of May.
4. June 27th at Constitution Park is the 3D movie. **Josh** is holding a FWF event and Fellowship can get on board if families would like to join.
5. 4th of July will be held at Camarillo High School. Fellowship will let families gather on their own, but **Anne** will still advertise at church. There is another event at the Hollywood Bowl on July 4th that is already taking sign ups at church.
6. July 19th is National Ice Cream Day. **Fellowship** will host an ice cream party on the patio in between services. **Anne** will see about getting ice cream donated. **Charlene** will start advertising June 27th. Members of the church will be asked to bring a topping to share.
7. July 12th & 26th **Josh** is having FWF events. July 12th will be a beach day and July 26th is a day at the Santa Barbara Zoo. These are events that if Fellowship wants to join they are available.
8. Fantasy Football will start in August. **Josh** will be chair of this event.
9. Aug. 16th is National Tell a Joke Day. **Josh** will be setting up the podium for those that want to tell a joke. Fellowship to assist Josh.
10. Church Picnic on Aug. 30th. **Josh Graziani** is the chair. Josh has secured Mission Oaks Park. The official title is "2nd Annual Mount Cross Olympic Games & BBQ". Josh will be selling t-

shirts this year for the games. Committee to assist Josh with any needs as requested. Fellowship should help with getting donations for the raffles prizes.

11. August 22nd is the Concert in the Park that has been chosen. The Wonderelles are the headliner for the night. **Scott** to chair this event. Fellowship to take sign ups and to rope off an area at the event.
12. National Neighbor Night – is Aug. 4th. This might be an issue since VBS is during this week. Fellowship will review and revisit this event possibly on a different date.
13. Fellowship will advertise the Movies in the Park for “Bolt” on Aug 21st. This movie is at the Camarillo Community Center.
14. Progressive dinner in the Fall (Sept.) is still on the table.
15. Mom’s Night Out (MNO) is an on going event to be held the second Monday of the month. Fellowship will help spread the word to other church members. Chairs: **Dest**a, **Anne** and **Lori Clem**.
16. A schedule of the up coming Fellowship events will be placed on the Hospitality table on Sunday mornings. **Melissa** to provide the schedule.

Tentative events:

- Fillmore Train – **Anne/Desta**
- Kitchen Fund Raiser – **Charlene** to contact Kate Fisher & The Manns
- Hollywood Bowl Family Night
- Amtrak train to Santa Barbara Zoo
- Car Rally
- Bowling
- Craft Fair (Christmas time)
- Hobo Dinner
- Father/child and/or Mother/child Brunch

The next Fellowship meeting will take place on the patio at church on Sunday, June 14th at 9:30am.

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Fellowship Committee Report

Date of Meeting: Sunday, April 26, 2009
Those Present: Scott Fajnor, Anne Valencia, Melissa Henry, Desta Goehner, Josh Graziani, Pastor John and Charlene Sakioka (liaison)

The committee discussed the upcoming events focusing on things that needed immediate attention. Pastor John would like us to include "Come and See" when and where possible at the events, i.e. "Come and See what's cooking at our Potluck".

Scheduled events:

1. Potluck on May 18th @ 6pm. **Melissa Henry** will be the chair for this event. Melissa will contact Stephen Ministers to see if they can meet in Luther Hall on this date and get information to Marilyn for advertising. Charlene will start a sign up chart on Sunday, May 3rd on the patio. Charlene to see about getting Megan and others to help supervise on the playground.
2. Hockey Party on June 6th. This is an annual event with the chair/host being **Scott Fajnor**. Scott will start next Sunday with sign ups on the patio; he will need someone to help on May 31st. Scott will contact members as help is needed.
3. June 21st is the next receiving of new members. It was discussed at the previous meeting about a "New Member Dinner". We thought if we could tie it to an event already planned with a personal invitation (**Melissa Henry**) to the members. We should try to keep it within a 2 week time frame before or after the date.
4. **Karen Gramacki** had offered to host a 4th of July gathering at her home. It was heard that the fireworks show was going to be moved to "Village at the Park". **Anne** will to contact John Frazier to see what the the location will be.
5. Church Picnic on Aug. 30th. **Josh Graziani** is the chair. He will have a park location by the next meeting. Any details and updates will be given at that time.
6. **Stephanie Galgano** is still trying to work out a date for the cookie exchange. Originally Stephanie chose the Saturday before the "Hanging of the Greens", but it was thought that there may not be a strong turn out, so Stephanie will look into another date.

