

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Grow Faith, Serve God, Love Others
COUNCIL MINUTES

August 5, 2020

Welcome by President Brian at 7:01 pm. Present were Brian McNeill, Jason Anderson, Jodee Erickson, Toni Lindstrom, Laura Hulterstrum, Adam Kolstad, Jason Heinzig, and Becky Woitte. Also present were Pastor Art and Treasurer Bill Hoberg. Absent was Diane Schuerman.

Devotions by Pastor Art on authority and power. Power is the ability to do something and authority is the right to make it happen. One of the things that Jesus is always amazing the crowds with is teaching with authority and having the ability to make it happen. Pastor Art read from the 4th Chapter of Luke beginning with the 21st verse.

Pastor's Report. Pastor Art made 19 parish visits by phone plus had many text messages and email conversations. There were no hospital visits, teaching sessions, baptisms, weddings or funerals. Pastor Art led five Sunday worship services by Zoom with all five being posted on Facebook and recorded for the radio broadcast. He held two pre-marriage counseling sessions by Zoom. Pastor Art had a half day of continuing education and took 4.5 hours of vacation. No sick leave was taken. Pastor Art thanked the Music and Worship Committee for providing leadership during this time in helping to organize and record music videos for our services. Thanks to Lorri Pederson, Miriam Lindblad, Shelly Mikkelson, Courtney and Anna McNeill, and Paige Moe for their musical contributions. We have received designated offerings to pay for radio broadcasts until October 11. The camera is now set up and operable with our video system. Pastor Art has been looking at several possibilities for doing either in-person or online Sunday School and confirmation classes. Pastor Art has been talking with Jamie Moe, the Sunday School Superintendent. Pastor Art would like to take a little time off in August. Becky made a motion to pay Shelly Mikkelson \$200 for all the work she has done. Second by Laura. Motion carried.

Additions to the Agenda: None.

Reports:

Secretary Becky Woitte. The July meeting was reviewed and approved by email.

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

Treasurer Bill Hoberg. Bill will pay commitment as we are doing okay financially. Motion to approve by Laura with a second by Toni. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Board of Education and Youth. Did not meet. The members on the committee are Jamie Moe, Anne Duncan, Julie McNeill, Marlene Giese and Jodee Erickson. They will be meeting about Sunday school.

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

Property and Grounds. Fascia is still a work in progress. Bird nests and wasp nest noted on the church. Jason A. will check into these issues.

Stewardship and Finance. Did not meet.

Worship and Music. Pastor Art involves the committee each week in the worship service with feedback from the committee. Pastor Art may need to have committee help with the slides for worship again.

Shout Out. Thankful for everyone helping with the Zoom services.

Old Business:

-People-in-the-Pews Plan. Update from committee. With guidance from the governor, with the recent increase of Covid in Swift County and the start of school, the committee is recommending services start on the first Sunday in October. We discussed drive-by communion.

-Emergency Fund. Members/Organizations who may need assistance. None at this time.

-Wedding in September. Pastor Art has been doing pre-marriage counseling by Zoom. It is an outdoor wedding with the church as a backup.

-Masks. We received a request from Benson Schools for 400 youth masks. Anyone able to help cut material or sew masks is greatly appreciated.

New Business:

-Return to church process. We have received questions from 17 people inquiring when we would be returning to church. Captain Clean has cleaned the carpets and cushions. Hymnals have been removed. Adam has acquired hand sanitizer. We'll need to rope off pews and follow the guidelines we approved in July.

Informational: The Salad Luncheon and Advent Tea are both cancelled. TEAM Promise has not decided on their schedule. The council recommends that the quilters wait to meet until church resumes.

Announcements: September Newsletter articles are due August 17. Email agenda items to Becky by August 26. Next council meeting is September 2 at 7 pm.

Adjourned by President Brian at 8:03 pm.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Woitte, Council Secretary