



Pastor's Message

The Men's Group

Our Men's Group never does fundraisers. We never have a business meeting. We don't have a president or a secretary and no treasurer. You might wonder how we function without these things. Well, it works like this. We meet the 2nd and the 4th Saturday morning of every month. And that is from 8 am till 10 am. We meet at Lynn's Diner in Cuyler. Lynn's Diner was formerly known as the Cuyler Diner. They serve a great breakfast and us guys do like our breakfast.

We gather at usually two or sometimes three tables. It depends on the particular Saturday. We meet and greet each other with a handshake or a hug. I don't think I've ever seen a kiss from one guy to another and honestly I'm glad for that.

I am typically the one who brings a devotion to share with the guys. It's nothing formal, but it does require some thought ahead of time. We gather, I share a devotion, we eat breakfast, there is discussion and questions about the topic of the morning, we share some more. We pray for each other out loud and by name. And then we pack up and leave. We mention that we'll meet in two weeks or three weeks, depending on the particular month it is.

When I'm absent, there are others who will lead the devotion: Kevin Westcott (pastor of the other Lincklaen Church), Will Gallerani (pastor of Celebration Church in Lincklaen), Jim Kane (pastor of the Vesper Church).

We have a wonderful time together and we represent four or more different churches. And we are always open to our group growing. People come, usually because someone mentions it to someone else and that someone may show up or the person who invited them may pick them up. So that is how that works.

If any of you guys would like to join us, please do so. Remember, 2nd and 4th Sunday of Each Month. The month of August is will be the 11th and the 25th. We'd love to see you there.

Pastor Vern

Administrative Board

The Administrative Board met on July 2nd with seven members present. The Financial Secretary reported the month's income of \$5605, and the treasurer reported expenses of \$6550.65.

Spiritual Board: VBS plans are underway and \$300 was appropriated for expenses. Services were held for Father's Day and Graduation in June. We had five seniors at the graduation service. Children's Day went well and the women of the church led the service on June 10th.

Pastor's Report: In addition to regular duties, Vern did several visitations. He met with other clergy throughout the month for accountability and worked with the Food Pantry and participated with the Tractor pull on June 2nd. He officiated at two funeral services and performed one wedding.

Old Business: The dials on the boiler were replaced and has now officially passed inspection. Three bids were received for the organ room renovation. Discussion followed and it was decided to accept the bid for \$5700 and includes all the work that is necessary. It was under the amount that was approved of \$9000. A bid for the steps on the left



side of the church for \$1400 was accepted. Volunteers have removed the shrubs in front of the church and now we are in need of painting. We will be looking for painters. There is a need for a sidewalk near the church from the Catholic Church to our front walk. It has been estimated \$450 for the cost of the materials to complete the walkway. It has been approved and Tom will head up the work to complete the project.

New Business: Annual Meeting will be held on September 16, following the morning worship, and it will be a dish to pass.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie Ziegler, Clerk

Women's Fellowship

Our Women's Fellowship is a quiet but busy group. We just supported our church's mission committee as they did a hot dog and bake sale for the annual DeRuyter sidewalk sales. So many friendly folks dropped by and bought a hot dog or a baked goody. There were no set prices we just asked for a donation. There were many who asked to use our restrooms and we showed them in and then heard about the beauty of our sanctuary often with questions about our church. We are always open to doing bereavement meals for anybody who needs that service and if there is a need for meals to be sent into a family or some other assistance please give one of us a call. The co-chairs are Beverly Petley and Rosemary Lawrence, other officers are Jean Whalen and Janet Furlough plus myself, Margaret Wiltsey, I do the bereavement meals with many helping hands of the women of our community, our membership is open to all women of the area and we work

with the other organizations in our community in any capacity as needed.

Buy the Farm Update

The Lord has provided the needed \$55,000 for the "Buy the Farm" project to support the children and staff of Jubilee Christian Primary School and Orphanage in Uganda. Thanks for your efforts in the fund raising. It was greatly appreciated.

God Bless,
Pastor Julie Knowlton

Vacation Bible School News

Thank you to all the volunteers and prayers because we had an awesome VBS week. We started in January planning for VBS and had two floats in our local parades. We won second place in the Cuyler 4th of July parade. We had 50 children attend and 12 youth take part as crew leaders. Many who attended were there last year. Our theme was "Jesus Rescues" and we know that this is always true and now the children do too. We always support a mission project at VBS. This year the mission was to provide drought tolerant seeds for families in Haiti. We raised over \$420 so we are able to provide 42 families seeds for food now and for future years.

