

American Lutheran Church

Council Meeting, January 13, 2025

Vice President Maureen Even called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Present: Shirley Bergman, Cindy Gosse, Pastor Pat Mohr-Kelly, and recording Secretary Chris Waring. Absent: Barb Hayek, Mitch Hayek, & Christy Phillips.

Pastor Pat made a motion to approve the agenda with additions, seconded by Shirley Bergman, motion carried.

Shirley made a motion to transfer \$7504.04 from checking into savings, seconded by Pastor Pat, motion carried

Pastor Pat made a motion to approve the Treasurers report, seconded by Shirley Berman, motion carried.

Shirley made a motion to approve the 2025 budget, seconded by Pastor Pat, motion carried.

Shirley made a motion to approve the minutes from December Council meeting, seconded by Cindy, motion carried.

Secretary Chris Waring Report

Attended the Ecumenical meeting and it was decided to have an Ecumenical service for Good Friday at the Methodist Church, using the same format as last year. Will need 1-2 members from ALC to volunteer.

Funds for the Jesup Ministerial are running low. Cindy made a motion that Noisy offering for March and April, along with the Lent offerings to be donated to the Jesup Ministerial, seconded by Shirley, motion carried.

Chris proposed purchasing banners for the balcony for the seasons of the church. She found a site on Etsy that would custom make a set of four for approximately \$127. Cindy made a motion to order Christmas and Easter banners if the price stays the same, Shirley seconded, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Hospitality-no report

Parish Ed and Youth- Worship Wednesday begins this week again and they will meet twice a month.

Property and Technology- Repairs at the parsonage this past month include the kitchen sink, refrigerator line leak and a leak and the bathtub. The lights around the outside of the church are now on a timer and all are in working order.

Scholarship-Application forms are now hanging on the bulletin board outside of the secretary office.

Worship and Music-Usher and Deacon responsibilities have been updated and will be in/on the usher podium. Ushers need to be 30 minutes before the service begins. Chris will email out the information to the ushers once she receives the list from Merritt Jones.

Pastors Report-Midweek services ALC Tiza Service and Zion Holden Evening Prayer, each service will have time for members to share their walk with the Lord. We will be rotating services between the two churches. ALC services at 7pm, Ash Wednesday March 5th. Midweek with soup supper, 12th, 26th, Apr 9th. Maundy Thursday, April 17th. Each congregation will hold their own Maundy Thursday service with Zion early and ALC at 7pm. Good Friday ALC will be open from 12-3 for prayer and meditation. Easter Sunday 9am ALC. Youth may be having donuts and coffee before our Easter service, Cyndi Nuehring is checking into this.

December was spent getting ready for Christmas & holding Advent services.

Call Committee- MSP is active as of Monday. The two calls committees will be interviewing the candidate at the same time, not separately as in the past.

Cindy is checking into getting a grant for an AED for our congregation.

New Business:

Cindy made a motion to approve the transfer of Connie Hamilton from Zion Lutheran in Oelwein to American Lutheran, Pastor Pat seconded, motion approved.

Cindy made a motion to have Chris purchase a desk that can be adjusted from sitting to standing height as needed, Pastor Pat seconded, motion carried.

Nominations for the Annual meeting will be on a written ballot, Cindy will design for Chris to print.

Secretary one-year term: Amber Reuter.

Treasurer two-year term: Cindy Gosse

Three-year General Council: Mike Waring, Sara Borland

Two-Year General Council: Mary Adams

Made a motion to adjourn, seconded

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm