

American Lutheran Church

April Council Meeting

April 12, 2021

President Maureen Even called the meeting to order electronically on Zoom at 6:32 p.m. Present on Zoom were Pastor Kristen Corr Rod, Maureen Even, Mike Waring, Loren Corkery, Sue Hoey, Shirley Bergman, Christa Leach, and Sheila Collins. Absent was Beth Stanek.

Maureen led devotions from I John: 3-11 and a reading from *Christ in Our Home*.

Charlie Rod joined the meeting to give a Technology Committee report on live streaming worship services: For what we are doing now, the bandwidth we have is adequate. If we decide to upgrade with purchase of the Switcher Studio App and more cameras, then we might need to purchase more bandwidth as well. The problem with getting the expensive new technology is finding capable volunteers to not only operate it every Sunday but who also have the technological background to trouble shoot it when problems arise.

For now, we will not purchase the upgraded equipment, but will experiment with different camera placement and manual manipulation for different views. Pastor will contact Bryan Tonne about the second TV screen not working.

Secretary's Report – Mike Waring made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 8, 2021 council meeting as written. Second by Sue Hoey. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – The check book balance at the end of March is \$10,298.87. The BANKIOWA line of credit has been substantially reduced thanks to donations. We will pay an additional \$400.00 towards the loan this month. Sheila Collins made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Second by Sue Hoey. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Memorial – No report.

Abundant Life – No report.

Hospitality – No report.

Parish Ed. – Pastor will be contacting the committee about plans for VBS.

Property – Wayne Schneider and Mike Waring met with John Kies about installation of ten new basement windows. His bid is \$4500.00 depending on choice of inside trim and plus or minus 10% for unforeseen problems. He would be able to schedule the work in September. We will need to call a congregational meeting for approval of the cost of the windows plus the cost of labor for installation.

Shirley Bergman and Sheila Collins met with Michael Bovard, a representative of the Bovard Studio Inc. stained glass company. The window ventilation system we have is adequate. Applying their patented ventilation system with clear glass backing would make the stained glass visible from the outside but would not be considerably more energy efficient and is very expensive. A bid to repair five broken panes and some seals is pending.

Scholarship – No report.

Worship and Music – Hymns and services have been chosen through May.

Pastor's Report – The ministerial committee met to discuss vacation bible school which will possibly be held in person and outside. They also discussed the summer food program. They organized the dates that each congregation will be packing food. Much of the food will need to be picked up from the food bank in Waterloo in large vehicles. Some food will be donated by each church. We will be collecting instant oatmeal. Pastor has contacted shut ins but has not restarted in person visits. Holy week services went well. We will continue to sing just the last hymn until more people are able to get vaccinated and there are no spikes in Covid numbers in our county. We could begin having readers at worship.

New Business

Sue Hoey made a motion to appoint Wayne Schneider head usher, Shirley Bergman head organist, and Mike Waring financial secretary. Second by Christa Leach. Motion carried.

Offering envelopes are ordered in March. Notify Mike Waring if you no longer need them.

There is one high school graduate this year. Shirley Bergman will contact her to see if she will be present for recognition during worship on graduation day, Sunday May 16. Maureen will get a gift from the Hospitality Committee.

Shirley Bergman has been working on updating committee policies and the tasks assigned to each committee. Proposed updates have been made available for council review. We would like to find a way to get more members involved in committee/task participation especially as Covid restrictions relax.

The councils of American Lutheran and Zion Lutheran met on April 11 to continue contract discussions for Pastor sharing. We were joined by Pastor Steve Brackett of the NEIA Synod who provided valuable information. Updates will be posted in the LAMP and presented at a congregational meeting.

A congregational meeting to discuss the purchase and installation of new basement windows and the details of the contract for Pastor sharing with Zion Lutheran Jubilee will be May 23, 2021.

Correspondence – A thank-you was received from the Independence Food Pantry.

Reader assignments for May:

May 2 – Mike Waring

May 9 – Sue Hoey

May 16 – Maureen Even

May 23 –

May 30 – Sheila Collins

Mike Waring made a motion to adjourn. Second by Sheila Collins. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m. (This motion and all motions made electronically will be ratified when we are able to meet again in person).

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Collins,

Secretary