**Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date 10/12/2021**

**Call to order:** Brandon Rusche called the meeting of TELC council to order at 7:00 pm.

**Roll Call:**

Sharon Gradert, Sandy Olson, Sheryl Peters, John French, Luc Johnson, Paul Hensch, Brandon Rusche, Luci Ferrin, Adam Henning, Steve Onken, Arlene Kuehl and Pastor Nappe.

Absent: Brenda Rosenberg

**Devotions and Prayer:**

Pastor led devotions reading from Ephesians 4 relating to what are we called to do and followed with prayer.

**Pastor’s Report:**

Sunday Worship Services in September:

\* September 5th, Communion and Baptism, Attendance – 89

\* September 12th, Pulpit Supply - Jeremy Haugen, Rally Day, Attendance – 93

\* September 19th, Pulpit Supply - Jeremy Haugen, Attendance - 60

\* September 26th, Teacher Installation, Communion, Attendance - 83

Visitation:

• I had private communion service with 5 in their own homes.

• Tuesday night Bible Study has continued using “The Wired Word.”

• I participated in committee meeting this month: Youth/Education Committee

• I have started confirmation classes with both the 7th & 8th grades, also have met with the 9th

graders to monitor progress with mentors

• Had a baptism for Kayla Kruger on September 5th. Met with parents and sponsors.

• Have been busy packing, moving, unpacking, organizing. Many trips back and forth to

Milford.

• Spent 2 weeks in Ghanna with Reaching the Unreached, September 10th-24th.

• Responded to Tim Lange’s death and funeral preparation with Lange family.

Plans for upcoming Sundays.

• Oct. 17th, 21st Sunday of Pentecost, Mission Festival Sunday, Speaker Patti Griffiths-Next Life

Foundation-Tanzania, Africa

• Oct. 24th 22nd Sunday of Pentecost

• Oct. 31st, Reformation Sunday, Confirmation Sunday, Communion at the rail

5 Confirmands: Erika Rosenberg, Reagan Rusche, Brianna Taylor, Cayden Wingate and

Natalie Wollmuth

• Nov. 7th, All Saints Sunday, Communion at the rail, Team Trinity Dinner

• Nov. 14th, 25th Sunday of Pentecost, Invitation to Laurel, NE for a Reaching the Unreached

Presentation, possible pulpit supply date?

• Nov. 21st, Christ the King Sunday, Continuous Communion

• Nov. 28th, 1st Sunday of Advent, Sanctuary decorated for Christmas

• Dec. 5th, 2nd Sunday of Advent, Communion at the rail

• Dec. 12th, 3rd Sunday of Advent, Sunday School Christmas Program?

• Dec. 19th, 4th Sunday of Advent, Continuous Communion

• Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

• Dec. 26th, 1st Sunday of Christmas

Future Considerations or Possible Ideas:

\* Do we have a goal for a service where we burn the mortgage before the end of the year?

\* Mix it in with a Stewardship Sunday?

\* Any interest in a Men’s, Women’s, Couples group or Bible Study?

\* Outreach to past members, estranged members, or those who have fallen through the

cracks?

\* Small group meetings with congregational members to discuss past, present, future of Trinity

Evangelical Lutheran Church? Where have we been and where are we going? Hopes, dreams,

possibilities, issues, grievances, etc.

\* Possible New Member Sunday before the end of the year?

\* Any other suggestions?

Pastor mentioned a health plan that LCMC is looking at for consideration and reported on the recent LCMC meeting that he attended.

**Additions to the Agenda:**

Add discussion on the insurance issue.

**Minutes:**

Motion made by Sharon and seconded by Steve to approve the minutes. All voted AYE.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

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| Checking Balance | 51,691.95 |
| Folker’s Endowment | 1,087.11 |
| Parsonage | 108.55 |
| Building Fund | 15,019.16 |
| Security Cameras | 365.00 |
| Furnace | 8,721.57 |
| SE Entry Repair | 9,037.81 |
| Emergency | 17,500.00 |
| Sunday School | 1,327.06 |
| Line of Credit | 0.00 |

Motion made by Adam and seconded by Paul to approve the Treasurer’s report. All voted AYE.