Stephanie would like to put the cookbook on hold at this time and revisit it next year when timing and budgets allow.

The Women's group has been taken off the table due to a lack of response as only one third of the group replied.

7. Dodger Night – **Desta** to send information to **Melissa** regarding this. We might be on a tight schedule for this event.
8. **Melissa** to talk with Marilyn Gardner about doing a progressive dinner in the Fall (Sept.)
9. National Neighbor Night – Charlene was not able to find a specific date for this, but it was discussed that this is something that we should do even if we just pick a date of our own.
10. **Scott** to advertise the “Concert in the Park” in the Grapevine, Grapeleaf and weekly church bulletin.

Tentative events:

Fillmore Train – **Anne/Desta**
Kitchen Fund Raiser – **Charlene** to contact Kate Fisher & The Manns
Hollywood Bowl Family Night
Amtrak train to Santa Barbara Zoo
Car Rally
Bowling
Craft Fair (Christmas time)
Hobo Dinner
Father/child and/or Mother/child Brunch

The next Fellowship meeting will take place on Thursday, May 14th at 5:30pm at Charlene's home. Bring the kids. Pizza (Charlene) & Salad (Anne) provided.

Respectfully submitted by
Charlene Sakioka (liaison)

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Fellowship Committee Report

Date of Meeting: Thursday, March 19, 2009
Those Present: Josh Graziani, Scott Fajnor, Melissa Henry, Anne Valencia, Stephanie Galgano, Charlene Sakioka (liaison)

Fellowship will try to plan 3 events per quarter. One Family event, one Adult event and one causal event.

It was brought up that Council should suggest to the committee chairs that they get current copies of the "Time & Talent" report from Marilyn. Members that have signed up for their committee should be contacted and invited to meeting/events.

Scheduled events:

1. Potluck "Pot lunch" on May 3rd. **Melissa Henry** will be the chair for this event. A potluck lunch to be held immediately following 3rd service at Mount Cross.
2. Hockey Party on June 6th. This is an annual event with the chair/host being **Scott Fajnor**. Fellowship members will assist with any needs/requests that Scott may have.
3. Church Picnic on Aug. 30th. **Josh Graziani** is the chair and will be looking into other park sites. There was concern about some activities that took place around the park last year. Alternate location suggestions were: Oak Grove Park, Mission Oaks and Pitts Ranch.
4. Pie Social on Nov. 25th. **Anne Valencia** to chair this event. Anne has been doing this for the past few years and has a handle on it. Committee to assist Anne as needed.
5. Cookie Exchange/White Elephant in Dec. 09. **Stephanie Galgano** to chair this event. Stephanie is looking to set a date with details to follow.
5. A church cookbook which is not an event but something **Stephanie Galgano** is looking into. This would try to be accomplished by Rally Day (9-13) so we could sell it there. Possibly looking into having other churches participate as well.

Tentative events:

New member's dinner
Dodger Night
Hollywood Bowl Family Night
Amtrak train to Santa Barbara Zoo
Car Rally
National Neighbor Month
Progressive Dinner
Bowling
Craft Fair (Christmas time)
Hobo Dinner (possibly at the Annual Dinner in January)
Father/child and/or Mother/child Brunch

Other

Women's Club was suggested and determined that this is something Fellowship could help get off the ground. It would be like the Movie of the month hosted by Carol Paul.

The next Fellowship meeting will take place on the patio at Mt. Cross on Sunday, April 26th at 9:30am.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlene Sakioka (Liaison)

Fellowship Report

September 7, 2006

After a summer break, the Fellowship Committee is currently scheduling their first fall meeting.

I recently spoke with Barbara D'Addario regarding the classical concert series and how the Fellowship committee can support her at this time. She reported that all is progressing as scheduled. She will be contacting Gordon Bergh for his input (or referral) as to building the ramp to move the piano to the altar. This will need to be done for the January concert.

