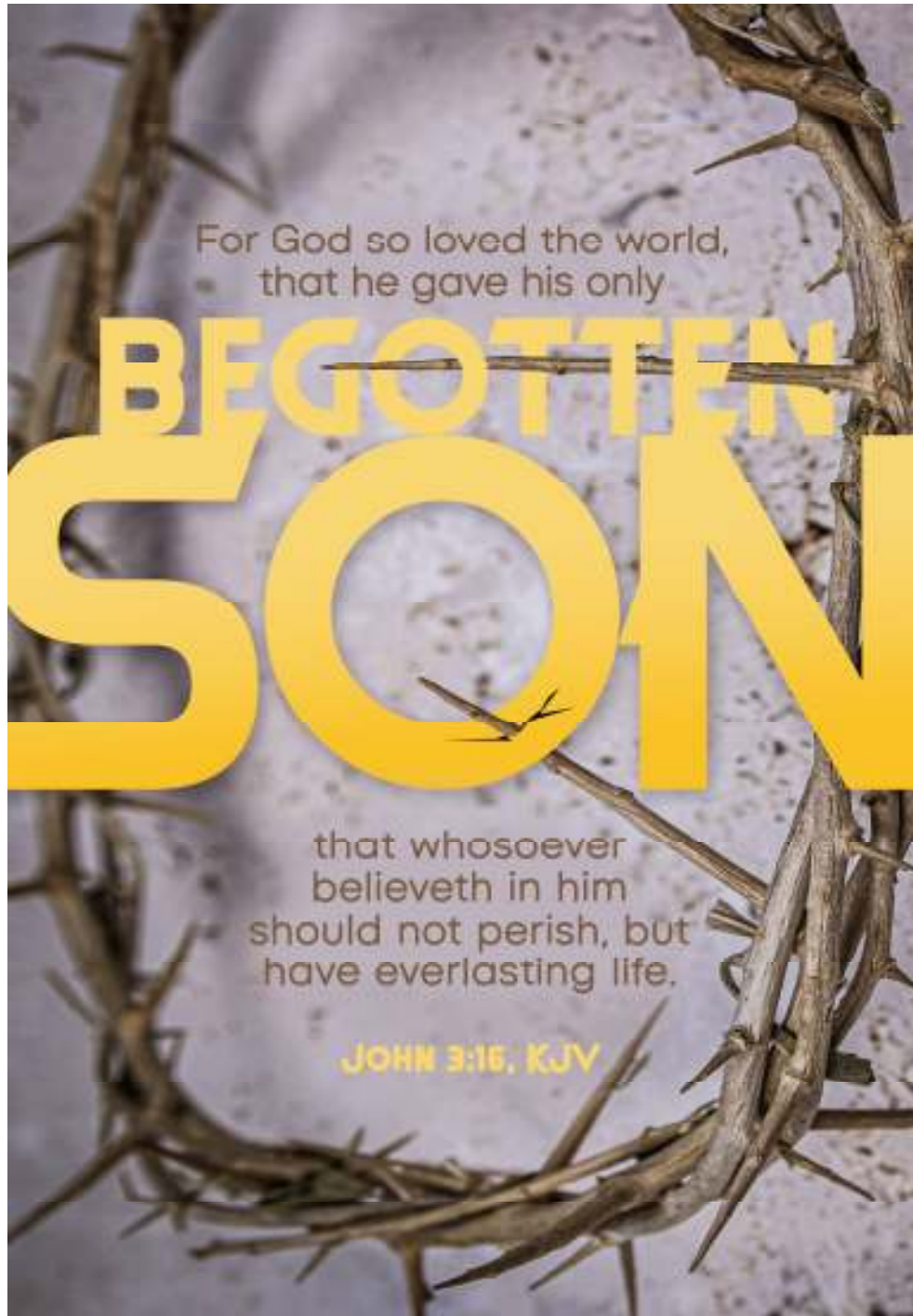




# CANA CHRONICLE

## MARCH 2024





**March 20, 2024  
9-Noon  
Oak Park Warehouse  
15000 Eight Mile rd., Oak Park**

Contact: Dave Keener at  
dakeener00@gmail.com or  
248-660-7897



### DONATIONS FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS.

Paula Cardelli will be collecting donations for our college students beginning today through Sunday, March 10.

Cash donations or \$10/\$25 gift cards are welcome. Let's remind our college students that we are thinking of them.



