



Country Chronicles  
May 2022  
Cannon River and  
Cross of Christ Lutheran  
Parish, ELCA



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**Reflections: From Your Interim Pastor Dan**

I absolutely love the season of Spring. The grass is turning green and as soon as we get a little warm temperatures, the trees will be budding and the tulips will be proclaiming our annual anticipated victory over winter.

The Easter Story of Jesus and his rising from the dead is on display each spring. I am so glad to live in the Midwest where we experience all four seasons. No matter how dark and gloomy the “winter” of life may be, we are assured that the bright longer days of Spring will appear with the promise of new beginnings. That is the Gospel in a nutshell.

On June 12, Camden Peterson and Gabriel Dorham will be confirming their faith in the rite of Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation). This celebration of their confirmation Sunday was originally scheduled for May 1 but Covid did its work in postponing the service until June 12. I have enjoyed being with the youth in confirmation this past year. My wish is that each of these precious young people will ALWAYS know that in Jesus they are loved and they will FOREVER be held in the arms of God’s grace. When Camden and Gabriel are confirmed on June 12 they will be saying “Yes” to the promises that God has made to them in their baptisms. Keep all of our young people in your prayers.

The Call Process is in full swing. During worship in the five Sundays between Easter and Memorial Day surveys will be taken

about your description of our churches and our communities. You will also be asked about the attributes you would like to find in the next “settled” pastor. After Worship on May 1 there will be a forum to discuss your ideas about your next pastor. On June 12, Pastor Barb Streed from the synod office will be with us when the call committee reports to the congregation what they have heard you say in the surveys. Thanks for your input! Thanks for your prayers on behalf of the Call Committee. They are dedicated servants of Christ and you, the members of your church.

I continue to feel so blessed to be your Interim Pastor. There is a very fortunate Pastor anticipating the “Letter of Call” that you will be preparing. Great days are waiting for you in God’s promised future!

Blessings on your Spring Anticipations!

Pastor Dan

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# Cannon River News

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## Attendance

April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	28
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	28
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	65
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	26

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## Financial Report

	Income	Expenses	Net
Jan	\$2,435	\$3,638	(\$1,203)
Feb	\$2,445	\$3,853	(\$1,408)
Mar	\$2,707	\$4,751	(\$2,544)
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>\$7,087</b>	<b>\$12,243</b>	<b>(\$5,156)</b>

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## Cannon River Council Rotation for May

<b>May 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Shawn</b>
<b>May 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mark</b>
<b>May 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Michelle</b>
<b>May 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Bill</b>
<b>May 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sharon</b>

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Mark your calendars!

Bring your rakes and work gloves with you to church on **May 15th**. Yard and kitchen Spring clean-up will start after services. It won't take long with lots of help.



## Summer Coffee Fellowship



It's time to start up our after-worship coffee fellowship again! It's a great time to catch up on what's going on with our friends and neighbors. Families can sign-up to host in the back of church.

Cannon River Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting  
April 19, 2022

The Cannon River Lutheran Church Council met on April 19, 2022. Present were Interim Pastor Dan Nordin, Bill Bodin, Shawn Klahr, Michell Sandeen and Sharon Niebur.

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Bodin following the Joint Council Meeting at Cross of Christ.

Minutes from the March 24, 2022 meeting were read. Motion by Shawn Klahr, seconded by Michelle Sandeen to approve the March 24 minutes.

Treasurer's report for the month of March was reviewed. A motion by Shawn Klahr, seconded by Michelle Sandeen to approve the March treasurer's report.

**Old Business:**

Sargent's Nursery was contacted for Spring garden clean-up. \$5, 000 has been sent to Lutheran Disaster Response for the Eastern Europe Crisis Response (Ukraine). It was decided by congregational vote on March 27 to give this above the \$15, 000 already designated for benevolence in 2022.

**New Business:**

Bill Bodin will contact insurance to have the church roof inspected for hail damage after last week's hail storm.

Church yard spring clean-up will be Sunday, May 15 following services.

It was decided to have coffee after church services during the summer months. Families can sign up to serve.

A discussion was held on the idea of putting some type of Welcome banner/flag on the lawn in front of church. Sharon Niebur will look into the types available and discuss again at the next meeting.

The next Cannon River Council meeting will be 7pm May 12, 2022.

A motion was made by Michelle Sanden, seconded by Sharon Niebur to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Niebur

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## **Call Committee-Update**

By now you should of received a letter explaining the process of creating the Ministry Site Profile (MSP).

