

## **Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes – September 7, 2022**

*Grow Faith, Serve God, Love Others*

**Welcome** by President Brian McNeill at 6:57 PM. Members present were Diane Schuerman, Toni Lindstrom, Jason Anderson, Maureen Erdman and Jodee Erickson. Also present were Bill Hoberg and Pastor Dale. Absent were Hans Helgenset, Robert Neuman and Jason Heinzig.

**Devotions** by Pastor Dale were from John 16:22. “So you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.” Now is the time of grief. Summer is ending, fall is on the way. School is back in session, there will be crops to harvest and so much to do. We need to acknowledge what we are grieving. At this point it could be our younger days. Jesus says now is the time to grieve, but move on and experience what is going on, move a little slower. Take time to see what is ahead. Then it will be time to celebrate.

**Pastor’s Report** – The Benson Chaplaincy, of which Pastor Dale is a member, served food at the last Music in the Park. In the future, when the Church Council is considering giving to local organizations, this group will accept donations. Pastor Dale will be on vacation September 15 to 17. He made eleven visits. Pastor Dale met with confirmation parents and students about this school year’s confirmation expectations. Confirmation materials have been gathered and set up for the whole year. The last bonfire was held in the church parking lot with about twenty-five people in attendance. It is something that we should continue thinking about doing. A Bible study is to begin on Sunday, September 18 and another study will begin in October. He will be using an ELCA study on Sunday mornings that looks at the next week’s gospel lesson. The second Bible study reads through the Gospel of Matthew using the spiritual practice of Lectio Divina. This study will be a week day. He is asking for suggestions on time.

**Additions to the Agenda** – Weeds on the north and west sides of the church and church web page

### **Reports**

**Secretary Jodee Erickson** – The August 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** – August total income was \$13,242.23 and total expense was \$10,367.08. Checking account balance as of August 31, 2022 was \$32,943.93. Motion made by Diane to approve with a second by Toni. Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

**Education and Youth** – The committee met on August 9. Sunday School curriculum was discussed. It was decided to use “The Story” curriculum. There will be two sessions for every lesson. Possible changes would be more story and less activities. For the activities there would be six to choose from for preschool through sixth grade. There could be three groups with three stations and not do the Whistle Stop Station. We discussed how many teachers would be needed for a four week rotation. We also discussed ordering enough children’s bibles for each of the three stations. Rally Sunday will be September 11 with games, sidewalk chalk, hot dogs, chips, cotton candy, ice cream treats, lemonade and popcorn. Other topics – ROCK will be using the Red Catechism focusing on the Ten Commandments. Marlene is considering incentives on learning levels with students earning \$1.00 (which would come from the ROCK account) as each goal is achieved, to put in the stewardship jar. TIDES - Together in Devotions, Everyone Serves - has their own bank account. It would be a good idea for it to be a part of the church budget so that they do not need their own treasurer. The group also needs leaders for the coming year.

**Outreach and Community Relation (B.A.C.K. pack program)** – Did not meet. There is \$1,100.00 available in the church budget for local missions.

**Property and Grounds** – There has been storm damage to the parsonage roof, particularly to the west side. An insurance adjustor has inspected the roof. A check has been received from the insurance company for repair, but it is required that the shingles match when the roof is repaired. The committee tried to contact the company who shingled the roof three years ago to see what shingles were used, but they are no longer in business. There were suggestions from the council for possible roofers. An update was given on the installation of new thermostats for the church. They will be installed soon.

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

**Worship and Music** – The committee is still working on purchasing a new wireless microphone. They discussed the surveys sent out, bulletin format and the picture permission form. They would like all who have purchased Trinity t-shirts to wear them on Rally Sunday. Opportunities for Trinity: A church logo has been designed, which will go on the back of the opportunity cards to be placed in the pews. Facebook live services were discussed. An I-Pad has been ordered for that purpose.

**Discussions** – Church Parking Lot - It was suggested that a committee of church members be formed with knowledge of the work that needs to be done. Weeds – There are weeds that need to be removed on the north and west sides of the church, as well as an arborvitae. A work day was discussed. The church website needs to be updated. There is a yearly fee of \$719.00 for basic maintenance through Back Street Media. It was suggested that a church member could volunteer to maintain the website.

**Old Business** – Picture Directory – The committee has obtained a current list of member information.

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

**Announcements** – Next Church Council meeting is October 5, 2022 at 7:00 PM

**Adjourned** by President Brian at 8:10 PM

**Closed with the Lord's Prayer**

Respectfully submitted,

Jodee Erickson, Council Secretary