Breakfast Picnic

The Sunday School class would like to invite you to a breakfast picnic on August 26 at Nancy Parkhurst's home at 8:30 am. While you are



there join in the wisdom of learning from the Bible as the class starts a new fall lesson.

Food Pantry Challenge

The Food Pantry has challenged the DeRuyter community to donate 200 jugs of laundry detergent during the DeRuyter field days. Volunteers will be in the parade collecting donations or they can be dropped off at the pantry or the church on Sundays. Need it picked up, give any one of us a call.

Family Member's Update

From: Ed, Kris and Luke

The Lord has been working on us in recent months and we've been lead to work with a family within our Cub Scout family that have shown an interest in church and attending. Since they are a family in need, the Holy Spirit has placed a burden on us to follow His leading and help them. A praise to report was that we've asked their son to come to Cortland Bible Camp. We continue to ask that the Holy Spirit lead them to fellowship and ultimately to Jesus Christ. We ask for prayers for this family and with our family's mission with them.

Thank you all for your support. We'll be there to worship with you from time to time so we won't be far away. Also as Rosemary, Vern and others know we still will be working with the music behind the scenes to help your worship grow. May the Lord be blessed with you and our congregation.

Calendar of Events

Each Sun @ 10am– Sunday Summer Service

Each Tues. @ 8:30 am– Prayer in Pastor Vern's office

Each Wed. @ 6:30 pm –Prayer @ Ginny Moore's home

2nd & 4th Sat. of month

Men's group meets @ 8 am. @ Lynn's Diner

Aug 2-Administrative Board Meeting

Aug 5 – Communion

Aug 6- Spiritual Board Meeting

Aug 9 - DeRuyter Fair Weekend Begins

Aug 11-8 am Men's Group at Lynn's Diner

Aug 11- 8 am Women's Group peeling peaches

Aug 11-Parade collecting laundry detergent

Aug 12 - 10:30 am Fair Worship Service at Fair

Aug 12- Selling Peach Shortcake

Aug 25-8 am Men's Group at Lynn's Diner

Aug 26- 8:30 am Sunday School class is having a breakfast picnic and will be starting a new lesson. Meet at Nancy Parkhurst home.

Sept 9-9:30 am Sunday School Classes begin and church services change to 11am

Sept 15- 10 am Women's Fellowship Meeting

Sept 16-Annual Meeting



Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Aug 1~~Carol Clendenning
- Aug 2~~Margaret Wiltsey
- Aug 5~~Jon Brown
- Aug 5~~Dale Wiltsey
- Aug 7~~Kayleen Chiesa
- Aug 8~~ Daniel Wood
- Aug 10~~Christine Ellis
- Aug 11~~Bob & Bev Petley
- *Aug 16~~Tim & Pat Winters
- *Aug 16~~Mike & Holly Harris
- Aug 18~~Alexandra Travis
- Aug 19~~Robert Ossont
- Aug 21~~Max Furlough
- *Aug 24~John & Barb Lidell
- Aug 26~~Franklin Carl Benedict
- Aug 26~Ted & Posie Bolton
- Aug 26~Harry & Ann Ludke
- Aug 29~ Jon & Lisa Benedict

Annual Meeting September 16

Mark your calendars for the annual meeting following the morning worship service. There will be a dish to pass for lunch.

If you are interested in joining one of the boards, then please see a board member to apply. The list is on the bulletin board by the coat rack.

Note: Don't forget to write your annual report!

Reflect

Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God's gift of himself.

Ask and seek, and your heart will grow big enough to receive him and to keep him as your own. Wherever God has put you, then that is your vocation. It is not what we do but how much love we put into it.

-Mother Teresa

Year was 1968 and Women's Guild...

In the 1968 minutes it notes that the DeRuyter Library had joined the New York State Library system. The library system would provide references and films on any subject. It also provides records and record players on books for those who can't see to read. Joan Ball would be attending their meeting to explain what would be available at the library.

The Church Board was looking for volunteers to work on a new constitution and a new name for the church.

Note: In January 1970 the Women's Guild changed their name to Women's Fellowship