She is currently organizing the reception for the October concert and may be formally asking for help through the Grapevine if necessary. She has also contacted the activities director at Villa Las Posas to invite interested residents to the concerts at no charge as a community outreach program.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda Sheller
Fellowship liason

Fellowship Committee Report

Date of meeting: May 21, 2006

Those in attendance: Melissa Henry, Patti Stouch, Melinda Sheller, Charlene Sakioka.

Past events:

1. Make-it-Bake-it - What were the total funds raised from the event?
2. Hockey Party - Big success. Thank you to Scott Fajnor and committee.
3. Kendall Payne concert - those in attendance very positive about the event. Enough money was not raised to cover entire cost.
Fellowship committee is planning to reimburse Char through extra money raised from the Thrivent -sponsored Dodger game and Santa Paula campout. Discussion was held as to how to generate more interest and support for a similar event in the future.
4. Wine/Food Pairing at local bistro- cancelled due to low response.
Discussion held as to how to promote this more successfully in future.
5. June 2-4 Church Campout was a big success. About 130 people in attendance. Thank you to Kathy Bergh and committee.

Upcoming events:

1. June 20 - Lutheran Night at Dodger Stadium. A group of 18 will be attending. Attendees will carpool and use the church van. As a built-in fundraiser through Thrivent, \$81 was generated. This will most likely go to cover the cost of the Kendall Payne Concert short-fall.
2. July 4 - BBQ and fireworks viewing at Mt. Cross. Char Wall is in charge. She has advertised in Grapevine and started taking sign-ups on patio.
3. Santa Barbara Zoo trip - July 22. This will be a "meet there" event with carpooling encouraged. A picnic area will be reserved for our group. Bring your own picnic. More info to come.
4. Saturday movie and discussion - Carol Paul has organized this. See Grapevine and bulletin for specific dates and times.

Planned events with no date set:

1. Progressive Dinner - most likely combine with Annual Meeting in Jan.
2. Hollywood Bowl- late summer. Schedule is out. Details to be ironed out. More info to come.
3. Camarillo Concerts in the Park - perhaps our members can meet there at scheduled concerts if desired?

Next meeting: June 25 at 9:30 on the Church patio

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda Sheller, Council Liaison

Fellowship Committee Report from Sunday, March 26, 2006

Agenda Items for April 11, 2006:

1. Fellowship would like responsibility for confirming the Make-it-Bake-it with the committee to rest with Service and Missions because they feel this is a Service and Missions event rather than a Fellowship event.
2. Fellowship is willing to take on the Ladies/Young Ladies Luncheon but not for this year. They are investigating changing the format somewhat to increase interest.
3. Kathy Bergh has contacted Stephanie Edwards (former newscaster, celebrity) about possibly speaking at the Ladies/Young Ladies luncheon (before it was tabled for this year). She is a member of Shepard of the Hills Lutheran Church in West Hills and does inspirational speaking. They thought that maybe the entire church congregation would like to hear her instead of just the women. Maybe she would be a good speaker for the Stewardship Event or another event? I have info on her.
4. Fellowship is currently planning a progressive dinner. After looking at the calendar, it was thought maybe it could be tied in with the January Annual Meeting. The last stop could be the church for the meeting. Could this be a possibility?

Events on the Calendar

1. April 29 - Hockey party at Scott Fajnor's house - sign-ups currently being taken
2. May 6 - Kendall Payne Concert at Mount Cross - Char Wall is in charge of this. Fellowship Committee will help as needed. Kendall will join us for Sunday Services on May 7th.
3. May 22 - Wine/Food Pairing at Enoteca Toscana - currently being advertised. Sign-ups will be taken on the patio on April 9th and 23rd.
4. June 2-4 - Church Campout. Sign-ups have been taken and over 90 people are scheduled to go.
5. July 4 - BBQ and fireworks viewing at Mount Cross - Char Wall is in charge. Details still forthcoming.
6. July 22 - Santa Barbara Zoo Family trip - a picnic spot will be reserved but participants will be responsible for own transportation and picnic lunch. Will be advertised soon.

