

THE MESSENGER

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JUNE 2024

OUR VISION STATEMENT

*We are grace-filled followers of
Jesus Christ who are
Equipped, Encouraged,
and Expected to use our
Heads, our Hearts, and our
Hands to go into the world.*



Holy Communion Lutheran Church
Dedicated, Nov. 5, 1972

*Worship
WITH US*

HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

A CONGREGATION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD, ELCA

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MINISTERS: ALL THE BAPTIZED OF GOD'S FAMILY

PASTOR: INTERIM BROOK SEAFORD

ORGANIST : AMY LEWIS

9:30 A.M.

HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Holy Communion is offered at services on the 1st and 3rd Sunday.



Thank you to all who helped make our Community Clothing Giveaway a success. For those who donated clothing, those who helped sort clothes, and for those who set up tables, moved boxes of clothes for the giveaway, we are thankful. The giveaway has truly become a community effort with several Dallas churches participating. And Holy Communion makes this ministry possible by allowing use of its space. We are truly grateful! In His Love and Service,
Ron and Amy



To all our "family" that donated so generously to the card group at Mother's Day! We thank you very much!! It meant a lot to us to see that you care for this ministry.

~ From the Card Group at Holy Communion

DAY CAMP @ ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheridge's Lutheroad Day Camp is coming to St Paul's Lutheran Church, 531 Hardin Road Dallas, NC for the week of July 8-12 for kindergarten through sixth grade. Time 8:45 -3:45, Monday through lunch on Friday. The cost is \$160 a camper.



Sunday, June 16, 2024 —Thursday, June 20, 2024
@ Philadelphia Lutheran Church

5:30 pm (Supper)

6:00 pm to 8:30 pm



We express our Christian Sympathy to:

Alicia McKinney and family at the death of Alicia's brother, Randy Lineberger who died on Monday, May 13, 2024.

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Alan and Cathy Cloninger and family at the death of Alan's uncle Dr. Robert Truman Cloninger who died on Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

A graveside service for Robert Truman will be held at 4:00 pm on Friday, June 7, 2024, in Holy Communion Lutheran Church Cemetery of Dallas with Pastor Judy Drysdale of Emmanuel Lutheran Church officiating.



Father's Day ~ June 16, 2024

We are accepting donations for the Kitchen Fund for Father's Day this year. The kitchen in the fellowship hall is in need of updates and repairs. If you would like to contribute to this fund in honor or memory of your father or someone special, please fill out the insert and returned to church office by Thursday, June, 12th. Please make checks payable to Holy Communion. We will have a honor/ memory listing in the bulletin on Father's Day. Thank You!

This is donations only





6/2 Cathy Cloninger

Carl Hall

6/9 Lauren Falls

6/10 Thad Peach

Keith Paysour

6/13 Cullin Hall

Hannah Walden

6/19 Susie Ferguson

6/21 Philip Maxwell

6/25 Jeff Clemmer

6/26 Greg Cloninger



6/6 Alan & Cathy Cloninger

6/9 Roger & Sherry Cloninger

6/10 Nicholas & Amanda Carter

6/11 David & Ruth Cloninger

6/15 Ron & Amy Holland

6/18 James & Annett White

6/20 Bobby & Terri Bishop



JUNE FOOD ITEMS:

Soup

Mac & Cheese

Beenie Weenies



If you or someone you know is in need of pastoral care, please call

Pastor Seafood @ 704 577 6470,

church office @ 704-922-5375,

Jeff Clemmer, church council president

@ 704-349-3458.

AUDIO / VIDEO VOLUNTEERS

June 2. Gene Armstrong

June 9. Greg Carter

June 16 James White Jr.

June 23 Gene Armstrong

June 30 Greg Carter

JUNE COMMUNITY MEAL HOSTS

June 6 St. Paul's Lutheran Church

June 13 Dallas Methodist

June 20 TBA

June 27 TBA

WE'RE PRAYING FOR...

