

American Lutheran Church  
August Council Meeting  
August 9, 2021

President Maureen Even called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Maureen Even, Mike Waring, Shirley Bergman, Beth Stanek, Loren Corkery, Sue Hoey, and Sheila Collins. Absent was Pastor Kristen Corr Rod and Christa Leach.

Maureen led devotions with a reading from Christ in Our Home, Ephesians 5: 1-4 and concluded with a prayer.

Treasurer's Report – The check book balance at the end of July was \$9,616.76. Beth Stanek made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Second by Sheila Collins. Motion carried.

Loren is working with Mr. Keith Oltrogge, CPA, PC from Denver, Iowa to finalize details of the use of his payroll and tax services approved at the council meeting on July 12, 2021. The quarterly 941 tax payment is included in the cost of his service.

Kristi Clayton will be compensated for her custodial work on August 1. A card of appreciation for her years of service will be sent.

Secretary's Report – Mike made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 12, 2021 council meeting with one correction. Second by Beth Stanek. Motion carried. It was noted that minutes are posted on the church website upon approval.

### **Committee Reports**

Abundant Life – No report.

Hospitality – No report

Memorial – A meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2021.

Presidents - There are currently no issues with the Pastor sharing contract for either congregation. Jubilee has dropped their scheduled office hours. Pastor Kristen is available by appointment. The annual review of Pastor per Synod compensation guidelines was discussed.

#### Property –

Committee Members: Wayne Schneider, Eric Clark, Ray Zummak, Shirley Bergman, Mike Waring  
Parsonage -

On July 31 while Pastor was on vacation for a week, she asked me to care for the cats. I did a quick inspection of the parsonage and saw a few items that should be replaced: the toilet paper holder and air register in upstairs bathroom, refrigerator handle, and doorknob in the detached garage. The shingles are also bad on the detached garage. A full parsonage inspection will occur in October. Primrose Heating and Air Conditioning came and snaked the drain on August 5<sup>th</sup>. The air conditioner unit will be cleaned.

Church -

Ray Zummak and Wayne Schneider trimmed the bushes. Mike Waring cut back a plant on the North side and applied stump killer to the roots. Also, Mike moved a view obstructed handicap sign from the outside church wall to a post where it is visible.

Windows for the church downstairs will be ordered Monday August 9<sup>th</sup> and installed in October.

In the original bid it was missed that the windows being replaced are obscured windows. The cost will be approximately \$400 more. A donation has been received to cover this cost.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Waring

Scholarship – No report.

Technology – The committee will review the sound system needs.

Worship and Music -

July 15, 2021 W & M meeting. Present: Pastor Kristen, Joellen Yeager, Mary Adams, Shirley Bergman. We discussed various worship concerns and changes; felt online services served a valuable outreach. Reviewed council's conversation concerning archived documents. Shared that White's Funeral Home was very pleased with ALC's helpfulness at the recent funeral. Recognized inclusion of members' cares in services. Rally Sunday is September 12. Hymns were chosen through September 2021.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shirley Bergman

Youth –

Committee Members: Sara Borland, Beth Stanek

July 19<sup>th</sup> we had our first official youth group gathering, playing glow in the dark capture the flag at the Borland property. There were approximately 12 kids in attendance from ALC and Jubilee.

Tentative schedule for the school year is as follows:

September – Dinner and Minute to Win It Games

October – Bonfire with hot dogs and smores

November – Ice Skating at Young Arena

December – Christmas Cookie Baking and Christmas Movie

January – Lock in at church

February – Swimming at Cedar Valley Sports Complex

March – Get Air Trampoline Park

April – Youth Choice

May – Putt Putt Golf and Go Karts at Palmer Family Fun or Lost Island

August 12<sup>th</sup> we will be serving Lunch in the Park. Shirts have arrived and have been distributed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Stanek

Pastor's Report –

In the last month:

1 funeral, Eugene Bachman (for Pastor DeBoer of Immanuel, Independence while he is on sabbatical)

2 visits for Jubilee members

1 meeting for the Independence Food Pantry

The Food Pantry will be redoing the flooring the last week of September and the director, Jan, will be having volunteers move all the inventory around within the pantry to access the different areas of the floor over the course of that week. I told her that ALC and Jubilee churches were looking for a volunteer project to do in the community for God's Work, Our Hands day and that even though this won't happen on the correct day, we'd be very willing to offer volunteers to help move things in the pantry on the various days of that week. I'm guessing that we'll need a handful of people each day that week so she and I will work out a schedule as it gets closer.

The Ministerial Summer Food Program is over now, and we are grateful for all who donated and helped. We fed 16 families in our community on five different occasions this summer.

VBS will be happening August 15-18 so we are working on finalizing all the details. We had a meeting with all who are coordinating different areas of VBS, and I met with Pr. Dawn from First Presbyterian Church and Pr. Mandy from United Methodist Church to coordinate the Bible study sessions.

With the Delta variant of Covid causing cases to increase, I wonder if we should consider doing some services outdoors...? Shirley has said that outdoor services used to be held at Parker Muncy Park; maybe we should try this for the first couple weeks of September, if cases continue to increase before then? Maybe something fun for Rally Day?

Since not very much of the money designated for online streaming was actually used, Charlie has been wondering about the possibility of upgrading the sound system to a more user-friendly setup. He could set up a soundboard in the back of the church that could be kept in a locked cabinet, and then if sound issues arose during the service someone (ushers? Someone else?) could adjust the volume, etc. as necessary. He could train people regarding the use of such a setup. He estimates that it would cost about \$500 for the required audio equipment. If this is something people are interested in, he can send links to specific products.

### **New Business**

Reopening Committee – The increase in new Covid cases is being monitored. No changes are recommended at this time.

Google Documents – Shirley Bergman is working on setting up access to Google Documents.

Maureen Even will become the new agent for the biannual report to the Secretary of State.

### **Old Business**

The Executive Committee will meet to review the results of the Pastoral evaluation working group meeting of July 25, 2021, prior to meeting with Pastor Kristen.

**Correspondence** – None.

### **Deacon Assignments for September**

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12 – Mike Waring

19 – Sue Hoey

26 – Maureen Even

Beth Stanek made a motion to adjourn. Second by Sue Hoey. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Collins,  
Secretary