Pending Events:

1. Progressive dinner - date still being discussed. Perhaps tied in with the Annual Meeting as noted earlier in the agenda items.
2. Hollywood Bowl - date TBA depending on Bowl schedule
3. Concerts in the Park - dated TBA depending on release of schedule from city.
4. Catalina Island boat camping trip - checking on dates in October
5. Family softball day - dates and details are being investigated
6. Long Beach Aquarium trip - may be linked to the Catalina Island trip - details still being discussed.
7. Saturday movies and discussion - Carol Paul is running this. We will check with her to see if she needs any assistance.

Other business:

1. Fellowship received \$250 from Make-it-Bake-it funds
2. A reminder was given to members to check any Grapevine advertising with Marilyn as soon as possible to determine if items can be left "as is" to meet with Post Office non-profit regulations.

Next meeting: May 21st in PLC

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda Sheller, Fellowship Council Liaison

Fellowship Committee Minutes
March 28th 2004

Members present : Char Wall, Kathy Bergh, Diana Hagen, Caroline Hobbs

Kathy agreed to continue as chair of fellowship.

Caroline agreed to act as secretary.

Kevin Churchill has accepted position as our liaison to Church Council.

We welcome Desta Goehner as a regular member of fellowship committee.

Items of discussion

Car rally is still a go, per Pastor John. Sometime in the spring or summer, but no firm date at this time.

An **Evening at Holden Village** was again discussed in brief, but no date has been set. Diana Hagen will work on this.

Bread Breakers An extensive description of Bread breakers was provided by Desta, through Kathy. This is a new spin on the former *pairs & spares*. Desta, Paul Christenson and Kathy are working on signing up *hosts* at this time. We discussed ideas on making the job of hosting easier and appealing. They included:

- Have the gathering at restaurant, but be mindful of the time the gathering is held, as the noise level will make it difficult for people with hearing issues to hear.
- Make the theme a *bring a childhood photo* to see if others can place the face. This would also work for *graduation* photo, etc.
- A Sunday Brunch was suggested.

Additionally,

- Diana offered caution on allowing last minute invites, as this can be tough on host/hostess.
- Char reminded all that we need to ask others to help, and the responsibility of hosting, etc. should not fall on shoulders of fellowship members.

Sunday Morning Coffee Char needs regular helpers and is bearing the responsibility of coffee set up more often than not. Her regular helpers include Gail Baird, Mary Goodenough & Gayle Johnson. Caroline suggested Char set up **the coffee pots on timers on Saturday**, to come on Sunday morning. Char will ask Todd Goehner to help her look into this. This may help the job not look so daunting to new prospects. We discussed and felt that it was fine for the coffee to stay in the kitchen at this time, again, as Char is having a difficult time getting people to help with it on a regular basis.

Caroline suggested Char have regular helpers assigned, similar to the library system. Each volunteer has a *regular Sunday* they are in charge of (every 1st Sunday of the month, etc.)

Patio Tables w/ Umbrellas were discussed as a way to help people visit more and offer a place for them to sit and visit, as well as use the library. **Caroline will research and provide styles, colors & pricing for Kevin to take to church council.** Per Kathy, both pastors have approved this idea in the past.

We discussed asking the **Cooks Club to make breakfast burritos** on Sunday mornings, as they have done in the past. How frequently can this be done?

Quiet **Guitar playing** or church library music between services could also help bring people together. Char and Caroline described a recent Sunday where Pete Johnson played guitar to some of our Cont. Service songs on the patio.

Date for next meeting not yet scheduled.
3/28/04 Minutes prepared by Caroline Hobbs

Important addition April 7, 2004

Learning Committee minutes included notes pertaining to fellowship and are included below. Please read, as they directly affect many of the things we discussed at our March 28 meeting. (Caroline also takes notes at learning, so this is convenient to both committees)

***Fellowship notes from Learning Meeting**

***We talked about the coffee service** being moved back outside. Snack for Sunday school is being disrupted by people clogging up kitchen, and many felt it was unwelcoming to visitors, even with the signs telling that coffee was in the kitchen. Caroline (member of fellowship committee) told learning that at the most recent fellowship meeting, we discussed getting the coffee pots set up on timers to avoid the coffee table volunteer having to get to the church so early on Sundays.