- 4 Carol Ball
- 8 Carolyn Wemple
- 13 Sarah Stephenson
- 14 Martha Hadley
- Sean Wright
- 16 Tracy Hennessey
- Eileen Dressler
- 23 Abilyn Cardelli
- 28 Lana Wright
- 30 Karen Emanuelson
- John Miesch
- 31 Lydia Sawicki



**SPRING AHEAD  
MARCH 10, 2024**



For those unable to attend service in person, please log into Cana's Facebook page, YouTube page, or website (Canaelca.org) for a live feed, listen to the service in the parking lot on FM-100.7, or watch at a later time on Cana Lutheran's YouTube page.

**Prayer  
Welcoming  
Worship  
Learning  
Serving  
Relationships**



# Learning Team News



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**CANA / DRAYTON VBS**  
**MONDAY—THURSDAY**  
**JULY 15—18**  
**9:00 A.M. UNTIL NOON**  
**FOR**

**CHILDREN AGES 3 (POTTY TRAINED PLEASE)**  
**THROUGH THOSE ENTERING 5TH GRADE**



Holy Saturday  
March 30  
Church Homecoming



**Homecoming:**  
**Come One, Come All!**

Cana Lutheran Church would like to invite all members past and present, including Gethsemane and St. Peter's congregations, to join us for a Cana Homecoming!

Cana is in negotiations with the Berkley School District to sell our building. If the sale goes through, we will no longer have access to the sanctuary after May 31, 2024. This event will give us an opportunity to reminisce with each other and consider the impact our church has had on us, and our community over the years. The event will begin with a time to mingle with one another, followed by lunch, and a worship service. All are welcome!!

**RSVP DEADLINE: SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH**

RSVP TO KAREN K. AT  
[CanaHomecoming@gmail.com](mailto:CanaHomecoming@gmail.com)  
OR VIA SIGN UP GENIUS AT

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848ADA923A3FACF8-48030043-cana>

If you are interested in helping us plan, please contact me. In the meantime, please also reach out to any past members with whom you may have a relationship and give them a heads up and an invitation to join us.

My contact information is as follows:

(248) 544-4040 (home)

(248) 217-0551 (cell)

E-Mail: [fkaiser@ameritech.net](mailto:fkaiser@ameritech.net)

I look forward to hearing from you!

Karen Kaiser



# "In the Garden" The Story Behind the Hymn

By Karen Emanuelsen

*"In the Garden"* is a hymn that is a favorite of many. The hymn was inspired by the gospel of John, chapter 20. As a prelude to reading this, perhaps you would like to read this gospel which tells of Jesus' meeting with Mary Magdalene in the garden at the tomb of Jesus.

*"In the Garden"* was written by C. Austin Miles. As we sing our favorite hymns, I always am curious as to where and how did the authors get their ideas for these hymns. We have so many beautiful, meaningful hymns and all of them have a story to tell.

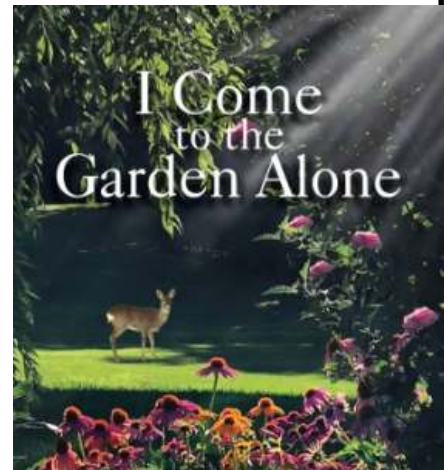
Gospel composer C. Austin Miles (1868-1946) was originally educated and trained as a pharmacist. After achieving some success as a songwriter, he became a full-time music editor for a publishing company. His most famous song by far, is *"In the Garden"*.

He wrote this account of a vision he had: "One day in April 1912, I was seated in the dark room where I kept my photographic equipment, and my organ. I drew my Bible towards me, and it opened at my favorite book and chapter, John: chapter 20. I don't know if this was by chance or by the work of the Holy Spirit. I will let you, the reader, decide. That story of Jesus and Mary Magdalene in John 20 had lost none of its power and charm.

