

American Lutheran Church
April Council Meeting
April 11, 2022

President Sue Hoey called the meeting to order both in person and electronically on Zoom at 6:34 pm. Present were Pastor Kristen Corr Rod, Sue Hoey, Maureen Even, Loren Corkery, and Shirley Bergman. Joining on Zoom were Christa Leach, Beth Stanek, Mitchell Hayek, and Sheila Collins.

Sue Hoey led devotions.

Mitchell Hayek made a motion to confirm Cindy Gosse as council Treasurer effective May 1, 2022 to complete the term voluntarily held by Loren Corkery. Second by Maureen Even. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – The checking account balance at the end of March was \$9,864.62. In March, \$8,000.00 was transferred from checking to the General Savings and Emergency Fund and \$600.00 was transferred to the Sabbatical Fund. No fund transfers will be made this month since the balance is below \$10,000.00. Maureen Even made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second by Christa Leach. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report – Maureen Even made a motion to approve the Secretary's Report as written. Second by Christa Leach. Motion carried.

Committee Reports Note: Full committee reports are available in a binder outside the secretary's office.

Abundant Life - There will be a fellowship time with donuts and coffee at 8:15 am prior to the Easter worship service at 9:00 am.

Hospitality – The new Midweek Boost food, fellowship, and devotional time will be April 20 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Memorial – No report.

Parish Ed – A congregational potluck picnic will be held after worship on May 1.

Presidents – No concerns.

Property – Grell Roofing and Karr Tuckpointing are assessing needs to the church building. Stored items at the Thompson building have been posted for sale, disposed of, or moved to ALC for storage. The ALC Fellowship Room storage has been cleaned. Church keys have been inventoried and numbered. ALC stored items in the parsonage garage need to be sorted.

Scholarship – The ALC EPIC scholarship continues for Alyssa Hoey, a Wartburg sophomore.

Technology – The new video live streaming equipment has been installed.

Worship and Music – The Maundy Thursday ecumenical service on April 14 will include a community choir directed by Jim Thompson of First United Presbyterian Church. Thank-you to the Hoey family, Pastor Kristen and Charlie Rod, Dawn Quackenbush, Shirley Bergman, and Marcia and Scott Riggs for providing special music for worship. Hymns have been chosen through April 24, 2022.

Youth – The ALC and ZLC Youth Mission Trip to Milwaukee, WI is June 6-9, 2022. There will be an EWALU workday on May 7, 2022 open to any volunteers.

Pastor's Report - In the last month:

3 baptisms– Timmy, Harper, and Oliver White (all Jubilee)

4 home communion visits (all Jubilee)

I attended a Food Pantry Board meeting. I attended Synod Day of Renewal. I attended 2 Synod Council meetings. I led 3 communion classes for 3rd-6th graders at ALC and Jubilee. I'm hoping to schedule a communion class for interested K-2nd graders sometime after Easter but before the end of the school year. In the next month: On the afternoon of April 14, I will be leading a Maundy Thursday worship service with communion at the care center in La Porte City. On the evening of April 14, ALC will host the ecumenical Maundy Thursday service. On the evening of April 15, UMC will host the ecumenical Good Friday service. Our first Midweek Boost service will be April 20 at 6pm. The Ministerial will meet on April 27 to plan the Summer Food Program and Community-Wide VBS. Dates for VBS are Aug 14-17, and the theme is Food Truck Party. I will be in Des Moines on May 2-3 for our final retreat for the Moses Project Continuing Education Cohort.

New Business

A congregational audit was conducted April 1, 2022 by Connie Jones, Kaye Jones, and Mary Adams. They found that the controls governing the financial operations process appear to be in place and operating as intended with a few suggestions for improvement which council addressed. The appropriate Audit paperwork has been signed by President Sue Hoey and filed in the Secretary's office.

Sheila Collins made a motion to approve the Scholarship Committee policy. Second by Mitchell Hayek. Motion carried. Maureen Even made a motion to approve the Technology Committee policy. Second by Sheila Collins. Motion Carried.

Pastor Kristen presented information on "Faithful Innovation Community" a type of congregational coaching/ideas for ministry program led by Luther College at a cost of \$295.00. It would involve 6-8 volunteer church members. Pastor will see if the course is offered in the fall.

Shirley Bergman will have an article put in the LAMP requesting the return of church keys from anyone who no longer needs one.

Old Business

We are still looking for a council member to replace Maureen Even who is voluntarily serving on council until July, 2022.

Two delegates are needed for Synod Assembly June 10 and 11 at Wartburg College. Maureen Even made a motion to authorize an offering check of \$250.00 for the delegates to take with them to Synod Assembly. Second by Mitchell Hayek. Motion carried.

Maureen Even will find a contact person for the smoke alarm which was added to the church mutual alert system.

Correspondence A thank you was received from the Independence Area Food Pantry for our donation of 29.3 pounds of food on March 8, 2022.

Maureen Even made a motion to adjourn. Second by Christa Leach. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Collins,
Secretary