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***Spirit CafŽ** ö Pastor Erik has scheduled Guy Irwin, May 3rd 7:00 to lead us in a discussion of the book "The DaVinci Code" ö Coffee & dessert will be served. We discussed who is helping put this on. Scott has lead on refreshments. **He will call Char Wall to discuss coffee & Caroline told him to have Char Wall do follow-up on desserts (Caroline, Gayle & Sharon agreed to do a dessert).** The workshop/discussion is planned to be held in the Parish Life Center. A promotion and sign-up was suggested so we could determine if we need the sanctuary or the PLC & also how many refreshments we would need.

*Last day of Sunday School is June 13th. Hot dog bbq is planned. We discussed a longer SS opening with teacher appreciation. We later discussed doing "library donations" as teacher gifts, as we have done in the past. Caroline offered to provide a selection of "gift" books & plackets. **Caroline also offered help from fellowship with the bbq, but told Char that Kathy & Caroline would be out of town the weekend of the 13th**

*Gayle suggested we promote the Sunday adult ed by having a "testimony" from someone who regularly attends. **We also discussed the problem of attendance for people who attend 11:00 service and have to wait for 1 hour to start their service.** This is where promoting a "coffee hour" might be a great benefit. Fellowship is currently working on this by researching and asking council to consider purchasing tables w/umbrellas and also having occasional breakfast burrito's provided by the cooks club.

Fellowship Committee Meeting August 27, 2003 7:00 PM

Members Present: Kathy Bergh, Diana Hagen, Marilyn Gardner,
Renae Rhodes, and Char Wall

Members Absent: John & Deanna Armstrong, Caroline Hobbs, and Sharon Korzan

Upcoming Fellowship Events

Rally Day at church (September 14) Char Wall is handling the coordination of Rally Day events on the patio. Table requests forms are coming in. Char will get 4 volunteers (2 for set up and 2 for take down). A suggestion was made that she make a map for the volunteers to follow and also label the tables with the group name. Marilyn & Renae will look for stuff from Oriental trade for the fellowship table.

Rally Day Picnic (September 14) Charlene Sakioka is coordinating this event. Char Wall will assist her. It will be at Mission Oaks Park and begin at 12:00 noon. Char Wall & Todd Goehner will be at the park at 11:00 AM to hold our space and tell people where to put things as they arrive. The cook's club is cooking burgers. Sign ups are currently underway on the patio after services.

Coffee Hostess on Sunday Mornings Charlene Wall has agreed to coordinate the coffee on Sundays. She will be purchasing two new fancy coffee pots, biscotti, muffins for each Sunday and will be putting a freewill basket out each Sunday. Her goal is to make it nice so people stay around and socialize during the coffee hour.

Car Rally Pastor John has agreed to coordinate this event in early November. A date will be confirmed with Pastor John before the next meeting.

Hangings of the Greens -- Event to happen in early December. Fellowship's involvement will depend on whether a dinner is scheduled. The music staff will need to determine the plan and notify the Fellowship Committee. Char Wall will speak with Jenny Christensen & Carol Randolph.

Future Fellowship Events

Bonkers and a Book club were suggested as future ongoing fellowship events. We decided that we would put a sign up at the Rally day Fellowship table for the following:

Book Club (night or day) genre

Bonkers Group (couples, singles, ladies only) night or day

Game Night (type of game) monthly, every other month

New Year's Eve Party at church

Adult Fellowship (Monthly group) What night?

Mom's Club

Char Wall also came up with a great idea of having a Fellowship table on the patio for on Sunday mornings. Members of the committee will be willing to man the table. It wouldn't be every week but as needed when events are coming up or we need input from the congregation.

Marilyn and Renae will make a sign for the fellowship table at Rally day and also the signup sheets.

New Year's Eve Game Night. A family event to be sponsored by the Fellowship committee and Crossbeams (possibly). 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM. Bring your favorite game. Bring an appetizer or dessert. Charge a minimal amount to buy drinks & New Year's Eve poppers, etc. We will discuss it with members of the congregation and bring it back to the next meeting.

