

## **Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes – June 2, 2021**

*Grow Faith Serve God, Love Others*

**Welcome** by President Brian McNeill at 7:03 PM. Members present were Jason Anderson, Jason Heinzig, Toni Lindstrom, Diane Schuerman, Maureen Erdman, Robert Neuman and Jodee Erickson. Also present were Pastor Art and Bill Hoberg. Absent was Adam Kolander.

**Devotions** by Pastor Art from Philippians 4:8 – “I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.” Pastor Art said he would like to thank the council and the congregation. This has been a good place.

**Pastor’s Report** –Pastor Art made numerous parish visits by phone, computer, text and email plus twenty-one in-person visits. There was one hospital visit by phone in Willmar. Pastor Art held two in person confirmation classes, led four in person Sunday services and by Zoom, four posted to Facebook and four radio broadcasts. There was one baptism for Maggie Jo Anderson on May 16, 2021. There were no confirmations or weddings. There was one funeral for Jeff Anderson on May 29, 2021. There were no counseling sessions. Pastor Art took two days of vacation and no sick leave.

Pastor Art will be on vacation June 3-13. Our worship leader and guest preachers will be: June 6 - Pastor Gary Mills; June 13 - Gary Meyer. On call during this time: Pastor Steve Carmany (E. & W. Zion/Shepherd of the Hills).

**Additions to the Agenda** – There were no additions.

### **Reports**

**Secretary Jodee Erickson** – The May minutes were reviewed and approved by email. However, there was a correction to the minutes. Transferring out was Brandon Tweten to Zion Lutheran, Appleton, MN not David Tweten.

**Financial Secretary Pam Anderson** – Motion by Toni to approve with second by Maureen. Motion carried.

**Treasurer Bill Hoberg** – May income was \$10,158.00 and expenses were \$11,270.61. Checking account balance as of May 31, 2021 was \$27,583.24. Motion by Diane to approve with second by Robert. Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

**Board of Education and Youth** – The committee met to discuss VBS. The date of June 2 was chosen as a one-day session for this year. The theme will be super heroes from the bible through today.

**Outreach and Community Relations (B.A.C.K. pack program)** – Did not meet.

**Property and Grounds** – The committee has been discussing the cost of tree trimming. They are waiting for a call back from A.L.T. Tree Service. Members have offered to help clean up around the parsonage.

A quote was received from Craig's for five thermostats to replace the touch screen thermostats that are wearing out. The bid was for Honeywell WIFI thermostats, one thermostat being \$487.00 or all five for \$2,359.00 plus the cost of wiring. They will check on this again to see if there may be another option to do in phases.

Leaf Guard for the gutters was discussed. We need to decide exactly what we want before moving forward. The removal of trees was also discussed.

**Stewardship and Finance** – Did not meet.

**Worship and Music** – Did not meet.

**Call Committee** – Members of the committee are Byron Giese, Jason Anderson, Taylor Duncan, Kelly Michaelson, Laura Hulterstrum, Stacy Lindahl and Chad Payne. Byron was elected Chairman and Kelly was elected Secretary.

**Shout Out/Sunshine** - Bill Hoberg for bush clean up around parsonage and tree removal. Rick and Shelly Hoffman for helping with tree clean up. Diane Schuerman and Jodee Erickson for putting hymnals back in the pew holders.

**Old Business** – Tree removal bids and process – The bids from A.L.T. Tree Service are as follows: \$950.00 for tree trimming and cleanup front and back of parsonage; \$1,850.00 for removal of Ash tree near driveway of parsonage; \$1,400.00 for removal of Maple tree near the street; \$700.00 for removal of tree with rotted center by the church. \$1,000.00 has been donated specifically for tree trimming which is in the Landscaping account. If the cost of a project exceeds \$2,000.00, it may require a special meeting brought to the congregation for approval. Tabled until July meeting.

Gutters on church and parsonage – Tabled until July meeting.

Money to charitable organization from Pastor Magus "Bud" Peterson estate – We have yet to designate what local charitable organization will receive the amount of \$756.60. Suggestions were made. Tabled until July meeting.

Future of Zoom – It was decided to end the use of Zoom for worship services. The last Sunday will be June 13. It will be listed in the Friday announcements on June 4 and 11.

Paycheck Protection Program – The loan has been resolved.

**New Business** – Coffee hour startup – Diane will check with the quilters to see what their thoughts may be on serving coffee during the summer months along with other volunteers.

**Announcements** – July newsletter articles are due June 21. The next Church Council meeting will be July 7, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

**Adjourned** by President Brian at 8:18 PM

**Closed with the Lord's Prayer**

Respectfully submitted,

Jodee Erickson, Council Secretary