

## **Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes – May 4, 2022**

*Grow Faith, Serve God, Love Others*

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

**Devotions** by Pastor Dale were based on Psalm 23. We have everything that we need. He brings physical rest to us. God is truly with us. We have enough.

**Pastor's Report** – President Brian thanked Pastor Dale for all of his work during the season of Lent and Easter. Pastor Dale is taking a class about churches in duress, not because that's where Trinity is, but because there are supposed to be hints of how to work together better. The class emphasizes churches living vibrantly until the very end of their ministries. What makes or would make Trinity Lutheran in Benson, MN an even more vibrant church? Six confirmation students were confirmed on Sunday, May 1. He made seven visits. New member Sunday should be soon. Pastor Dale would like to have an orientation for new members pertaining to what is available to them through Trinity. Are there those who would like to help share what is available to people through Trinity? He is getting Confirmation materials ready for fall. He is still considering a "Hobby Fair Share" event at church. If you like the idea, when should we do this and how many people would show their work the first time? Pastor Dale will be on vacation May 23 to 29. Continuing Education time for him will be at the Saint Olaf Music and Theology Conference July 25 to 28.

### **Reports**

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

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

**Treasurer Bill Hoberg** – April total income was \$13,299.46 and total expense was \$19,215.75. Checking account balance as of April 30, 2022 was \$31,421.53. The Endowment Fund balance as of March 31, 2022 was \$68,174.44. Motion made by Diane to approve with a second by Jason H. Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

**Board of Education and Youth**– Plans have been finalized for VBS with a one day session on Wednesday, May 25 from 3:00 to 5:30 PM. Volunteers are Marlene Giese, Maureen Erdman, Belinda Sanders, Molly Gades and Jodee Erickson. The theme is Jesus Rocks. The session will end with pizza.

**Outreach and Community Relations (B.A.C.K. pack program)** – The committee will meet before the next council meeting.

**Property and Grounds** – Council members met with the committee prior to the meeting to walk around the exterior of the parsonage to check on what items need maintenance. Roots from shrubs cut down last year need to be removed. The basement windows should be replaced as four have rotting wood. The west facing living room window is in very poor condition. The committee was asked to obtain quotes for these windows. The siding on the east side of the parsonage garage above the roof of the porch needs painting. The church parking lot is in poor condition. The committee was asked to obtain bids for repair of the surface.

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

**Worship and Music** – The laptop in the balcony was upgraded with one terabyte hard drive and Wifi was added. All work was done by Brandon Dahl, Carolyn Rear's son-in-law. The Wifi will reach the entire church, balcony and fellowship hall. We are looking for special music for the summer months. The rotations will be kept the same for the screen support. Pastor Dale shared his thoughts for summer services with three Wednesdays in a row. Liturgy for Pentecost was discussed and setting five will be used from WOV. There is excitement in regards to promoting TLC – Looking at creating a connection card, printed post-it-notes with TLC (will get quote from Backstreet), t-shirts that can be worn and given out with TLC logo printed on them (will get quotes from Legacy and the school) and also talked about having a Kid Day float to share about Trinity. Working with a QR code for membership was discussed.

**Discussions** – Summer services were discussed. It would be held three consecutive Wednesdays in Roosevelt Park with possibly a guitar service. This would be in addition to regular Sunday services. Kelly Lindblad will lend us his karaoke sound system. It was suggested that the city should be contacted for available dates. Summer council meeting was discussed. A decision will be made at the June meeting.

**Old Business** – Goals of the Faith Statement for Trinity Lutheran Church 2022 were discussed – **Grow Faith:** To provide more education for church members. *Strategy:* Provide two adult bible study series in the fall of 2022. **Serve God:** To provide help (where needed) in the community. *Strategy:* To provide finances to help people in the community; To provide finances to help organizations in the community; To provide T.E.A.M. Promise mentoring program; By welcoming five new families as members of Trinity Lutheran Church; Helping members identify service in their lives. **Love Others:** To provide outreach to the community. *Strategy:* To support the startup of T.E.A.M. Promise in the fall of 2022; Reaching out to five members who have not attended in the last six months.

Picture Directory Update – One person has stated that she would take pictures for the directory. One other person was contacted, but did not get back to us. One more person will also be contacted.

150 Years Celebration Chair - Kelly Lindblad has agreed to chair this committee. If there is someone he would like to work with, he could choose a co-chair. More volunteers for the committee will be needed.

**New Business** – There was no new business.

**Announcements** – The next Church Council meeting is June 1, 2022 at 7:00 PM. The SW Synod Assembly is Saturday, June 11, 2022 via Zoom. Pastor Dale and Gwen will be attending.

**Adjourned** by President Brian at 8:12 PM

**Closed with the Lord's Prayer**

Respectfully submitted,

Jodee Erickson, Council Secretary