Along with the letter, there was a “Pastoral Priorities” questionnaire. Please fill out the questionnaire and return it to the church by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Beginning April 24<sup>th</sup>, through May 22<sup>nd</sup> the Call Committee will be asking questions during worship (the service will be shortened slightly to accommodate this) The results will be tabulated and reported the following Sunday.

If you have question, please feel free to contact your Call Committee.

Thank you!

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# Cross of Christ News

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*We are called by the Spirit to be a lasting presence in our community,  
faithfully sharing the Word of God through worship, fellowship and  
service to our neighbors.*

***Faithful through Generations***

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## Assistants for May 2022

### Readers

May 1 <sup>st</sup>	David Hill
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Slingsby
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Fjetland
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Dean Dinndorf
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Sandy Luhman

### Greeters

May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Kelley Mittelsteadt
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Dean & Dana Dinndorf
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Doris Gruber
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Jim Gustafson
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Slingsby

### Altar

Millie-May 1 <sup>st</sup>
Kelley-May 8 <sup>th</sup>
Joan-May 15 <sup>th</sup>
Yvonne-May 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Millie-May 29 <sup>th</sup>

### Attendance

<b>Council Person</b> Ann Kulla	April 3rd	48
	April 10 <sup>th</sup>	68
	April 17 <sup>th</sup>	62
	April 24 <sup>th</sup>	40

### May Ushers

Dean Dinndorf, Dennis Martin, Jim and David Hill

### Kitchen Person

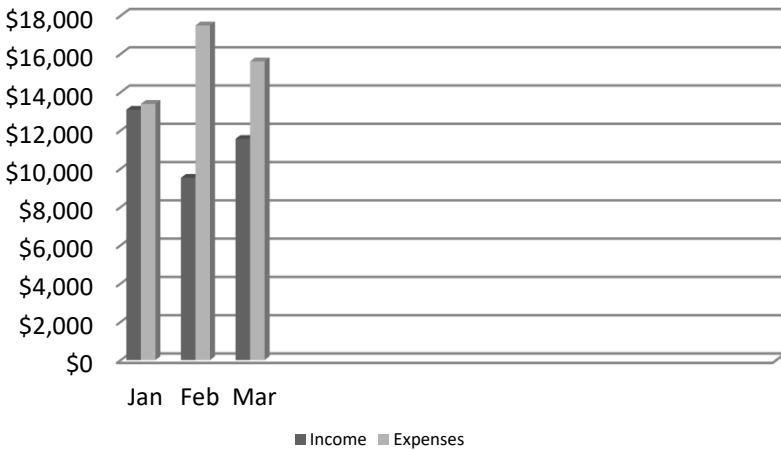
Cathy Nemcek

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# Cross of Christ Financial Report

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Jan	\$13,081	\$13,386
Feb	\$9,524	\$17,486
Mar	\$11,558	\$15,609
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>\$34,164</b>	<b>\$46,482</b>

## 2022 Income/Expenses



## Financial News:

In March, giving was again down, operating expenses exceeded income by \$4,000.

Prepaid **Kwik Trip cards** are available through Julie Schreifels. A portion of your purchase price comes directly to Cross of Christ. It is a very easy way to support your church!

The **Simply Giving Program** allows you to have your church offering automatically deducted from your checking or savings account, biweekly or monthly. Please contact Rebecca Peterson for help with setting up scheduled donations through Simply Giving, your bank, or other financial institution. **THANK YOU** to everyone

who has scheduled giving to Cross of Christ, whether it be through Simply Giving, your bank, or other organization.

If you make any purchase on **Amazon.com**, you can designate .5% of your order to come to Cross of Christ by using **smile.amazon.com** instead, and designating us as the recipient. In March we received \$41.27. Thank you!

**Thrivent members**, remember that you can designate your earned Choice dollars at any time throughout the year. Cross of Christ greatly appreciates these donations, which go to the Building and Grounds fund. In March we received \$616. Thank you!

The following income and expenditures are reflected in the Money Market account reports only, and not in the graph:

We received \$480 in donations for **MN Foodshare**, to be sent in April. Thank you, givers!

We sent \$1,000 in support of missionary, **Karen Anderson** in Chile.

**Memorials:** We received \$325 in memory of Bob Wasti, \$425 in memory of John Hinsch for a church bell, and \$500 in memory of Roger Baer for recording equipment.

Council voted to send \$5,000 to the **disaster in Eastern Europe**, a generous member matched that amount, and other members gave \$1,275 for the cause. We sent Lutheran Disaster Relief a check for \$11,275 for the Eastern European Crisis in March. Thank you, donors!

The next Finance meeting is scheduled for **Wed, May 4 at 7 pm at church.**

Detailed reports of income and expenditures are always available upon request.

Rebecca Peterson, Treasurer

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## Kwik Trip Cards

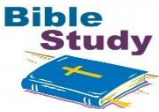


Help support our Building Maintenance Fund by buying Kwik Trip scrip cards. The cards can be used to purchase anything at Kwik Trip from gas, groceries and car washes to anything else they sell.

Available in **\$10, \$20, \$25, \$50 and \$100**. You pay the amount of the card being purchased; the church makes 5% of the sales and another 10% for non-fuel purchases made with the cards. The **next order** will be put in on **Tuesday, May 10** and will be available at the church by, May 15. **If you would like to order cards and are not on the regular order list, please email [hjschreif@live.com](mailto:hjschreif@live.com) or 507-990-7024.** Thank you to those who have ordered Kwik Trip Cards. Julie Schreifels

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## WELCA Bible Study



Meet in Dahlen Hall- 9am to 11am.

May 10, 2022. Pastor Dan will lead bible study.

Bring a snack to share if you like.

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## Garage Sale

Thank you to everyone who helped, making it a big success!! Big thanks to Joan for making food for the workers. Thanks to Joan, Julie, Becky and the youth for preparing and selling food during the sale. Thanks to Wayne and Sonja, Dennis and Jackie and Jim for boxing up and waiting for the truck to come to pick up after the sale. The sale brought in \$2,455.45 thanks to all of YOU!!



- Lynette

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## **Church Softball League**



The Church softball league is looking to add more players to the team (typically need 12-15 players).

Games usually start the beginning of May and run through August...with a few practice games. If

you are interested in playing on the Church Softball League this year, please contact

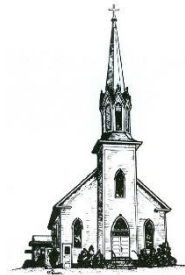
Ron Hanson at 651-303-8387. Let's get out

and play some ball!!

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## **Cross of Christ 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Cross of Christ will be celebrating 150 years in 2023. We are looking for members to coordinate this exciting time in our Church history. Please contact the church secretary for details or to show interest.



## **Summer is almost here!**

This is a great time for most of us Minnesotans, but it is a difficult time for churches. Summer is busy, and can be expensive for families, we get it. Church giving always drops in summer months, even though our expenses don't. Have an amazing summer, but please don't forget us, we will always be here when you need us.

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## **Contemporary Service Practice**

Do you enjoy singing? Come join us for an opportunity to learn some new songs for our Contemporary Services. Cannon River, Cross of Christ, everyone is welcome! We will practice right after church at Cross of Christ on May 15th.

## **Missions**

*Some call it Mission work . . .it's also called "Loving Others"*

### **Family Fare Store Receipt Collection**

*Please* continue to save your Family Fare store receipts! Both Cross of Christ and Cannon River churches are collecting receipts and participating in this great mission outreach. Remember that only the store receipts are valid; no e-receipts.



*To date, our collection totals \$76,175.00*

**When** the receipts total \$150,000, we will receive a check for \$1,000 which will go to Feed My Starving Children. We have already reached this goal three times, and are now on our fourth collection. It's amazing what a little shopping can do!

**Shop, bring your receipts to church** and we will support children who are hungry!

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### **Join an important standing subcommittee of the church council**

Seeking members to join the combined Service & Witness Subcommittee which meets infrequently. An opportunity to be involved with any of the following:

**Service** – Coordinate the special functions of the church including ministry of the elderly, sick, special fund raisers, etc.

**Witness** – Motivate members to witness their faith. Restore those who have lapsed from active membership. Encourage new members.

Contact any of the following current members for more information: Janet Daley, Duke Bjorklund or Anna Amy.