Progressive Dinner Will be postponed until the Spring.

Mom's Club Tabled for now. Will put a sign up at Rally Day.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 22 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Life Center at church.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Gardner

Fellowship Committee Meeting
June 25, 2003
7:00 PM

Members Present: Deanna Armstrong, Kathy Bergh, Diana Hagen, Marilyn Gardner, Renae Rhodes, and Char Wall

Members Absent: John Armstrong, Caroline Hobbs, and Sharon Korzan

Kathy Bergh called meeting to order.

Upcoming Fellowship Events

4th of July Picnic – Last signups are this Sunday (June 29). Bring a picnic dinner and dessert to share.

Bonkers Night – Saturday, August 2 at 6:00 PM. Space is limited. Caroline Hobbs is hosting this event at her home. Sign ups begin this Sunday after services.

Rally Day at church (September 14) – Char Wall is handling the coordination of Rally Day events on the patio. Marilyn Gardner gave her a copy of the letter, distribution list and Rally day table request form so she can get started. She will need people to assist her with set up and take down of the tables on the patio.

Rally Day Picnic (September 14) – Charlene Sakioka is coordinating this event. Char Wall will assist her. It will be at Mission Oaks Park and begin at 12:00 noon. Char is looking for two people to get there at 11:00 AM to make sure we don't have a problem holding the reservation. She will speak with Paul Christensen about possibly cooking for the event. Charlene Sakioka coordinated the picnic last year and has everything under control. Sign ups will be taken on the patio three Sunday prior to the event. August 17, 24 and September 7.

Car Rally – Pastor John has agreed to coordinate this event. The committee would like to see this event on the calendar for Early October.

Pastor Appreciation Sunday – October Event (Congregational Events). A date should be on the calendar by September. A lot of ideas were discussed. Char Wall will come back to the next meeting with a plan. Sunday School kids can be involved.

Event for Early November – Kevin & Angie Churchill have agreed to host an event. The event is to be determined but will take place early in November.

Hanging of the Greens – Event to happen in early December. Fellowship involvement will depend on whether a dinner is scheduled. The music staff will need to determine the plan and notify the Fellowship Committee. Char Wall will speak with Jenny Christensen & Carol Randolph.

New Year's Eve ö Game Night. A family event to be sponsored by the Fellowship committee and Crossbeams (possibly). 7:00 PM ö 1:00 PM. Bring your favorite game. Bring an appetizer or dessert. Charge a minimal amount to buy drinks & New Year's Eve poppers, etc. We will discuss it with members of the congregation and bring it back to the next meeting.

Progressive Dinner ö Will be postponed until the Spring. We need to speak with the Cook's Club as to when they will be available to help cook.

Mom's Club ö Members of the committee will be asking around to see if there is an interested in starting a Mom's Club for moms with small children.

Hike ö Postponed until next spring. However, Pastor Erik is planning a hike for the entire family on August 22 at 5:30 PM.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 27 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Life Center at church.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Gardner

**Fellowship Committee Meeting
May, 28, 2003
7:00 PM**

Members Present: Deanna Armstrong, John Armstrong, Kathy Bergh, Renae Rhodes, and Caroline Hobbs

Members Absent: Char Wall, Sharon Korzan, Diana Hagen

Kathy Bergh called meeting to order. Karen Gramacki was unable to make the meeting. Kathy will serve as committee chair if no one else steps forward.

Old Business

Progressive Dinner ö Marilyn spoke with a several people and ran articles in the Grapevine and Worship folder looking for a coordinator(s). No one came forward to coordinate. The Fellowship Committee agreed to coordinate the dinner if we can get the cook's club to prepare the food.

ACTION ITEM: Marilyn will speak with John Wascher and see if they are available. If the Cookâs Club agrees to participate, we will schedule a fall Progressive Dinner. Date and time will be discussed at next Fellowship Meeting and coordinated with the availability of the Cookâs Club.

