

American Lutheran Church

May Council Meeting

May 10, 2021

President Maureen Even called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. Present were Pastor Kristen Corr Rod, Maureen Even, Mike Waring, Loren Corkery, Sue Hoey, Shirley Bergman, Christa Leach, and Beth Stanek. Absent was Sheila Collins.

Maureen led devotions from I Timothy: Chapter 6 11-12, Mathew 5:16 and a reading from *Christ in Our Home*.

Secretary's Report – Mike Waring made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 12, 2021 council meeting as written. Second by Sue Hoey. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Beth Stanek made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Second by Christa Leach. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Memorial – We have received funds from Doris LeBahn and Mary Ann Shatzer Staples. They will be updated in the book.

Abundant Life – No report.

Hospitality – They do have a meeting coming up.

Parish Ed. – VBS is moving forward with planning. They will be using the Park Pavilion, Boy Scout Booth, and the Gazebo so participants can spread out. Shirley brought up an idea for an Inter-Generational Sunday School program. This would get involvement from the whole congregation. Discussion was also held about expanding the youth participating in the services.

Property – We will be having a congregational meeting on May 23rd to get approval for the cost of the windows plus the cost of labor for installation. We are penciled in for the work to be done in September. There was a limb from a tree that fell in the Prayer Garden and has been taken care of.

Scholarship – No report.

Technology – No Report

Worship and Music – The online music was not of good quality most recently. Charlie will check into and make needed adjustments. The mic upstairs may have been moved. Meeting was held last week for more planning for upcoming services

Youth – No Report

Pastor's Report –

In the last month:

1 home communion visit

1 funeral, Lavon Lux

I have been working on some Continuing Education. I am slowly working my way through online training for Safe Gatherings, Abuse Prevention, and Clergy Ethics. These are workshops that the Synod requires pastors to take every 3 years. I also took part in a webinar with Dr. Emily Smith, an epidemiologist who is married to a pastor, about current Covid data and church precautions.

I have signed up to take a Continuing Ed class on June 9 called Leadership and Anxiety in the Church. I have also signed up to be a part of the Moses Project cohort, which is an ongoing Continuing Ed set of classes (designed specifically for rural and small-town pastors) that meets in person and online throughout the 2021-2022 school year. The first in-person class will be Aug 9-11.

I am continuing to work on organizing Vacation Bible School. The Community-wide VBS will be in person this year, outdoors at Land-O-Corn park, on the evenings of Aug 15-17, with a closing program on Aug 18. The theme will be Great Big Beautiful World. We have started publicizing and are continuing to recruit volunteers.

I am also continuing to work on the Ministerial Summer Food Program. I do all the ordering and coordinating food pick-ups from the Food Bank in Waterloo, and I have had a few volunteers offer to pick up food, so I am starting to try to coordinate their schedules. The food will be packed into boxes at St. A's cafeteria, 5 different times this summer, and families will come pick the food up. ALC and Jubilee's turn to pack the food will be July 21, at 4:30pm. ALC needs to collect instant oatmeal packets for this program.

I will attend a Board meeting for the Independence Food Pantry on Tues, May 11, and a meeting with the Jubilee Conference churches on Thursday, May 13. The Interim Bishop has asked each Conference to hold a meeting for all the Synod Assembly Voting Members from that conference sometime in May, to give the voting members a chance to talk about what we are looking for in a new bishop for our synod--that meeting has not been scheduled yet for our Conference.

Winding Creek has asked the Jesup pastors to resume leading monthly Bible studies there. (There is 1 Bible study a month and each pastor will lead two a year). I will be leading the Bible study on Wednesday, June 2.

I would like to take vacation the week of July 2-July 10. My family will be going to Family Camp at Camp EWALU and then will be spending some time at my parents' house. I would also like to take vacation the weeks of July 26-Aug 8, for a family trip to northern Minnesota.

New Business

Committee Policies – All committees have returned theirs except for Audit and Hospitality. Need to meet with Parish Ed to discuss. The Technology committee wants to know if they need to have the login information and passwords for everything. It was decided that they need to know where/who has the equipment however for Pastor and Secretary, they do not need those. If there is other equipment that has login information, then yes. There is a new Funeral Policy that has been drawn up. This is to help clarify what tasks need to be done to assist with the service.

Shared Ministry Contact discussion – As soon as the contract is signed, we will need to have it sent to the Synod Office. They will have it signed, make copies for them, and then will return it to us. If Sheila is unable to sign, who else can?

Special Congregational Meeting – We will need an updated bid for the meeting on the 23rd to ensure we are presenting the correct amount as prices may have changed. We will also be sharing the details of the contract for Pastor sharing with Zion Lutheran Jubilee. This meeting will be after the 9:00 a.m. worship service on May 23, 2021.

Old Business

Goals – new ideas, strategy plan. Nothing was discussed.

Transfer In/Out – Received request for transfer in for Bill and Barb Schneider from Holy Trinity Lutheran in Dubuque Iowa. Motion was made by Sue Hoey and was seconded by Mike Waring. Motion Carried

Correspondence – Received correspondence looking for donations for EWALU and ELCA Ministries. Also received an order for the Labor Law Notice. These can be downloaded and printed.

Reader assignments for June:

June 6 – Maureen Even

June 9 – Mike Waring

June 20 – Sue Hoey

June 27 –

Mike Waring made a motion to adjourn. Second by Beth Stanek. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christa Leach