

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2020

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6: 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: President Beth Frederick read the congregational mission statement.

Dwelling in the Word: Pastor Kalen led prayer.

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

Financial Secretary's Report: President Beth Frederick asked for a motion to approve the Financial Secretary's report. A Kathy Frederick/Michael Dowden motion/second to approve. Carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The General Fund is \$4,601.30. President Beth Frederick asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. A Dan Way/Kathy Frederick motion/second to approve. Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- **Christian Education:** no report
- **Evangelism:** Sending out note cards/Thinking of you notes to people. Still making calls to check in with members.
- **Property:** Dan W has been wanting to turn off the heat at the Parsonage but then it turns cold again. Air conditioner bill has been received and the bill will be turned over to WELCA to pay. It has been installed! Beth asked about the handrails in the parking lot ramp hallway. Darrell thinks that it may be building code to have both as it is a passing hallway. Both handrails will remain. Lawn mowing schedule will be mentioned in the newsletter to contact Dan Way if interested in mowing. Starting in June, people will be called to see if they can mow the church's lawn. Has talked to Dan R at finding someone to take a look at the flat roof in the front of the church to see if we can do something to get rid of it. The flat roof is what is causing the leak into the front office every year. Waiting to hear if Dan R has been in contact with someone about fixing the flashing on the church.

- **Stewardship:** worked on the Easter letter that went out to the congregation. It was a good letter.
- **WELCA:** no report, Lakeland Bakery is closing and now wondering about the Turkey Dinner.
- **Worship & Music:** no report
- **Youth:** got the list of the youth from Pastor. Currently at a stand still, waiting to see what happens with the Stay-At-Home order.
- **Parsonage:** no report

Council President's Report: Facemask Ministry went wonderfully, originally got 100 kits to make masks from Williams Bay Lutheran Church, then got an additional 50 to make more. 46 have been put in the give/take pantry at the village hall. Still has a few left to sew together. While cleaning the basement, found blueprints from when the addition was added. Wondering if we are supposed to be keeping them. Asking to see if anyone will be willing to look up for big safes to keep all them and the baptismal certificate ledger. Electronics drive at the Town Hall is this upcoming weekend. The TV that has been in the ramp hallway will be going, wondering about the monitors, fax machine, computer tower, scanner, and CD player should also be kept or tossed. Consensus is that they should all go. Committee descriptions are needed from Worship & Music and Property.

Pastor's Report:

Prayer and Devotional Time

- I'm praying for God's guidance in how to lead at this time, praying for our members in care facilities, and the continued well-being of our congregation.

Synod News

- The synod assembly will be held in a multi-site fashion, with no more than 50 people at any site. The sites will be interconnected through technology. This will take place once the state's Badger Bounce Back protocol moves to Phase 2.
- Candidates for bishop will be announced May 15th. Cindy Wuttke has been working hard on the synod's bishop call committee. The candidates were lifted up by lay people and pastors/deacons in our synod.

Worship

- Worship continues through Facebook Live, and an email link is sent for a YouTube recording. I also mail the service to the few who do not have internet access.

Pastoral Care and Sacraments

- Held a memorial for Donna Yirku. In addition to myself, three people were present.
- I am going to go through our list of members, calling each home to talk and ask about needs and prayer requests.

Christian Education

- Our last Wednesday of confirmation was May 13th. Usually confirmation Sunday is held the last Sunday in October, which is Reformation Sunday. Ezekiel Hardt, Jacob Schmig, and Kaden Rambatt will be confirmed. If we need to reconsider that date, we will do so at the time.
- I usually offer a summer Bible Study once confirmation is over. I plan to offer a study using Zoom.

Renewal Process

- I am attending monthly synod renewal meetings through Zoom.
- I plan on doing our next community conversation about helping Sharon teens when it is appropriate to have a gathering like that again.

Facemask Ministry

- Members of my husband's church are owners of Integra Furniture in Walworth. They converted part of their factory to make free mask kits. The kits contain materials needed for making facemask. A few of our members sewed the masks and we have been giving them away to members who request them. They are also going into the give/take pantry at the village hall.

Old Business

- Police training at church and report; they did their training and followed up with Pastor. Not a huge gathering and they said that they will take a look at the building and make recommendations. One of the recommendations was to continue not using the west entrance (Martin Street door). We are already doing that. He also recommended that we start locking the doors to the basement. Pay attention to anyone new that has come into the church, look for clues like wearing more clothes than the weather is called for. Look out for clues from Pastor to the council members if there is an emergency. Suggestions were to tap on the microphone that she wears 3 times and/or mentioning someone's name. Everyone else will think it is more of a joke.
- Roadside clean up; Church is responsible for from Bollinger Rd to the County Line. Has been done once already this year, will need to be done again in the summer and in the fall.
- 2nd reading of the Wall Hanging policy and what are we going to call it; Accepted by all with the addition of mentioning that the Sunday School students will be able to hang anything they make on the bulletin board and in the basement. The policy will be referred to as Item Donation Policy. President Beth Frederick asked for a motion and second to approve the Item Donation Policy with the addition about the Sunday School hanging items. A Kathy Frederick/Jacqueline Webster motion/second to approve the Item Donation Policy with the addition. Carried unanimously.

New Business

- 1st reading new member policy; went through the current policy and made suggestions for changes and additions. President Beth will make changes to the policy and will email it out to council and will want to have

comments back about non-confirmed young adults that was discussed. Discussion was whether a young adult joining our church with family that has not been confirmed, if they will be able to vote or have to wait until they are 18 years old.

- Pay organist and sexton another month; Need to pay them through June 18, 2020 as part of the Payroll Protection Program. President Beth Frederick asked for a motion and second to approve to pay them through June 18, 2020. A Dan Way/Michael Dowden motion/second to approve to pay them through June 18, 2020.
- Something creative for bulletin cover for 175th; Beth is wondering about changing the weekly bulletin look for when we are able to congregate again. Thought about replacing the church picture with a creative 175th, Pastor suggested Ezekiel Hardt, as he is a talented artist, we should use it and have him draw something. Will be reaching out to the committee and maybe some others for thoughts and help.
- Communion; Triune Lutheran is allowing a certain amount of people to enter the church to take communion at a time. Our Redeemer Church in Delavan hands out plastic cups with the communion wine and a pull tab can with the communion wafer. Pastor is comfortable with not offering it right now, Bishop Rogness put out a statement that his not telling churches what to do but thinks that it is not a good idea to offer communion as of yet. Dan W thinks that we wait until we can meet again as a congregation. Beth thinks that we should wait to see what other churches are doing now that the state has reopened. We don't want anything to go wrong by opening too early. Pastor thinks that once we open to continue to offer the online worship. It was brought up about how to make it known to all the congregation that we have made the decision to continue to be closed for now. Dan W thinks that it should come from the council, Mike asked if Beth would be comfortable to make a recording about our decision to keep the doors closed. Also attaching the letter from the office of the Bishop will show solidarity and how we made this decision. Beth will send out a letter for approval and/or change suggestions. The video will be posted to our Facebook page along with the letter from the Bishop.
- Lawn mowing; covered in Property report
- VBS; has not made a decision whether to have it or not, kind of thinking of following the school's footsteps. They are having summer school virtually. Beth thinks that we should cancel this year in light of the fact that we don't want to have the coordinator to have to rush to plan anything. At this point we think they are already behind schedule with the planning of VBS. President Beth Frederick asked for a motion and second to cancel VBS for this year. A Dan Way/Robin Ruosch motion/second to cancel VBS. Carried unanimously.

Bills: Bills presented total \$8,126.46. President Beth Frederick asked for a motion to approve the May's bills as presented. A Kathy Frederick/Robin Ruosch motion/second to approve. Carried unanimously.

Next month:

Meeting Date: Thursday, June 11th at 6:00 pm (TENTATIVELY)

May Counters: Dan Rambatt and Robin Ruosch

June Counters: Marjorie Christenson and Beth Frederick

Prayer Concerns

Motion to Adjourn: President Beth Frederick asked for a motion to adjourn. A Kathy Frederick/Dan Way motion/second to adjourn at 8:11pm. Carried unanimously.

Prayer led by Pastor Kalen

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Smith

Council Secretary