It was as though I was in a trance, as I read it that day. I seemed to be part of the scene. I became a silent witness to that dramatic moment in Mary's life when she knelt before her Lord and cried "Rabboni". I rested my hands on the open Bible, as I stared at the light blue wall. As the light faded, I seemed to be standing at the entrance of a garden, looking down at a gently winding path, shaded by olive branches. A woman in white, with head bowed, hand clasping her throat, as if to choke back her sobs, walked slowly into the shadows. It was Mary. As she came unto the tomb, upon which she placed her hand, she bent over to look in and ran away.

John, in a flowing robe, appeared at the tomb. Then came Peter, who entered the tomb, followed slowly by John. As they departed, Mary reappeared, leaning her head upon her arm at the tomb, she wept. Turning herself, she saw Jesus standing there. So did I! I knew it was He. She knelt before Him, with arms outstretched, and looking into His face cried "Rabboni".

So, this is what inspired C. Austin Miles to compose one of the most favorite hymns of Christianity. It is one of those songs that linger in one's mind, especially at the time of Lent. We thank our Lord for giving us these hymn writers who inspire and give us joy!



## MEETING OF THE MINDS



## What is Meeting of the Minds?

Meeting of the Minds is a group organized to support churches in all of their endeavors and attending each others programs and activities. Terry Carlson and Karen Blinkilde attend and they would welcome others to attend as well. In 2023, those activities among the churches included Cana's Sing-Along, Amazing Grace's Breakfast with Santa, Holiday food boxes at Fellowship Lutheran just to name a few. This summer a Summer Picnic is being planned at Amazing Grace among other activities. Please think about joining these activities.

## **Cana Sale Downstream Categories for Consideration – Feb 26, 2024**

(Until all outside groups are out of the building April 15, please check the calendar or with the office to make sure an area is not in use by a renter/member before starting to work there.)

### **Priority 1:**

I. Sanctuary: Lead: Nancy McChesney, Karen Hardy volunteers: Karen B, Pastor Ron, Amy C., Fred K, Barb W.

- Organ, Grand Piano
- Pews, Cushions, Christus Statue to Danish Museum?
- Extra Bibles, Hymnals
- Stained Glass
- Sacristy items

II. Youth Room: Co-Leads: Laura G, Jessica

- STAGE churches have space?
- Move furniture, games, clear out old kitchen
- ? Keep technology

III. Office: Lead: Sally B, Volunteers: Pastor Ron, Pastor Scott, Karen B, Paula, Barb W

- Empty Pastor Ron's office, technology adjustments-Paul Dunkerley
- Eliminate items no longer needed
- Space for both desks, counter, copier, cupboards
- Archival material and Endasak material go where?
- St. Peter's (including cabinet in hall) Paula, Karen B, Richard S., Karen E.

### **Priority 2:**

I. Technology: Lead: Chris G volunteers: Fred, Jim

- Move from Sanctuary
- Compatible with Youth Room
- Outside consultants?

II. Music: Lead: Cathi B volunteers: Jim K, Karen E., choir

- Instruments, amplifiers etc., robes (choir & acolyte)
- Music Library
- ? relocation to old kitchen



III. Lounge/Undercroft Kitchen pantries, Closets in the Youth Room: Lead: Kelley Smith

Volunteers: Mary Louise Johnson, Belinda Miesch, Paula, Carolyn

- Offer to Berkley book cases, tables, chairs etc that we don't need...Paula
- Clear kitchenette, move to closet in youth room
- Clear bookcases...move some bookcases into youth room
- Move needed items from undercroft pantries to youth room closets
- Contact Berkley post high program on items they might wish...Paula
- White folding tables to youth room?
- Donation of items in both space, sell in Endasak garage sale if there is one
- Storage becomes for Sacristy items, holiday, VBS, kitchen supplies

IV. Chapel Space: Lead: Pastor Ron Volunteers: Paula, Team leads

- Design (layout, altar space etc)
- Explore renting furniture, carpet areas (shared with BYPR)
- Technology
- BYPR furniture space as part of design

V. Sunday School office: Lead: Margo volunteers: Cydney M, Karen K

- Keep a minimal amount of supplies and donate all other items to Stage churches
- Sell with Endasak Garage Sale if there is one
- Items to Karen B.'s contact in Fowlerville-donation for ministries in other countries

### **Priority 3:**

I. Stage in Undercroft: Lead: Amy Chute include Drayton Volunteers:

- Donation of all items?
- Sell at Endasak garage sale if there is one

II. World Medical Relief tables/items: Lead: Paula Volunteers:

- Approach other churches to take over this ministry
- Available for free at Endasak garage sale if there is one