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## Youth and Learning News

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### Sunday School Activities

May 8 - Last Day of Sunday School until fall

May 8 - Graduate Recognition

May 13- 5:30 Pizza and Movie night at Pastor Dan's

June 8 - Confirmation banquet

June 12 - Confirmation

### **Congratulations to Brooklyn Fox and Erin Briggs on their first communion.**

**Cross of Christ Scholarship** The Cross of Christ Christian College Scholarship Program awards scholarships to members of Cross of Christ as a means to support furthering their education at a faith-based institution. The criteria and application are attached. Please have applications in by May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Graduate Recognition:** The 2022 graduates will be recognized during the worship service on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Coffee fellowship in honor of the graduates will be right after the worship service. If you know of anyone from Cross of Christ who will be graduating from high school (Emma Dinndorf) or post-secondary school please contact Julie Schreifels.

The proceeds from the **Church Garage Sale Lunch** were \$436.84. Thank you to Joan Slingsby for setting things up, making the food and working all three days. Also, to Becky, Hannah, and Brooklyn Fox for making the bars and working on Saturday.

**Mission:** The Sunday School will continue to support Gabby, from Tanzania this year. The Mission Committee has decided to support a little boy as well. Our newly sponsored child, Jacob John one year old boy who will grow with us throughout the coming years. The next turn in date for the banks will be May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Buck-a- Chick** The Sunday School kids raised \$160 to go to the ELCA Good Gifts.

**Pizza and a Movie with Pr. Dan.** Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> meet at the church at 5:30 return at 10:30. Youth 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to join Pr. Dan for a night of fun eating pizza and watching a movie. Please RSVP to Pr. Dan by May 10<sup>th</sup>. 753-458-5066 email [pastor@cccchurch.com](mailto:pastor@cccchurch.com)



**Vacation Bible School – July 10-14**  
5:30 – 7:30

This year we will be exploring Jesus' Parable of the Sower. We will have fun learning some ways kids can care for God's creation. Supper, singing,

sowing seeds, spectacular crafts, skits and games.

Contact Julie if you would like to help with VBS.

**Confirmation Bible Camp at Good Earth Village July 17-**

**22** Youth currently in 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to take part in Confirmation Bible Camp. Come to camp with your confirmation class and pastor! Confirmation campers have memorable faith-building adventures during this week!

Campers spend time each morning with their pastor or a confirmation leader exploring faith topics in depth. In the afternoon and evenings, campers enjoy group activities, canoeing, swimming, arts and crafts, epic games, and campfire worship led by our summer staff. A registration form is attached. Please return it along with a check for the deposit

(\$150) to Deanna at the church office by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation camp registrations need to be sent by the church.

Peace, Julie Schreifels

Sunday School Superintendent Cell 507-990-7024 email

[hjschreif@live.com](mailto:hjschreif@live.com)



The next WELCA meeting will be **Wednesday, May 11th at 7:00 pm. Dahlen Hall.** We will review the Blood Drives, Canon River Conf. Gathering, Fundraiser for Triennial, Taste of Welch and other things that people feel need to be discussed.

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** Our next drive will Thursday, May 12th from 12-6 pm and Friday, May 13th from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm.. Come and donate blood-Save lives. You can register now at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/> Let Julie know if you can help with the blood drive.

**Spring Gathering** for Cannon River Conference: Tracy Harth, Kelley Mittelsteadt, Cathy Nemcek, and Julie Schreifels attended the Gathering on Saturday, April 23, 2022 at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kenyon, MN. The speakers presented information about; Lutheran Campus Ministry, Good Earth Village, Days for Girls, Sole Hope (provides shoes and education about jiggers to the people of Uganda), and LSS MN- Cherish the Children (they educate, equip and engage churches and communities to prevent child sexual exploitation and trafficking). Julie Schreifels was elected to be the convener for the 2023 gathering to be held at Cross of Christ in the spring of 2023.

**Graduate Recognition:** May 8th WELCA will be providing the cake for coffee fellowship. If you know someone who is graduating from high school or post-secondary school, please let Julie know.

**2022 SE MN Synod WELCA Fall Convention:** September 17, 2020 Bethel Lutheran Church, Rochester. The theme is Love one Another for love is from God (1 John 4:7). The convention's Love Offering will be given to Safe Harbor Regional Navigator, SE MN Olmsted County Victim Services. Start collecting items on the list below. We will have a designated donation place in August.