Our Church family: Jimmy & Susie Ferguson; Deanna Simms; Pat Heavner; Jimmy White; Mary Louise Huggins; Mary Rhyne; Eric Heavner; Muriel Armstrong; Ruth Cloninger; Amy Holland; Alicia McKinney and family.; Alan & Cathy Cloninger and family; Allen Huggins.

Our friends, neighbors, co-workers, and relatives of members: Nancy Merck (Mary Louise sister); our country; Robbie Cearley;); Kelly Byrd (friend of David & Ruth Cloninger; Steve Freestone (health issues, friend of Jerry & Coleen); our church; Manuel Ravey (friend of David & Ruth Cloninger); June Heavner (cancer -sister in law of Pat Heavner); John Mucurdy (friend of Eric Heavner); Donnie Roberts (liver cancer-neighbor of Roxanna Britton); Peggy Nimey (sister of Mary Rhyne whose husband died); Susan Haney (Pat Heavner cousin); Randy Ward; Randy Lineberger family; Robert Truman Cloninger family.

Our Continuing Long-Term Members: Carla Hall, Mary Rhyne

***Please* remember to notify the Church Office
when a prayer request has been resolved**



John Henry Clemmer

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**FINANCIAL
REPORT**



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	<u>April 2024</u>	<u>April (YTD)</u>
Contributions/other	\$12,860.28	\$46,810.03
Expenditures	\$6,722.36	<u>\$45,168.65</u>
Net Income	<u>\$6,137.92</u>	\$1,641.38
Checking Balance 04/01/2024	\$100,089.62	
2024 Net Income	\$6,137.92	
Checking Balance 04/30/2024	\$106,227.54	

FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day is June 16, 2024 and we would like to honor our fathers by contributing monetary donations in honor/memory to the kitchen fund of Holy Communion. ***This is donation only.*** You will receive credit for your donation. Please fill out the information below and return to church office by Thursday, June 13, 2024.

Given By

In honor of

In memory of

Total Remitted

\$ _____

HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH
April 7th, 2024, Congregation Meeting

Jeff Clemmer opened up the meeting with a welcome.

Roof Leak Discussion – Jeff explained that they have been on the roof several times. The heating and air guys tell us that the leak is the roofing company, and the roofing people say that the issue is the heating and air problem. Jeff reported that on Monday he will be there with the companies and get something done and ensure the problem is fixed.

Phase 2 Discussion – (Tony Story Bid for Concrete) Jeff explained to the congregation that we needed to sanctuary ceiling sealed. Jeff explained that Tony Story will be fixing everything including painting the ceiling in the sanctuary, the coat rack room ceiling, the ceiling in front of the bathroom and Salina's office. Tony Story will do all of the above listed including the concrete and sealant outside for \$16,700.

Jeff needs a motion to get everything fixed. He reported that the Capitol Fund and the Memorial Fund will cover the cost.

First Motion Annette White

Second Motion Jamie White

One Opposed – David Cloninger

Jeff then gave an update on the cemetery. Jeff explained that the funding for there is different from the church funding. He also explained that Greg Carter, Alan Cloninger, and Coleen Cloninger began looking into who had plots and who has not used their plots. (Greg Carter has the Plot Map). The church is looking to regain or buy back the plots from the families who have not utilized them. Church is also looking into how to legally get the plots back from deceased member's who have no family to give us back the plots.

Jeff and Alan told the congregation that if anyone in the congregation has plots to please let the committee know. They also asked to let them know if anyone in the congregation would like to sell the church the plots back. Once all of the plots are accounted for the church will begin to sell them to members again.

Jeff and Alan heard back from the Fire Marshall – the fellowship hall can accommodate the following:

160 persons with the tables.

300 persons with only chairs.

400 persons with standing room only.

Congregation then discussed renting the fellowship hall and Alan Cloninger suggested raising the rent to \$200 deposit and then \$125 per hr. He also explained that whoever rents the fellowship hall would need to have an insurance policy for a million dollars to protect the church. For members the pricing is \$100 deposit and \$75 an hr. to rent the fellowship hall.