III. Medical Equipment: Lead: Paula Volunteers:

- Keep one of each item
- Donate the rest to World Medical Relief
- Find other churches to take items

IV. Backyard Playroom: Co-Leads: Paula, Ashleigh Volunteers:

- More toddler sized chairs in the closet nearest the undercroft back stairs to be removed
- Move items from Lounge to Youth room including cubbies, tables and bookcase
- Will parties still be able to be book?
- Notify all who use BYPR availability is only M, W F as of May\_\_\_\_
- Explore moving BYPR to one of the Stage churches

V. Furnace Room & Shed: Co-Leads: Brian, Augie Volunteers:

- Supplies & tools, move what is needed to closets in Youth Room, old kitchen on cupboards in youth room
- What is valuable in the shed?
- Laundry carts etc. donation?

### **Priority 4:**

I. Merger/Join/Share/Close: Lead: Paula Volunteers: Dennis F, Terry C, Jim K, Dan D.

- Explore in detail what each of these options mean
- Operating funds needed, Donations to which organizations/groups, Endowment funds
- Determine which paths to follow and which churches to meet with
- Set up visitation schedule
- Reach a recommendation to the congregation before December 2025.

**Please contact Paula or Chris to volunteer or with questions**





## OUR SCHEDULE!

**Sunday, March 10**  
Regular Meeting—Cana

**Sunday, March 17**  
Regular Meeting—FPCRO



### **FESTIVAL CHOIR & ORCHESTRA** **"REQUIEM" BY FAURE** **PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24** **4 P.M.** **AT OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE**



The combined choirs of Greenfield Presbyterian, Zion Lutheran, Our Lady of La Salette, and members of Cana Lutheran will present Gabriel Fauré's beautiful *Requiem* on Palm Sunday, March 24th, at 4:00pm at Our Lady of La Salette.

While requiems are closely related to the Christian faith as a lament for the dead, Gabriel Fauré's melodic *Requiem* focuses on the restful and fear-free nature of death.

The festival choir and chamber orchestra will be conducted by Roger Smith, music director of Zion Lutheran in Ferndale. Maggie Rees, soprano, and James Wilking, baritone, will be the soloists. The orchestra will open the concert with *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* also known as *Sleepers Awake* by Johann Sebastian Bach. The choir and orchestra will also perform *By Faith* by Stuart Townsend, arranged by Michael Laurence and orchestrated by Roger Smith.

A free will offering will benefit the Gleaners Food Bank in Detroit and the Welcome Inn Homeless Center in Royal Oak.







A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all".

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

Father, help me to see this holy season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal, rather than a time of deprivation. Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your grace.



Spring (Almost) Greetings!

We've been incredibly busy and have had a record month! We are capped at 44 people by the fire marshal and twice in January we hit the capacity! We had to start turning people away for the first time in our existence. To say I was thrilled, is an understatement.

We've gotten so many new families this month already and at the time of me writing this, it's February 12<sup>th</sup> and today, we had three new families. For the past three weeks, our attendance has sky rocketed. Monday, Wednesday, Friday, we've had at least three new families consistently. Thank you all so much for your support.

In Christ's Love,  
Ashleigh McKnight







*March 24—Palm Sunday—9:00 am. Worship*  
*March 28—Maundy Thursday with Communion—7:00 p.m. Worship*  
*March 27—Good Friday—7:00 p.m. Worship*  
*March 31—The Resurrection of our Lord—9:00 a.m. Worship*



Cana will again be having a Coffee Time right after our 9:00a worship time. We are asking for just simple snacks including a gluten free item and coffee and some other drink.

If you have any questions, please contact Paula.

We will have a signup sheet soon.

March 3—Council  
March 10—Beckwith's  
March 17—Carolyn Wemple & Karen Emanuelsen  
March 24 (Palm Sunday) -  
March 31 (Easter) -  
April 6—Worship & Music Committee  
April 13—  
April 20—  
April 27—



Present: Karen Blinkilde, Sally Brock, Paula Cardelli, Penny and Terry Carlson, Beth and Dan Duncan, Chris Golembiewski, Brian Griffin, Jim Knickerbocker, Cydney McChesney, Kelley Smith, Pr. Ron Strobel.

The meeting was called to order at 10:31 AM.

Consent Agenda: Minutes of the December council meeting, January congregational meeting minutes, December Financial Secretary's report, December Treasurer's report and Learning Team minutes were reviewed. Paula moved to accept all reports, Jim seconded, motion passed.

