

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Grow Faith, Serve God, Love Others

COUNCIL MINUTES

July 1, 2020; 7 pm

Welcome by President Brian McNeill at 7:02 pm. Members present via Zoom were Jason Anderson, Jason Heinzig, Diane Schuerman, Toni Lindstrom, Jodee Erickson, and Becky Woitte. Also present were Pastor Art and Treasurer Bill Hoberg. Absent were Laura Hulterstrum and Adam Kolander.

Devotions by Pastor Art on the 35th Chapter of Isaiah “The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.” Pastor Art shared the song, *The Time for Flowers*. An excerpt from the song: “I’ve lived long enough to learn the time for flowers will come again, maybe in one year, maybe in ten. There are days despair will win, but the time for flowers will come again.” Pastor said the song seems so hopeful with all of the troubles in our times right now. He hopes that the song will give joy and lift our spirits the way it did for him.

Pastor’s Report. Pastor Art had 17 parish visits by phone plus numerous text and email conversations; conducted four worship services via Zoom with four posted to Facebook and four radio broadcasts; had the burial service for Kelly Crabb; had a half day of continuing education; and, took 2.5 days of vacation. Pastor Art thanked the musicians who helped with the June services; namely, Lorri Pederson, Shelly Mikkelson, Emmie Grussing, and Candy Sowers. Pastor Art also thanked Elizabeth Eaton for the ELCA worship service on June 7. Pastor Art said that we will need to begin planning how to carry out our educational ministries, Sunday School, and confirmation classes this fall. Pastor Art has been taking vacation by the hour as vacationing the traditional way is not possible for him this year.

Additions to the Agenda. None.

Reports:

Secretary Becky Woitte. The June meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by email.

Financial Secretary Pam Anderson. Motion to approve by Toni with a second by Jodee. Motion carried.

Treasurer Bill Hoberg. Our June income was \$7,640.48. Motion to approve by Diane with a second by Toni. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Board of Education and Youth. Did not meet. Jamie, Jodee and Pastor Art spoke about virtual Bible camp through Green Lake and Luther Crest. Pastor Art included the information in his daily devotional emails.

Outreach and Community Relations/B.A.C.K. Program. Did not meet.

Property and Grounds. Fascia trim missing on the northwest corner of the Sunday School rooms/furnace room. Jason A. said that he will check on it.

Stewardship and Finance. Did not meet.

Worship and Music. Shelly is working on special music. Miriam has recorded all the July music. Pastor Art said that the committee is working hard.

Shout Out to Brenda Weise for being Pastor Art’s right hand behind the scenes and during the Zoom worship services. We appreciate her help.

Old Business:

-People-in-the-Pews Plan. The subcommittee presented a plan for when we return to worship. Motion by Toni to approve with a second by Jason H. Motion carried. The plan is as follows:

Joshua 1:9

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Trinity Lutheran Church
Benson MN 56215

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council has approved the listed guidelines to follow when we are able to come together for worship services. These will be revisited as restrictions or changes are directed by the Minnesota Department of Health, the Center of Disease Control or the ELCA Synod.

No one who is feeling ill, has a fever, is coughing or sneezing should attend.

1. All attending will enter and exit the front doors only.
2. Greeters will complete the following duties:
 - *Record names of all attending each service.
 - *Ask all to use provided hand sanitizers.
 - *All over 3 years old must wear a mask (One will be provided if you do not have one).
- A. Social distancing will be followed in the narthex and as you enter the church for seating.
- B. Seating will be in the accessible pews, with families together and others 6 feet apart.
- C. There will be no socializing or greetings before, during or after services.
3. Pastor Art will be in place prior to the start of services, no processions.
4. There will be no singing by the congregation. Music will be prerecorded.
5. There will be no responsive readings from the congregation.
6. All will remain seated throughout the service.
7. Individual communion packets will be used for communion.
8. Ushers will use social distancing for leaving after service starting with back rows.
9. Offerings will be received by placing in offering plates provided as you exit.
10. If any visiting is done outside after the service, please social distance.

No date has been set for services to begin. When services do begin the plan, for now, is to continue the Zoom service, the Facebook posts and the radio broadcasts.

The church will be fully sanitized after each use. Bathrooms should be used for emergency use only.

Approved by Trinity Lutheran Church Council on 7-1-2020.

-Emergency Fund. No known members or organizations who may need assistance at this time.

-Captain Clean. The carpets and pew cushions were cleaned on Monday (June 27).

New Business: None.

Announcements: August Newsletter articles are due July 20. Email agenda items to Becky by July 26. Our next council meeting is August 5.

Adjourned by President Brian at 8 pm.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Woitte, Council Secretary