Everyone in the congregation agreed to raise the rent price for the fellowship hall.

Jeff and Alan then discussed that the Church Council will be discussing who is considered a voting member of the church.

\$4600 in the Kitchen Remodeling Fund.

Last item discussed was moving from the ELCA to the NALC. Church Council voted to bring the discussion to the congregation. Jeff then explained to the congregation that the church is on probation with the ELCA. He then explained that the ELCA is asking the church to begin the call process but with the church paying Pastor Feige we are saving money. Jeff then explained the differences between the ELCA and the NALC. He explained that the ELCA dictates who the church pays and how much the church pays as well as dictates the beliefs. The main concern of the congregation was excluding certain people. The congregation did a poll. The

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poll showed 19 wanted to move to the NALC while 7 wanted to stay with the ELCA. Further discussion tabled until next meeting. Council will discuss results at next meeting.

Alan Cloninger closed the meeting with prayer.

HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH **April 14, 2024, COUNCIL MINUTES**

Present: Alan Cloninger, Jeff Clemmer, Roxanna Britton, Greg Carter, Brittany Peeler (Secretary), Coleen C. Peeler, Jerry Peeler, Harold G. Clemmer. **Absent:** Reid Simms, Jamie White, Nick Guffey and Deanna Maxwell were not present.

Jeff Clemmer opened the meeting by discussing the letter that was sent by the ELCA Synod.

Alan Cloninger read the letter aloud to the council members and the congregation members that decided to attend the meeting.

Jeff addressed the allegations made by the Synod and showed proof that the allegations were not factual. Synod claimed that they had not had any communication from Jeff or HCLC. Jeff showed everyone in the meeting his communications with the Synod and their responses. In November 2023 Jeff asked during his communications about hiring a new pastor and had no reply. Tim Smith responded to Jeff in March 2024 asking about the council and who is president. Jeff then explained that the Synod offered a Lay Reader instead of a pastor. The church did not reach out to the Lay Reader because the church did not need a Lay Reader. The church asked for a pastor. With no response the council reached out to Pastor Sain to see if he was available. Pastor Sain reported that he would not be available until March but at the next communication Pastor Sain reported that he was unable to assist as his wife asked that he not return to work. That was when the council approached Pastor Feige to preach at HCLC. Jeff asked him if he was apart of the NALC and Feige said that he was not. Pastor Kanupp is retiring and is unable to help as well as Merck and Sain.

When the Bishop came to a council meeting Jeff explained the church's needs to her. Jeff also asked about combining with Our Saviour. The Synod did not give an answer and again did not assist with finding a pastor. At this point Jeff told the Synod since they had not responded the church would move forward on our own to find a pastor.

After hearing that the allegations were not true the discussion turned to how does the church leave the ELCA without losing the church. Jeff and Alan explained the constitution and the ways to leave the ELCA.

David Cloninger thanked Alan and Jeff for the information and all they have done to help with the church and this situation.

Alan Cloninger has begun reaching out to lawyers to assist with what the church decides to do.

Council to discuss response options moving forward at next meeting. ELCA has given a deadline to respond by end of MAY.

Jeff then moved on to discuss that we have plans to raise money and continue to make repairs and improvements to the church. He explained that the parsonage will be rented out by a Baptist preacher. Greg Carter then reported that the electric was completed, and the heating and air guy was finishing up. Once the repairs are finished Jeff reported that we will need to paint and possibly replace the washing machine.

Next Council Meeting: April 24th at 630pm.

Alan ended the meeting in prayer.

HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH
April 21, 2024, COUNCIL MINUTES

Present: Alan Cloninger, Jeff Clemmer, Reid Simms, Jamie White, Roxanna Britton, Greg Carter, Brittany Peeler (Secretary), Harold G. Clemmer. **Absent:** Coleen Cloninger, Jerry Peeler, Nick Guffey and Deanna Maxwell were not present.

Jeff Clemmer opened up the meeting in prayer.

Roof Discussion - Greg Carter and Jeff Clemmer have been going up and down on the roof and checking the leaks. Based on the different companies looking at the problems it is believed that the leak is coming from the ducting. Jeff Clemmer also agrees that the ducting is most likely the cause of the leak. Gaston Sheet Metal and Morris Mechanical are not taking responsibility for the leak and since the ducting was not in the contracts with either company. Greg Carter explained that if the ducting is not the cause of the leak and the roof continues to leak after the repairs then Gaston Sheet Metal will be responsible for fixing it. It was discussed that if the roof continues to leak, and no company will fix it then the church can use the insurance policy to pay for the repairs.

James Dugan said that he would encapsulate the ducting with sheet metal, and it would cost \$9000. Other prices include replacing everything for 18475, or just doing patchwork for 5875.

Parsonage repairs - There are two estimates on the parsonage: J. Jimenez estimate was for \$7500 for the parsonage and garage roof. He will tear off and replace the wood and shingles. He will save the gutters and put on a gutter guard. The other estimate was from Rafael America. He quoted \$7000 to do the same thing but he did not quote the garage. Jeff Clemmer will reach out and discuss the quote with the garage. Alan Cloninger reported that he had someone coming to look at the parsonage and get a quote as well.

TNZ finished the outside of the church, and it looks GREAT. They are holding off on the sanctuary until we finished getting the roof fixed and the leak finished but they will begin working on the other indoor projects.

Jeff Clemmer reported going to Morris Mechanical on Monday to talk to them about all of the option again. On Wednesday Jeff said that he is confident we will have more information.

Baptist preacher is being voted on and then they will be ready to move into the parsonage as soon as we finish the needed repairs. Rent to be \$1500 monthly and they will sign a 1 yr. contract.

George Clemmer went to see an attorney to discuss options moving forward with ELCA letter.

HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH
April 24, 2024, COUNCIL MINUTES

Present: Alan Cloninger, Jeff Clemmer, Reid Simms, Jamie White, Roxanna Britton, Greg Carter, Brittany Peeler (Secretary), Harold G. Clemmer, Coleen Cloninger, Jerry Peeler, Nick Guffey and Deanna Maxwell. Some congregation members were in attendance to hear from Bishop Tim and Cece.

Jeff Clemmer opened the meeting 630pm

Jeff introduced – Bishop Tim Smith and CeCe and said they are there because we are out of compliance with ECLA standards.

Jeff discussed the letter that was sent to the church by Bishop Tim. Jeff explained our position on the letter and the events that led up to us receiving the letter from Bishop Tim. Jeff explained that we had reached out to 3 retired pastors for an interim and had no luck with finding a Pastor. Jeff talked to several churches including St. Paul about how they found their pastor and if they could assist HCLC. Jeff then went to Antioch, and they instructed us to reach out to our savior. Which is how we were able to get Pastor Feige to assist us while we continued to look for an interim. Pastor Feige is an ordained Lutheran minister but is not a part of the ELCA but the LCMC. Jeff reiterated that we did reach out to the synod and ask about a lay minister and did not hear back.

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Bishop Tim thanked us for telling our side and said that part of this is on him for being out on sabbatical. Bishop Tim explained that for him the most important part is the closing of the letter “walking with you if you let us”. Bishop Tim explained that he was aware in talking with Jeff about the pastor situation. Bishop Tim touched on the subject of the previous pastor that resigned. Bishop Tim said Pastor Shea was not well and he was not surprised at the outcome. It was not HCLC’s fault. Bishop Tim then explained that having an outsider (Baptist preacher) visit is one thing but having someone from the ELCA preach regularly is a problem. Bishop Tim then went on to discuss his role as Bishop and said that he did not realize he would be the enforcer when he took this position and is learning like we are, but he has to enforce being compliant with ELCA regulations. Bishop Tim then explained that the role of a Bishop is not to tell you what you have to do but to try to work with you to accomplish a desired outcome. Bishop Tim then reiterated that an interim pastor must be appointed by the bishop, and he cannot appoint a Baptist Pastor or Pastor Feige. Bishop Tim expressed that he appreciated that Jeff told him about our congregation’s concern that the ELCA is more liberal, and our congregation is conservative. Bishop Tim then said that he is glad Pastor Feige is LCMC because they are more neutral. Bishop Tim then went on to talk about how the NALC is actively trying to dismantle the ELCA and that is why the synod does not want and NALC Pastor preaching at HCLC.