Suitcases or duffel bags  
Backpack or tote bags  
Clothing (gender neutral; various sizes)  
Shampoo & Conditioner (variety of types for people with different types of hair)  
Tie blankets supply sets (different patterns)  
Tampons  
Bulletin boards (inspirational board material)  
Canvases (different sizes)  
Paint (Apple Barrel Acrylic Paint)  
Paint brushes (small sets to hand out to clients)  
Painting by numbers or jewel by numbers  
Fidgets  
Gel pens  
Colored pencils  
Storage containers (small in size for storing art supplies or to hand out to clients for items)

**Future Events:**

**Days for Girls Group:** May 19 & 23 9:00 -11:00 am Cannon Falls Senior Center

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** Thursday, May 12th 12-6 pm and Friday, May 13th 8:30 am – 2:30pm

**2022 SE MN Synod WELCA Fall Convention:** September 17, 2022 Bethel Lutheran Church, Rochester

**12th Triennial Gathering:** Week of September 18, 2023 Phoenix, Arizona

**Officers: President: Julie Schreifels Secretary: Joan Slingsby**

**Treasurer: Jean Kehren**

**Kitchen Committee: Doris Gruber, Joan Slingsby, Jean Kehren, Janet Daley, Cathy Nemcek, Sandy Petrashek**

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Cross of Christ and Cannon River  
Joint Council Meeting Minutes Draft  
April 19, 2022

*Present:* Bill Bodin, Sharon Niebur, Michelle Sandeen, Joan Slingsby, Oscar Daley, Kelley Mittelsteadt, Anthony Nemcek, Ann Kulla, Deanna Gehloff and Interim Pastor Dan Nordin  
*Absent:* Mark Hartman, Jon Peterson and Dan Fremouw

The meeting was called to order by Joan Slingsby  
Deanna Gehloff was appointed secretary for the meeting.

Pastor Dan led us in prayer.

Secretary's Report

*A motion was made and seconded to approve the secretary's report. -Motion Passed.*

Pastor's Report:

Dan continues to enjoy his time with both congregations. If anyone knows of any shut-ins, please let him know. Dan asked permission to use his vacation and continuing education time whenever; but the chance his contract time with us is cut short and most of his time is used it would be subtracted off from his last pay. Both congregations agreed.

New Business

Call Committee Re-Cap:

Starting Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> both congregations will participate in a short 2-3 question survey at the end of service, and each service following for a total of 5 weeks. May 1<sup>st</sup> both congregations will hold a forum following worship with coffee and treats. Rev. Barb Streed will join us and lead worship on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Following the 12<sup>th</sup> of June congregational reporting and posting of our ministry site profiles from each church, the next step will be potential candidates and interviews.



The meeting was adjourned, and Pastor Dan gave a closing prayer.

The next Joint Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 7:00pm at Cannon River.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deanna Gehloff  
Parish Secretary

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Cross of Christ Council Meeting Minutes  
*Faithful Through Generations*  
April 19, 2022

*Present:* Joan Slingsby, Darwin Fox, Kelly Mittelsteadt, Ann Kulla, Oscar Daley, Interim Pastor Dan Nordin, Deanna Gehloff  
*Absent:* Jon Peterson

Meeting was called to order by Council President Joan Slingsby and mission statement was read.

Agenda was approved and the March minutes were approved as written.

Unfinished Business

- \*Pastor's Report: report given at joint meeting
- \*Call process/update: report give at joint meeting
- \*Building Vision Committee: A list of five names was reviewed, along with a few alternatives, council members will reach out and see if they would like to be part of the Building Vision Committee. The committee will move forward once formed.
- \*150 Year Church Anniversary Committee: We will continue to advertise for volunteers for this committee.

News Business

- \*May Council person – Ann Kulla

-September open: Kelley Mittelsteadt will fill that spot.

\*Council Responsibilities: Joan will be putting together a binder with information for council person on the month. Communion, attendance, and bell ringing was also discussed.

\*Announcements: Pastor will take over giving announcements at the beginning of service.

### Committee Reports

Property Management: the cemetery and grounds will have a cleanup on Saturday.

Worship & Music: A new bell, donated by the Hinsch family, will be installed in the sanctuary, and rang on Sundays or for other services. The committee will have a meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Learning & Youth: Confirmation Banquet on April 27<sup>th</sup>, Confirmation Sunday on May 1<sup>st</sup>, Graduate recognition and Sunday school recognition will be on May 8<sup>th</sup> followed by cake and coffee in Dahlen hall

Service & Witness: a chronicle insert will be provided

Stewardship: a letter will possibly be sent out if needed

Personnel: reviews will be held, starting on Wednesday

The next meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Tuesday, May 10th.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Gehloff- Secretary