Financial Secretary's report: \$28,783.96 was given towards operating expenses.

Treasurer's report: Expenses for October were \$20,293.01.

Welcoming Project: New banners will be hung by Jim McChesney

Warming Center: Canal's time slot is currently operating with 39 guests. A few guests have tested positive for Covid 19, are being isolated. Donations are being solicited to buy new cots.

Berkley Schools: Informal meetings have been held, more info to come. Paula compiled a list of downstream tasks that will need to be handled once the sale is complete. Canal members will be asked to volunteer to lead of help in these efforts.

Southeast Michigan Synod Bishop Kreiss has requested a meeting with council; this meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.

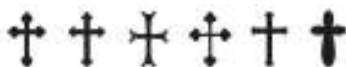
Endasak: Dan moved that \$5,000 from the bequest from Alice Jorgensen's estate be sent to Endasak to be used for Christian education, Paula seconded, motion carried.

Parsonage: Dan moved to authorize council to begin the process of potentially putting the parsonage on the market, Brian seconded, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:47 AM, next meeting on Sunday February 18<sup>th</sup> 2024, following the 9:00 worship.

Respectfully submitted.  
Jim Knickerbocker

General Fund			
Treasurer Summary as of 01/31/24			
	Monthly	YTD	Annual
Budget	16,329	114,302	195,947
			% of YTD
	December	Yr to date	budget
Income	10,534	107,991	94%
Expenses	16,337	120,030	105%
Notes:			
* Detailed Monthly Treasurer Reports are available at the church office.			



Cana Lutheran Church Council Minutes  
Special Meeting—January 28, 2024

Present: Karen Blinkilde, Sally Brock, Paula Cardelli, Penny and Terry Carlson, Beth and Dan Duncan, Chris Golembiewski, Brian Griffin, Jim Knickerbocker, Cydney McChesney, Pr. Ron Strobel.

Absent: Kelley Smith.

The meeting was called to order at 10:21 AM.

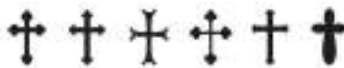
This special meeting was called to review concessions made by Berkley Schools after their initial purchase offer. These concessions include:

- Use of sanctuary through May 31, 2024
- The process of removing items that Cana wants to keep or preserve from non leased spaces will begin upon closing, to be completed by May 31, 2024.
- Lease period will be extended 6 additional months to December 31, 2025.
- District will pay the cost of adding a handicap accessible ramp, making bathrooms handicap accessible and securing the window in the back of the sanctuary after the stained glass is removed.
- Berkley will be responsible for lawn maintenance and snow removal.
- Space will be provided through the District permitting process for outdoor worship and VBS.
- The community may continue to use the front porch.
- Use of parking lot.
- Berkley Schools will need to maintain the lease space identified in the initial offer. The lounge will not be available during school hours but may be used on Sundays through the permitting process. The existing signage cannot remain, only temporary signage can be displayed on Sundays.

Paula moved to present the revised offer to the congregation at a special meeting, Dan seconded, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Knickerbocker



Cana Lutheran Church Council Minutes  
Special Meeting—January 30, 2024

Present: Karen Blinkilde, Sally Brock, Paula Cardelli, Penny and Terry Carlson, Dan Duncan, Chris Golembiewski, Brian Griffin, Jim Knickerbocker, Cydney McChesney, Kelley Smith, Pr. Ron Strobel, Bishop Don Kreiss, Pr. Jen Keifer.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

This meeting was requested by Bishop Kreiss to become better informed regarding the potential sale of the church property. Various council members gave the Bishop a recap of how the offer to buy the building came about and provided details about the specifics of the purchase offer.

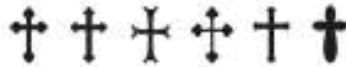
Bishop Kreiss discussed the number of ELCA Southeast Michigan Synod churches that have closed their doors over the past decade and expressed his concern that Cana leaving the current location would leave no ELCA churches in the Berkley/Royal Oak area. He then brought up a program through the ELCA that could provide funds and specially trained personnel to redevelop congregations. He couldn't discuss the success rate of this program, as it has yet to be tried, nor could he be certain that the trained personnel would be available. He asked for a month to see if this



program could be available to Cana before we finalize the sale.