Bishop Tim then said that the synod is aware that HCLC took a straw poll to see what the congregation thought about leaving the ELCA. Pastor Tim said that they will help us leave if we want to leave. He said that the synod does not want to harm HCLC in any way. The Synod’s hope and goal for us to find a way that complies with the HCLC constitution and the ELCA’s. Bishop Tim then said he had a Pastor in Charlotte who would like to be considered as our Interim - Brook Seaford.

*It was asked what the difference was between the ELCA and the LCMC. Bishop Tim responded that the LCMC does not have a structure like the ELCA and is more congregational. Meaning that they do not have a council or rules or accountability.

*It was then asked if someone from our congregation could be appointed as an interim pastor. Bishop Tim explained that HCLC can have someone go through training with the synod and be a synod authorized minister, but the training is 2 years.

The process to call a vote to leave the ELCA was discussed –

-There is a process to leaving: There are 2 votes that are 90 days apart and then the Bishop has to council the congregation.

Bishop Tim then apologized for the tone of his letter. He said that he did not hear from HCLC. Which he said was frustrating. Bishop Tim then informed everyone that the Synod has people reporting to them everything that is going on with HCLC and he said that people are unhappy. Bishop Tim said that he is not trying to drive a wedge. He then went on to say that as far as HCLC property, The synod can take the church under synod leadership but that they don’t have the structure or financial means to do that. He then said that it wouldn’t be a relational way to go about things.

Bishop Tim then said that the church is far from dying. He said that the church has had a bad bump. He said that we cannot move forward with LCMC and NALC pastors in here. He repeated that he will find HCLC a pastor if we will let him.

Jeff opened the floor for questions.

*David Cloninger – What is the possibility that we will lose the property if we decide to do one thing or the other. Bishop Tim said there are only a few reasons the church would go to the synod. If we abandoned any assets would revert to synod and if the congregation closed the synod would get the assets. Bishop Tim said that the Synod would not take the cemetery because “we can sell a building, but we can’t sell a cemetery”.

Jamie White - What if we wanted to be independent? Bishop Tim explained that if that happens then the synod does take the church.

Alan Cloninger reported that in the constitution there are 2 ways the Synod can take the church and the other assets. Alan said the other 2 we can keep it. Bishop Tim replied – The true answer is yes and no.

Alan said - When someone reads the constitution as a lawyer you can take our church. Whether you do is up to other people and not us. Alan said that is why we (the congregation) is concerned. Alan - My advice has always been what the constitution says. We can’t make a decision on the synod may or may not. It is in writing.

Bishop Tim - You are right about if the congregation leaves to be independent then the synod can take the church and the assets. He then says that the synod has not taken properties that way that he can recall.

Another question was regarding the finances. It was discussed that HCLC cannot afford a full-time pastor and that is why we let Drysdale go. Finances are still a concern. Will the ELCA provide us with an ELCA pastor since HCLC cannot afford one. Bishop Tim said that the pastor they gave us HCLC would pay the interim like we do Pastor Feige. Weekly and for services they provide.

Gene Armstrong asked - Does the synod have money to help us get a full-time pastor?

Bishop Tim – Said that the Synod does not have money to pay for our pastor. Bishop Tim encouraged HCLC to ask the foundation for money and some “creative accounting”.

Alan Cloninger – Asked Jeff to tell the Bishop about the finances and about all of the work that has been done to improve the church. Alan after discussing finances said that HCLC can afford a part-time pastor and then we need a year to get funds good and after a year we may be good enough financially to hire a full-time pastor. For now, we can afford \$200. Alan then asked if we cannot use Pastor Feige, what will the ELCA pastor charge us.

Bishop Time replied - \$200 plus mileage.

