

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes – November 3, 2021

Grow Faith, Serve God, Love Others

Welcome by President Brian McNeill at 7:01 PM. Members present were Adam Kolander, Toni Lindstrom, Jason Anderson, Jason Heinzig, Maureen Erdman and Jodee Erickson. Also present were Bill Hoberg and Pastor Dale Degner. Absent were Diane Schuerman and Robert Neuman.

Devotions by Pastor Dale from Psalm 50 and 1Thessalonians – Rejoice always and pray without ceasing. Thank God for everything he does for us.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Dale met with the conference pastors and was able to meet the majority of the pastors who are in the Glacial Ridge Conference. He has completed the schedule and training for the acolytes. The schedule for confirmation is complete and classes are planned for each time. The confirmation class has met three times. “They are a wonderful group of students. I enjoy them.” He has contacted three confirmation families who have not yet come to classes. Pastor Dale met with Donald Young from the Gideon's and he will be sharing the work of the Gideon's here at Trinity on January 23. Pastor Dale attended the SW Minnesota Theological Conference on October 11 – 12. He has watched the installation of our new Southwestern Minnesota Bishop, Bishop Dee Peterson. Pastor Dale continues to call families to introduce himself and to ask one question: “If there was just one thing that would make Trinity Lutheran Church a place that you just had to go to on a regular basis, what would that be?” Pastor Dale made one in person visit and gave that person communion. He will be on vacation December 27 to January 2.

Reports:

Secretary Jodee Erickson – The October minutes were reviewed and approved by email.

Financial Secretary Pam Anderson – Motion by Jason H to approve with second by Toni. Motion carried.

Treasurer Bill Hoberg – October total income was \$15,539.47 and total expenses were \$12,501.09. Checking account balance as of October 31, 2021 was \$29,251.80. Motion made by Maureen to approve with second by Jason A. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Board of Education and Youth – Plans for the Sunday School Christmas Program are moving forward. The date for the program is Sunday December 19 during worship service.

Outreach and Community Relations (B.A.C.K.) – Did not meet. Julie McNeill has written grants for Team Promise. Team Promise was awarded a total of \$3,500.00 from Benson Area Community Foundation jointly with the Galen Hanson Endowment Fund and Robert Sonsteng Fund. Team Promise hopes to resume in January, 2022.

Property and Grounds – Jason A will ask Robert to check with Craig’s regarding the thermostats for the church. A floor drain in the north room of the parsonage basement has backed up on occasion. Adam Fahje could be a possibility for removing the snow from the church parking lot. He has been doing snow removal for the school and other businesses in town.

Stewardship and Finance – Did not meet. The endowment fund has been brought up to date. A total of \$6,134.47 for distribution will be as follows – Global Health Ministries - \$3,026.34 and balance of \$3,108.13 will go to Trinity Quilters \$500.00; Best Life Ministries \$500; and Human Services \$2,108.13 to sponsor two or three families in need.

Worship and Music – Did not meet.

Discussions

Discussed how serving coffee is assigned. Brian will talk with Pam to see if a new schedule could be used starting the first of the year.

Old Business – Discussed parking lot snow removal. Adam Fahje was suggested as a possibility.

New Business – None

Announcements – December newsletter articles are due November 15. The next Church Council meeting is December 1, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Adjourned by President Brian at 8:00 PM

Closed with the Lord’s Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Jodee Erickson, Council Secretary