

American Lutheran Church
June Council Meeting
June 14, 2021

President Maureen Even called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Present were Pastor Kristen Corr Rod, Maureen Even, Shirley Bergman, Mike Waring, Sue Hoey, Loren Corkery, and Sheila Collins. Absent were Christa Leach and Beth Stanek.

Maureen led devotions from *Christ in Our Home* and a reading from Galatians 6: 11-18.

Secretary's Report – Mike Waring made a motion to accept the May 2021 Secretary's report with name spelling corrections. Second by Sue Hoey. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – The check book balance at the end of May was \$5,511.06. We will pay off the BANKIOWA loan balance including the interest owed. We will ask Zion Lutheran – Jubilee to pay for the current month by the 15th of the following month to allow time to bill for mileage and other variable expenses. The fixed (Pastor's package) and the variable expenses (mileage, continuing ed, book allowance) will be kept track of separately. Sheila made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Second by Shirley. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Memorial – No report.

Abundant Life – No report.

Hospitality – No report.

Parish Ed – VBS is being planned. Shirley Bergman will ask for a council representative for the Parish Ed. committee.

Property – The stained-glass window repair bid is over \$11,000.00 and recommends extensive repairs and upgrades beyond just replacing the broken panes. We will put this project on hold. Basement windows will be ordered by July 1 for installation in September. Weeding has been done around the parsonage and mulching has been done on the east and south sides. The neighbor to the south of the parsonage will be expanding his driveway to the north. He will grade and seed the parsonage property where it meets his driveway and tile a down spout east to near the curb all at his own cost. Pastor will call Primrose Heating and Air Conditioning to snake the parsonage drain per their recommendations after last year's blocked drain problem. Tim Davis will chemically treat the parsonage and church lawns each fall and spring. The council will use a NEIA Synod checklist to inspect the parsonage and the church building this fall.

Scholarship – No report.

Technology – Maureen will contact Bryan Tonne to get surge protectors with battery back-up for both routers at a cost of \$40.00 to \$50.00 each. One TV appears to no longer be working.

Worship and Music – A memorial service is tentatively being planned for Saturday July 17 for congregational members who passed away during Covid. Families will be contacted. July 24 is tentatively set for Tyler Hoey's ordination ceremony. News for the LAMP is due by the 23rd of each month.

A new card is being developed to put in the pews to capture visitor contact information and/or prayer requests.

Youth – We are starting to make plans for the National Youth Gathering next year. ALC youth will be sponsoring “lunch in the park” this Thursday June 17 as a fund raiser.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Kristen led devotions at Winding Creek Meadows in June and led a Bible study for summer staff during staff training at Camp EWALU. She did an online continuing education course on leadership and anxiety in the church and attended the all day, online Synod Assembly. Kevin Jones, son of Pastor Tom and Kaye Jones was elected as the new Bishop of the NEIA Synod. He is currently Pastor at Trinity Lutheran in Mason City. Pastor Kristen was elected to the Synod Council.

New Business

The supply pastor for Pastor Kristen's vacation on July 4 will be Pastor Phil Borleske from Vinton. He will do both services.

Live streaming of the worship services will continue for now.

Fellowship will begin again after worship on Sunday June 20.

The Facebook page will be updated on mask policy and fellowship.

Shirley Bergman has been working on updating the Committee policies. Jessica Saunders, church secretary will have copies available electronically. A couple of printed copies are available for review.

We are exploring the possibility of having individual tasks with detailed instructions available to make it easier for more members to participate. This is a work in progress. It could include intergenerational Sunday School tasks. Shirley and Pastor have made an event calendar noting what needs to be accomplished in each month of the year and what notifications need to be added to the LAMP each month. The council will use a NEIA Synod checklist to conduct annual reviews of all employees and the congregational ministry in the fall.

Old Business

The Pastor sharing contract with Jubilee has been signed by the interim Bishop and will be on file in the secretary's office.

Mike Waring made a motion to ratify all motions that were made by council electronically on Zoom since March 2020. Second by Sue Hoey. Motion carried.

The financial secretary records will be added to future financial audits, per Synod Guidelines.

We are still looking for help for the Treasurer position, especially tax help through the Synod.

Correspondence

A benevolence report was received from the Synod.

Deacon Assignments for July

July 4 – Maureen Even

July 11 – Sue Hoey

July 18 – Mike Waring

July 25 –

Mike Waring made a motion to adjourn. Second by Sheila Collins. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Collins, Secretary