Alan Cloninger then asked – Could we have Gene Armstrong talk 2 Sundays and a regular pastor 2 Sundays?

Bishop Tim replied- yes.

Bishop Tim then explained that if HCLC wants to leave it will take 6 months at least to leave and in the meantime, he is responsible for HCLC and we have to be compliant.

Alan Cloninger then asked about Pastor Seaford - asking how old he (48 or 50). He also said that he wants someone that the church can relate to. We will need to talk about him coming for us to meet him.

Jeff Clemmer then said that Pastor Feige is slated to preach Sunday. Can Pastor Feige go ahead and preach Sunday?

Bishop Tim said that before June 1st we need a pastor and to talk to Seaford before May 30th because Synod is asking about it.

Nick Guffey then asked - The way I heard you talking about getting our church. Yall can't do it cause it's too much money? What would happen if 10 years down the road that the ELCA is struggling what happens to us?

Bishop Tim replied that the Congregations make synod and there is no synod without congregation. He said that there can be congregations without synod.

George Clemmer - What does the Synod feel about HCLC.

Bishop Tim said if we don't want an ELCA pastor then the synod feels we don't want to be in the ELCA.

George Clemmer – “I've only had 1 pastor say to give me an opportunity to build your church and I will and it was a Baptist preacher”.

Alan Cloninger - the message I got is that we need to talk to Seaford. Who will come over as a supply. To pay for a full-time preacher we can't do it. Alan then asked that the persons reporting to the ELCA to report their concerns to the council so that the council can address their concerns. If the council does not know then the council cannot help. Alan then went on to talk about how much Greg Carter and Jeff Clemmer are doing for the church and how much it hurts to see that some people in the congregation are not willing to talk to us.

Jeff Clemmer and Bishop Tim asked Cece is she had anything to say and Cece said that she loves HCLC.

Jamie White- asked about disciplinary action – what does that mean - it would be easier than leaving? He said I doubt the synod would do that. The idea that a Presbyterian can give me communion but Pastor Feige can't? That's crazy. I think it's my opinion that we come in compliance and the leave amicably.

Bishop and Cece thank HCLC for our time and then leave so the council meeting can begin.

Council meeting -

Jeff Clemmer starts business meeting side

Motion of approval of agenda - Alan Cloninger made the motion and Jamie White seconded.

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Motion to approve of the minutes – Alan Cloninger made the motion and Roxanna Britton seconded.

Parsonage – parsonage electrical - completed Greg talked to troupe heat and air is working on it. Should be done by Monday. When that is complete then we will pay for everything. Ceiling in dining room fixed and laundry room.

Worship service tabled.

Discussion about the 501c - 501c person originally on documentation was Henkel Rhyne and Council replaced him with Greg Carter president of the cemetery fund.

New business -

Discussion that it is not the roof that is leaking, it is the ducting from air conditioning that is 50yrs old. Alan Cloninger made a motion that Gaston sheet metal is hired to replace everything for \$18,575.00. Jamie White seconded. Gaston sheet metal has the bid at 7 to 3.

Parsonage roof has 2 bids, but Alan's person went on the roof and his guy Tim watts said that the roof could last another 3 years with minor repairs of \$260. Greg Carter also said the dish needs to come off. Proposal repair or replace?

Greg Carter made 1st Motion to repair the roof and Alan Cloninger seconded.

Jeff Clemmer then discussed that Selina will make a Thank you letter for Adam Cantrell to thank him for stepping in.

Council then discussed asking Adam to step in for the other 2 Sunday's that HCLC will need a pastor.

Council held discussion on church song selection – "We need songs we know". Discussion tabled.

Discussion on the process of decreasing church roll and removing people who no longer come to church.

Discussion on making a letter to let people know they will be removed from roll if they don't respond. Next month will have the business cards from Jeff Clemmer.

Alan Cloninger pledged \$3000.00 for the roof. Money to go to Gaston sheet metal.

Jeff thanked everyone for coming.

Last thing we need to do is agree. Do we agree for Jeff to call Seaford? – Unanimous yes.

