

*Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church*  
*Council Meeting Minutes*  
*April 2, 2020*

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**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:18 pm. President Beth Frederick, Pastor Kalen, Kathy Frederick, Marjorie Christenson, Jacqueline Webster, Michael Dowden, Dan Way, Dan Rambatt, Mary DeYoung, and Stephanie Smith were in attendance through Zoom meeting.

**Congregational Mission:** Council read the congregational mission statement.

**Dwelling in the Word:** Mark 6:45-52 was read and discussion followed. Pastor Kalen led prayer.

**Minutes from last meeting:** President Beth Frederick asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. A Kathy Frederick/Jacqueline Webster motion/second to approve. Carried unanimously.

**Minutes from Special Council Minutes:** President Beth Frederick asked for a motion to approve the minutes with corrections from the Special Council Meeting. A Marjorie Christenson/Dan Rambatt motion/second to approve with corrections. Carried unanimously.

**Financial Secretary's Report:** President Beth Frederick asked for a motion to approve the Financial Secretary's report. A Robin Ruosch/Dan Way motion/second to approve. Carried unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** The General Fund is still in the red -\$10,781.27. President Beth Frederick asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. A Dan Way/Robin Ruosch motion/second to approve. Carried unanimously.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Christian Education:** Facebook Live with sermons going well. Will get the mailing address for the church added to the Facebook page. Will reach out to Kelly and Stacie to see how they feel about Sunday School for the remaining part of the year.
- **Evangelism: Evangelism Committee Report Committee Membership:** Kathy Frederick, Dave Friesema, and Mary DeYoung. *"Evangelism" can be defined as preaching the gospel with the intention of telling others of God's love for all through the His son, Jesus Christ, in one's home community. As members of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sharon, Wisconsin, we are called to speak the gospel clearly and fearlessly with*

*grace and respect at each opportunity we are given. Calling people in the congregation to check on them. Baked little goodies for the neighbors. 1 Corinthians 14:26 What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.* Respectfully submitted, Kathy Frederick

- **Property:** Painting is looking really good. Replaced an outlet, light bulb, and fixed a toilet. Dan W has a lawn mowing schedule that at some point will be posted for sign ups.
- **Stewardship:** will check up with Pastor Kalen and Beth to work on things.
- **WELCA:** no report, not meeting right now. New air conditioner has been delivered and stored in the garage. To be installed at another time.
- **Worship & Music:** thanked Pastor for doing such a great job. Wednesday services are done, Holy Week in next week. Will put together things for Facebook for Holy Week.
- **Youth:** talked to Pastor about putting together a list of the youth of the congregation. Will look at sending letters to the youth to make sure that things are going okay with them so far. Will get the mailing list.
- **Parsonage:** meeting has been cancelled because of COVID-19 issue. Will reschedule.

**Council President's Report:** no report

#### **Pastor's Report:**

Prayer and Devotional Time

- I'm praying for the world, and our congregation's health and mission, for the Holy Spirit's guidance.

Synod News

- Bishop election process is still happening, but may happen later and in different ways.
- The synod is working to find ways to help congregations who are adversely affected by COVID-19.

Worship

- Worship is happening online and through email attachments. Those who don't have internet access are receiving worship material in the mail.
- Dan Rambatt and Chris Lynch were scheduled to give reflections. I have talked to them about the possibility of sharing their reflections on a Sunday.
- Bishop Rogness proposed that whatever Sunday we are back in worship, we have Easter no matter the date.

Pastoral Care and Sacraments

- I led worship at Golden Years March 12<sup>th</sup> and made a visit.
- Graveside committal for LaVonne Webster will happen tomorrow.
- We have a calling tree started to reach out to some of the people in our congregation living alone, or who may be vulnerable at this time because of their age.

### Youth Ministry

- Middle school mash up planned for April 5<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday has been cancelled.
- After Lent, confirmation will continue to meet virtually. They will do a Bible project for the end of the year.

### Renewal Process

- The renewal team is planning another Community conversation around the barriers to success for Sharon teens. It was scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup>. I need to meet with the renewal team virtually to continue that conversation.

### Council Retreat

- Our money will be refunded. I am hoping we can still do a retreat at a different time of the year.

### Stuff to think about

- Planning our first Sunday back
- In what ways can we reach out with God's love right now?
- How can we encourage giving at this time with a tone of generosity and mission verses a message of fear?

### Old Business

- Maintenance log; Mike hasn't been able to get to that yet.
- Roadside Clean-Up; Darrell and Beth have been working on Bollinger Rd. They will do the clean-up starting in April. Will let people know if they are needing help with it from the railroad tracks to the County line.
- Policy for hanging things on the wall; Kathy has started a policy. Will email out to all council members for approval at next month's meeting. Pastor suggested to put something in the policy that the Sunday School will have the freedom to put up as needed.
- Building Use policy; was last redrafted in 2010 and will be looked at again for revision.
- Policies; will be emailed about a week prior to the meeting for review and changes for approvals.

### New Business

- Counting; Beth asked how we should handle the counting until we can gather again. Mary will get the mail and put the checks in Beth's mailbox, she will call one of us to come and count and get that deposited.
- Organist and Sexton pay; one council member would like to continue to see that they are paid, another thinks that as we are not there and should hold off on pay. Discussion was held. President Beth Frederick asked for a motion and second to continue to pay Chris and Susie through April, and will revisit at next meeting. A Dan Way/Stephanie Smith motion/second to approve. 1 nay vote. Carried 8/1.
- Committee description for website; Beth is going to work with all chairpersons to write up the descriptions.

**Bills:** Bills presented total \$7,745.54, but is not including gas, water, electric. President Beth Frederick asked for a motion to approve the April's bills as presented and the bills yet received. A Kathy Frederick/Dan Way motion/second to approve. Carried unanimously.

**Next month:**

**Meeting Date:** Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm (TENTATIVELY)

**April Counters:** Mike Dowden and Dan Way

**May Counters:** Dan Rambatt and Robin Ruosch

**Prayer Concerns**

**Motion to Adjourn:** President Beth Frederick asked for a motion to adjourn. A Kathy Frederick/Robin Ruosch motion/second to adjourn at 7:32 pm. Carried unanimously.

**Lord's Prayer**

Respectfully submitted,

*Stephanie Smith*

Council Secretary