**Call to Order**

President John called the meeting to order at noon.

**Roll Call**

Absent- James and Lavonne

Present- Pastor Anna, John, Ky, Amy, Carol, and Linda

Five of seven voting members were in attendance, establishing a quorum.

**Devotional:** Carol opened the meeting with prayer.

**Approve Previous Month’s Minutes**

Motion – Ky moved and Linda seconded – “to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2024 Council meeting as amended - motion was approved unanimously.

**Reports:**

**Pastor -**

***Activities since the April Council meeting:***

-continued toddler times

-congregation lead initiative meeting to report on toddler times

-Garden Party to celebrate the garden kick off with a cookout

-Attended bishop Shelley retirement gathering, and send off for longtime Alaska Pastors the Sonrays

-Attended Synod huddles with new Bishop Tim Oslovich and met with him one on one to get to know each other

-Met with Kirk Waldhaus about radio room equipment around the church and what can be donated.

-visited Inge two times to check in and pray with her

- Attended Garden work party

- met with Chris from JOIN (justice organizing interfaith network)

-weekly e-news/ powerpoint/ Sunday prep and sermons

-got a church google voice number

***Pastor Anna’s Hours*** from June 9th thru August 4th

(1 week vacation in Homer / 1 week using overtime hours to Chicago)

**(begin with 45.5 hours over)**

6/9- 21/23 hours (2 under)

6/16- 23/23

6/23- vacation week

6/30- 25/23 hours (2 over)

7/7- 23/23 hours

7/14- 0/23 use overtime hours **(45.5-23= 22.5 hours)**

7/21- 20/23 hours (3 under)

7/28- 30/23 hours (camp week – 7 over)

**(end with 22.5+4=26.5 hours over)**

***Future Activities:***

-Admin future: update print directory, talk to newcomers about becoming members

-Continue to organize rooms downstairs, get new door signs

-Garden worship August 11th

-Joint Confirmation on Sundays with Central, Gloria Dei, Lutheran Church of Hope and St. Marks. Thinking of extending it to also be a joint Sunday School and Adult Faith Formation

5-7pm on Sundays, 6 week session in Fall (before advent), 6 week session in Winter (after advent before Lent), icebreakers, 5:15-5:45 dinner, singing and group learning until 6pm, 6-7pm breakoff into separate groups for instruction (Sunday school, Confirmation, adult faith formation)

-Joint Advent midweek services with Lutheran Church of Hope and Gloria Dei (each church hosts 1 week)

-1 week off August 12-19th (Pastor Mark Orf filling in)

A brief discussion was held regarding joint Advent midweek services with 2 other churches. Concerns were expressed:

-congregation members may not attend services held at another church,

-our location provides intimacy for COSLC members,

-several Council members would prefer to stay with our tradition,

-we have limited resources with a part-time Pastor and other ministries could benefit from the time being spent on the services that typically have 10 – 15 people in attendance,

-Joint services would give Pastor Anna time to worship with Aaron and Aiden,

Pastor Anna would like to ask the wider Church. It was suggested that it could be discussed at the Congregation meeting about the boiler; this was determined to not be a good idea.

**President** – no report

**Treasurer** –

-$6,300 needs to be moved from Garden to Checking (rest of the money gets the memorial savings account) $1194.48 into checking from memorial

- our neighbors account money needs to have 20% go to Synod, the rest go to Kid’s camp, then kid’s camp money needs to be divided 1/3 and 2/3 to John and Amy respectively for their kid’s camp reimbursement.

**Building Maintenance** –

The insurance company provided a water/moisture monitoring system for the boiler and sump pump.

**Old Business**

**Church Cell Phone**: The account is closed.

**Building Use Agreement:** Tabled until next month.

**Printer**:

John will get the old copier taken to Arctic Office and purchase a new printer.

**New Business/ Future Business**

The current boiler no longer works at all and needs to be replaced before winter.

Bids for removal and installation of 2 high efficiency boiler were requested from 3 or 4 companies, 2 have responded:

Klebs $77,500, has availability now.

Dimond $77,800, is less available, mid to late September.

We have done business with Klebs in the past and they have been very responsive.

Ideas for paying for the boiler were discussed:

Thrivent is only able to offer refinancing our current mortgage, likely with a higher interest rate and possibly higher monthly payments. A second loan is not an option with Thrivent.

-refinance our loan with Thrivent- new payment could be more with high interest rate?

-take out a short-term loan, possibly with Northrim Bank.

-using funds from the Memorial Savings Account

-Seek grants: potentially for a heat pump or a DOE energy efficient grant.

-Ask Redeemer to help pay for the boiler.

-Pastor Anna will talk with Lisa Smith Fiegel about potential options for financing.

Basic Options are refinancing mortgage as a whole, doing a separate mortgage, memorial savings fund, and/or a Capital campaign.

Announcements will be made to the congregation requesting pledges for a capital campaign. Members can make an offering specifically for the boiler now or contact John with any pledge!

A Special Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday 8/18/2024 in the Fellowship Hall following Worship.

**Decisions / Action Items Review:**

-Ky will contact Thrivent about grant

-John will announce congregational meeting and make a capital campaign pledge, will contact Northrim about Loans,

-Pastor Anna will talk with Lisa Smith Fiegel about financing boiler synod or churchwide options, let Redeemer know about boiler (and know within 2 weeks are there any pledges we can make) and make a sign for display for “where we are at” with boiler,

-Pastor Anna will contact Jamie with account money changes

-John will get printer to Arctic Office and purchase a new printer from Costco.

**Next Council Meeting:** Sunday, September 15th at 11:30am.

**Closing Prayer:** Pastor Anna closed the meeting in prayer.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Roadifer

Secretary