Council discussed the Bishop's proposal and felt that it's too late in the process to delay the final decision. Kelley moved that the congregation be informed of this offer from Bishop Kreiss but to recommend that we respectfully decline, Cydney seconded, motion carried.  
The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Knickerbocker



### Cana Congregational Special Meeting Minutes—February 4, 2024

Present: Dirk Beckwith, Karen Blinkilde, Paula Cardelli, Sally and Bob Brock, Cathi Brock, Amy and Barry Chute, Beth and Dan Duncan, Karen Emanuelsen, Laura and Chris Golembiewski, Jean and Brian Griffin, Karen Hardy, Stan Harris, Mary Louise Johnson, Karen and Fred Kaiser, Linda and Jim Knickerbocker, Nancy McChesney, Cydney McChesney, Margo Snay, Richard Sorensen, Pr. Ron Strobel, Barb Wheeler, Carolyn Wemple, Augie Worch.

Via Zoom: Penny and Terry Carlson, Donna Carpenter, Eileen and Phil Hatzos, Ellen and Gary Newville, Christian Pastrick, Kelley Smith, Bert and Ed Suckstorff, Marcia Tong.

Meeting was called to order at 10:13 AM; Chris Golembiewski declared a quorum present.

The purpose of this meeting was to present and discuss the status of the informal negotiations for the sale of the church property to Berkley Schools. Fred Kaiser discussed concessions made by Berkley Schools since their first informal offer. These concessions are outlined in the document titled "Cana Lutheran Church/Berkley School District Negotiations" which was distributed to the congregation via email prior to the meeting and made available at the meeting.

Cydney McChesney presented the results of a meeting between the Cana Council and Synod Bishop Kreiss. Bishop Kreiss discussed a program offered by the ELCA and the Southeast Michigan Synod that could provide funding and specially trained pastoral leadership aimed at redeveloping the church and congregation. He cautioned that the program has no track record of success or failure, as it hasn't been tried yet, and that he isn't certain that it would be available to Cana. Council voted to present this information to the congregation and recommend that we not pursue this option. There was no indication that the congregation has any interest in this program.

Stan Harris moved that Cana authorize our attorney, Robert Hamor, to proceed with formal negotiations for the sale of Cana's church property to Berkley Schools, with terms consistent with the original informal offer and subsequent concessions made by Berkley Schools, seconded by Fred Kaiser, motion carried.

Robert Hamor discussed the next steps involved in the process. At this point he and Berkley Schools' attorneys will work on a legally binding offer. The timeline to a completed final offer is two to four weeks.

Paula Cardelli discussed the downstream tasks that will need to happen due to the sale of the building, and made an appeal to members to volunteer to lead or help. She presented a list of these tasks which will be updated and distributed to the congregation as needed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:26 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Knickerbocker

## Learning/Outreach Team Minutes Feb. 7, 2024

Attending: Margo Snay, Fred and Karen Kaiser and Penny Carlson

Vacation Bible School (VBS) plans are moving forward for July 15 Monday through Thursday 9am-Noon. Margo presented two curriculum ideas for review. Renew The Green VBS by Augsburg Fortress and Hometown Nazareth by Group. The team is leaning toward Hometown Nazareth but we are sending them to Pastor Ron and Scott for their review. Margo to email Fran to see if she can help with crafts again this VBS.

Sent out by mail a Lenten family game and for youngest kids a Lenten devotion book.

Karen Kaiser reported on the plans for Cana Homecoming on March 30th. Work planning meeting scheduled for Thursday Feb 15 at 9am. Penny said she would work on an advertisement and ask Cydney to create a Facebook event. Planning will include music, history, lunch, and a service.

Margo to ask Karen Blinkilde for the remaining Learning budget amount for this year. Work has begun on cleaning the Sunday School office. Using a table in the undercroft for items parishioners might want.



### THE RCMP CONTINUES TO COLLECT FOOD

The RCMP delivered 60 food items in February to 1st Presbyterian's Food Pantry in Royal Oak. The need for non-perishable food continues to be great. Please bring items such as rice, canned fruits, vegetables, gelatins, cake mixes, pork & beans, peanut butter, jelly, pasta products, etc. on any Sunday and put them in the wicker basket on wheels in the narthex by the front windows.

Thank you and blessings to all who give. is a blessing to those in need.

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## **Cana/Drayton Worship Times**

### **Worship Times**

**Cana—9:00 a.m.**  
**10:00 a.m. Coffee Time**  
**Drayton—11:00 a.m.**

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