**Committee Reports:**

**Worship:** It was decided to move ahead with purchasing an artificial Christmas tree with the Dick Grave memorial money.

**Christian Ed:** They are doing a meal with the youth every Wednesday night. Fall fun day was Oct. 3rd. Pumpkins were decorated and are on display in the fellowship hall. Going to a haunted house is set for Oct. 23rd. They will be going to camp outreach and more plans are being made for Nov. and Dec.

**Stewardship:** Sheryl is taking our food collection to Upper Des Moines and discussed if there is a Food Find for all church youth planned. There was confusion last year and we were not notified until the last minute.

**Building and Property:** Luc had gotten some figures from Taylor Hibbing for doing lawn care and snow removal. It would be $6,000 to do the lawn for mowing and spraying and snow would be $75 an hour. Thursday the lights in the fellowship hall will be replaced. The piece of the roof that was loose has come down and Paul said he would take care of repairing it.

**Execs:** four applications for the Folker’s scholarship have been received. One arrived late. It was decided to reject that one as we only allow three scholarships.

**Old Business:**

The final constitution will be finished by next meeting and available to the congregation to vote on at the annual meeting.

Paul and Luc will set times to do some tree trimming and will ask Corinne to send out an email for help. Taylor Hibbing had said he could mow up the leaves after they have fallen.

**Nominations:** Luc and Steve are working on these.

It was decided to order a pre-lit Christmas Tree and Sharon will order it so that we are sure to have it in time.

**Building Fund:** An executive decision was made by Brandon to take the shortage from the emergency fund rather than take out a line of credit.

We feel that the bank loan for the church will be paid by end of the year, but we still have Member loans to pay. We will not burn the mortgage till all loans are paid. A special mention will be made when the bank loan is paid.

**Parsonage:** It was decided to have a committee of a member of the building and property committee and two members of the congregation do a semiannual walk through of the parsonage each year.

Pastor is looking at Lenten service themes and having a seder meal.

**New Business:**

**Mission Festival** is next Sunday and we will serve cake from Pastor Appreciation and Sharon will order donuts as well.

**Parsonage**: A list will be made up of who to call when a problem arises like the furnace goes out or there is a water leak.

**Noisy offering:** a motion was made by Adam and seconded by Sandy to have Sharing Christmas/Adopt a Family for the November recipient. All vote AYE.

A check for $10,000.00 was received to be used as the council decided. A motion was made by Sharon and seconded by Arlene to use against the principal on the building loan. Nay: Adam, all else Aye.

It was decided to do a children’s sermon once a month and check in on having a children’s bulletin.

Start working or the budget as that is upcoming. Some increases will be made in areas since we have a fulltime minister.

The president of the council will make the contacts when church is cancelled because of weather.

October 31st the council will serve coffee fellowship. Sharon, Adam, Arlene, Steve, and Sandy will supply the treats.

LCMC insurance – A motion was made by Luci and seconded by Adam to OK for pastor to use the church name to be eligible. All voted AYE.

Pastor was given leave time to do a presentation in Laurel, Neb. for Reaching the Unreached.

Jeremy has said that during the winter that he would not be able to do services because of weather uncertainty. It was decided to ask members first.

**Dates to Remember:**

\* Council Prep Meeting, Nov. 2nd at 7PM

\* Council Meeting, Nov. 9th at 7 PM

\* Mission Sunday, Oct. 17th

\* Confirmation Sunday, October 31st

**Treats/Teller/Communion for November:** Steve Onken

Motion was made by Adam and seconded by Adam to adjourn the meeting. All voted AYE.

We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respetfully submitted,

Arlene Kuehl, secretary