Organizational Chart -- The organizational chart was discussed that we came up with at the last meeting. We decided to use the chart as a guide with people serving in the different areas. Some of the categories may overlap with others.

The different areas under **Fellowship** are as follows:

Retreats ö Caroline Hobbs

Fellowship ö Kathy Bergh, Deanna Armstrong, Marilyn Gardner

Congregational Events ö Char Wall

Outdoor Recreation/Camping ö Renae Rhodes, John Armstrong

Sports ö

New Business

Camping/Hiking

ACTION ITEM: John Armstrong has agreed to schedule a Hike/Campout to the Punch Bowl in Santa Paula. Camping would be optional. He also wants to plan two weekend campouts at a Lake.

Adult Fellowship

It was agreed that we should try to plan an Adult fellowship event every couple of months.

ACTION ITEM: Deanna Armstrong has agreed to ask people about the following possible events:

Card Night ö Ask La Jean Wenzel

Car Rally - Pastor John has agreed to coordinate

Bowling ö Angie & Kevin Churchill have agreed to coordinate

Bonkers night ö Possibly Armstrongs or Hobbs

Billards Night

4th of July Picnic

ACTION ITEM: Marilyn will ask Gramackiâs if they will be willing to host. She will also speak with Crossbeams and see if they are willing to help. This will need to be advertised ASAP.

Rally Day ö Rally Day is the day in September we annually launch a new year of church activities and learning at Mount Cross. The date will be determined at the next Church Council meeting. Char Wall (Congregational Events) will be notified of the date. More discussion at the next Fellowship meeting.

Rally Day Picnic ö The same day as Rally Day we hold a picnic that continues at a local park. Last year Charlene Sakioka coordinated the picnic.

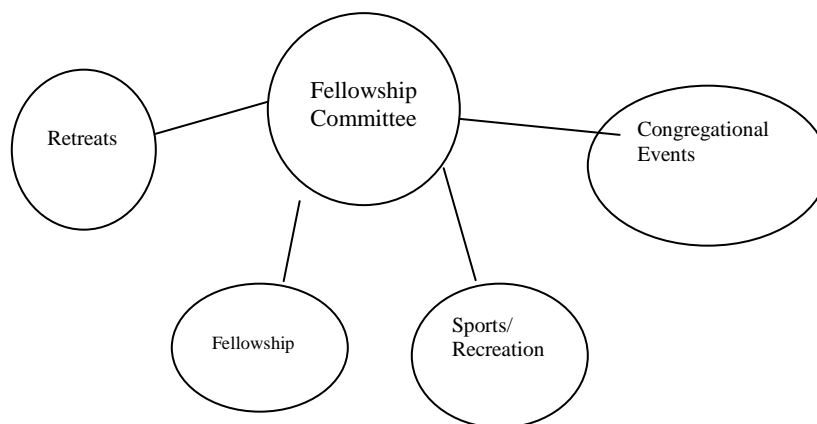
ACTION ITEM: We need to ask Charlene Sakioka if she is still interested in coordinating the picnic as she has taken on the job of Sunday School coordinator. Also, the Cookâs club will be asked to barbequed hamburgers and hot dogs. A park needs to be reserved ASAP if we are interested in planning a picnic.

Pastor Appreciation Sunday ö October Event (Congregational Events). A date should be on the calendar by September.

Momâs Club ö If anyone is interested in organizing a Momâs Club, please encourage them. Update the committee if you hear anything.

Pastor appreciation Sunday
Bishop visits to Mt. Cross
Sports Nights ö bowling, billiards, etc.
Blackjack Night
Bonkers
Camping
Progressive Dinner
Car Rally
Momâs Club
Holden Village Retreat
Other retreats

The following organization chart within this Committee was devised to be discussed at a future meeting:



Char Wall volunteered to serve in the area of Congregational Events; Kathy Bergh, Deanna Armstrong and Marilyn Gardner agreed to serve in the areas of Fellowship Events.Ê Caroline Hobbs will be asked about serving in the area of Retreats.

The Committee agreed that all members of the Committee would support all areas within the Fellowship Committee umbrella.

Several members will prayerfully consider chairing or co-chairing this Committee.

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of John and Deanna Armstrong.