Discussion on thanking Pastor Feige for his service.

Jeff Clemmer asked that everyone think about what we need to do with what Bishop Tim said and with the ELCA.

Council meeting ended in prayer.

HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH
April 27, 2024, COUNCIL MINUTES

Present: Jeff Clemmer, Harold George Clemmer, Reid Simms, Jerry and Coleen Peeler, Roxanna Britton, Greg carter, and Brittany peeler (Secretary).

Meeting was held for council to speak to the new Pastoral candidate.

Jeff opened meeting by calling the pastor Seaford.

Seaford sounded chipper and greeted council.

Jeff Clemmer asked – Are you available next Sunday to preach (MAY 5TH) and how available are you to meet with Selina to get the bulletin's ready for Sunday.

B. Seaford replied that he is very available just needs to know when, where and what so he can plan for it. His work schedule is flexible. He is “go with the flow” and does what the church is currently doing. Seaford said that he won't make demands with the bulletin.

Jeff Clemmer asked if he is an ELCA pastor? Seaford replied – yes.

Jeff Clemmer explained to Seaford that we are currently paying 200 plus mileage and asked if that is good. Seaford replied that the amount works for him.

Jeff Clemmer then asked Seaford to tell the council a little about himself.

Seaford - Talked about himself. He is from Elkin, NC. He graduated from Wake Forest University undergrad and got into the insurance business. He got his MBA at Queens University in Charlotte. Seaford then said that he felt the call to ministry midlife after having 5 kids. He joked saying “all in God's time” and then he said that he went back to become ordained pastor and served a church in Matthews's for 6yrs. He said that he had to step back from the ministry to go back to insurance to pay for his kid's school. He and his wife Kristin have been married for 23 years and that they have 1 son who is a Junior Appalachian and rest are girls. He said that the oldest girl is going to college in Kentucky next year. He then talked about his hobbies. He likes to golf, play tennis, hike, go cycling, camping, and charity work. He said basically, he likes to stay busy. Seaford then said that he is 49 years old.

Roxanna Britton asked if the church in Matthews was the only church that he has preached at and he said yes. He reported that is currently at another church part time in Lincolnton (Daniel's Lutheran Church) but that is coming to an end because they have found a full-time pastor.

Jeff Clemmer asked, “are you available through the week for other things we may need like weddings, funerals, and counseling”? Seaford replied yes and then asked about council meetings. Jeff replied that usually they are on Sundays but that most recently we had done one on Wednesday. Seaford said that Sundays would be preferable but could make Wednesday work.

Jeff Clemmer opened room for questions

Greg Carter - “How many Sundays would you be available per month”? Seaford replied - “2-3 Sundays per month”. Greg then said that we could ask Adam Cantrell to do the other Sundays.

Harold George Clemmer – “I know you are an ELCA pastor and we are considering leaving, would that change your thoughts about us”?

Seaford replied “no. I must follow the bishop's rules but would love to serve you as you transition if y'all decide to transition. I understand everyone has their own reasons”. Seaford said that he hates that conservative congregations are leaving the ELCA because he says that he feels having one type of congregation does not represent the body of Christ. He continued to say, “just know I understand the frustration of stuff that happens and I try to stay out of all that personally and stick to the word of God”. Seaford said “I'm not a protesting activist pastor, I'm on business and preaching God. No politics. Life is hard enough we don't need to get beat up at church. Look for the positive in the gospel”.

Harold George Clemmer then said that he would like to clear the air on the ELCA and why we are considering leaving. Harold explained the conversations had at the previous meeting.

Seaford responded – “I don't know how all that works frankly. I didn't know they took property. Hopefully y'all can work that out”.

Harold Clemmer - replied “we welcome everybody just wanted to let you know”.

Seaford responded – “I don't get in the weeds with that stuff I'll just pray with y'all about finding a good solution.

Jerry Peeler – “Do you read your sermons, or do you preach your sermons”?

Seaford – “I write it how I speak it, so both. It makes me nervous to just wing it”.

