

# ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Church Council Minutes

May 18, 2009

**Members Present:** Pastor Fruhling, Pastor Hagstrom, Chris Lindell, Sue Pearson, Dave Evans, Kurt Beenen, Von Cary, Jan Rushford, and Pauline Pristash

**Member Excused:** Dave Brauhn

**Guests:** Gene Walters and Gerald Klanglan

### **Opening Prayer & Devotion:**

President Chris Lindell called the meeting to order and led in prayer. He called on Von Cary for devotions. She read "Directions For the Road Ahead," from a book by Max Lucado. She *also* read Ephesians 3:20-21 and shared some thoughts based on these *verses*,

### **Review & Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of the April meeting and the financial report were approved as printed.

### **Tanzanian Proposal:**

Gene Wolter, leader of the International and Individual Missions Team at St. Mark's introduced Gerald Klomglan from Bethesda Lutheran Church in Ames. Gerald is on Bethesda's Tanzanian Ministry Team and also on the Southeastern Iowa Synod Tanzanian Team. He has been to Tanzania several times. The ELCA has ties with Lutheran churches in about ninety countries. Gerald talked about Bethesda's Partnership Covenant with a congregation in Tanzania and about what is involved in a partnership with a congregation in Tanzania. The Council decided to take no action at this time.

### **LCMC Discussion:**

Pastor Fruhling talked about the LCMC (Lutheran Churches in Mission for Christ). He explained its background and some issues raised in the ELCA. *These issues* might influence St. Mark's to affiliate with the LCMC. This would not necessarily lead us to break our ties with the ELCA. This Sunday, Adult Forums will be held to explain the LCMC to members and *the issues* in the ELCA which might move us to affiliate also with LCMC.

### **Meeting Adjourned:**

The Council prayed The Lord's Prayer together and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Pauline A. Prtstash,  
Secretary