Coleen Peeler – “Would it be possible if we ever decided to change the time? Could you still accommodate us”?

Seaford – “Yes. That is fine”. Seaford then talked about his sermons and said, “I do my best singing and chanting but I won’t be on American idol anytime soon”.

Roxanna Britton - Said that “our organist picks our songs, would you need to put a say in that”?

Seaford - “No. I stay in my lane. I like to let the music people handle that”.

Harold George Clemmer- “What is your fee? We told you what we could pay but not what you would ask for”.

Seaford – “It’s what the synod says it is, 200 + mileage”.

Jeff Clemmer asked – “If you have to do anything outside of preaching what is the charge”?

Seaford – “I do not know; I’d have to ask the Synod what the normal rate is”.

Jeff – “Well get back to us and let us know”.

Seaford – “I’m open to serving however you wish. I just have to work around schedules”.

Jeff Clemmer asked Seaford – “Do you have any questions for us”?

Seaford – “I’m ready to meet y’all and see how we mesh. Are y’all formal?”

Jeff Clemmer said that in past Pastor’s wore robes but if Seaford is more comfortable, he can dress down and just make sure he is in appropriate dress.

Seaford – “So, next step is I connect with the secretary and get prepped for next Sunday. I’ll get there an hr. early to get a feel and get settled”.

Jeff Clemmer asked Seaford if he had any objections to being recorded or on Live Stream and he said “No”.

Seaford went on to say that he has a face for radio.

Jeff Clemmer will text him the office information so that he can begin prepping for service.

Jeff Clemmer then read his notes to make sure he did not miss anything.

Jeff Clemmer then asked – “What do you think? Do we vote”?

Jeff Clemmer – “First, I’ll call the bishop right now and tell him we are bringing in Seaford for a tryout. That way it’s on record.

Jeff Clemmer called bishop. Bishop did not answer.

Jeff left message as follows: Hey, this is Jeff Clemmer calling from HCLC we just reached out to Seaford and he has agreed to come preach starting May 5th at 930. We have complied with your wishes. Seaford will be at HCLC May 5th. Call me if you have any questions.

Other Business Discussed:

Roxanna Britton made a motion for Mother’s Day we can asked people to make a donation in honor of a mother to the card fund. \$200 is all the card fund has in the account. Greg Carter seconded.

Meeting adjourned.

Lay Reader for June
Cathy Cloninger

Deacon for June: Alan Cloninger

Altar Guild-Roxanna Britton

JUNE FOOD PANTRY ITEMS:

SOUP, MAC & CHEESE, BEENIE WEENIES



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		HAPPY father's DAY!				1
2 2nd Sunday of Pentecost 9:30- Worship Service	3	4	5	6 6:-7 pm Community Meal host: St. Paul's	7	8
9 3rd Sunday of Pentecost 9:30- Worship Service	10	11	12	13 6:-7 pm Community Meal host: Dallas Methodist	14 	15
16 4th Sunday of Pentecost Happy Father's Day 9:30- Worship with communion Church Council after wor- ship	17	18	19	20 6:-7 pm Community Meal host:	21	22
23 5th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30 Worship Service	24 July Newsletter item deadline	25	26	27 6:-7 pm Community Meal host: TBA	28	29
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FOLLOWING OUR FATHER'S WILL

Jesus always did his Father's will. What does our heavenly Father desire of us?

*Directions: Using the coordinates, circle the corresponding words.
Then add those to the blanks below to complete John 6:40, NIV.*

Coordinates

T3, R1, F6, E2, T1, H5, A6, R4, F5, T5, H3, F2, A4, E6

	F	A	T	H	E	R
1	Father	them	the	believe	that	who
2	have	will	if	heart	to	live
3	perish	whoever	everyone	shall	shall	give
4	God	eternal	send	into	Him	believes
5	in	come	him	Son	rest	with
6	looks	and	forever	Where	life	hope

"For my Father's will is that _____

and I will raise them up at the last day." John 6:40, NIV

Answer: everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life



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