

## COUNCIL MEETING

August 16, 2022

SANCK: Dave

CALL TO ORDER: Lynn called the meeting to order at 5:31.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynn, Dave, Debby J., Deb D., Beth, JoAnn, and Linda. Frank and Jane had been excused.

NON-COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made to accept the agenda as printed JoAnn/Pastor, MSC.

DEVOTION/PRAYER:

Pastor Seth discussed how when we are communicating with others we need to try to be clear about what we are saying and also need to listen carefully. When we are expressing how we feel we should use "I" statements. Such as "I think you should do the dishes tonight since I made the meal." Should not use a negative statement which puts the other person on defense and shouldn't bring a third person into the conversation who is not present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PROPERTY- Dave. A 42 inch John Deere riding lawn mower has been purchased. It was paid for with money from the Memorial Fund with approval of the Memorial Committee."

It is now In the storage shed.

WORSHIP- Lynn . There was an average of 50 people for in person attendance for the month of July.

The outdoor service in July went well and the next outdoor service will be September 11 with the River of Grace.

There will be a temple talk from Cara Keinanen from Carlton/Cloquet Community Positive Norms.

On September 25 there will be special music and also at temple talk from the Seafarers Ministry.

CYFED- JoAnn.

The week that Mason was going to go to camp it was canceled due to Covid. The camp fee was refunded.

Third grade Bibles- rescheduled to 2023.

Story time on Sunday has been changed to Jesus and me - JAM.

Adult education- The Study Group will hopefully resume in September. A more structured Bible study time is planned to start in October.

September 7 - there will be a cookout for the kickoff of Faith Formation.

Faith Partners- working on matching students with adults.

Starting a collection of crayons that will be sent to an organization that recycles them.

Debby J. stated that there is food left from the Tri- Parish campfire that can be used for our event on September 7. The council thanked her for her work on the Tri-Parish campfire.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Linda explained that she had sent the June meeting notes before they had been proofread so the copies that were handed out have hand corrections on them. Motion was made JoAnn/Deb D to accept the printed report with noted corrections, MSC.

CORRESPONDENCE: none.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Lynn stated that on the first page of the June statement that investment loss is included under

income and it should actually be recorded in another area and not deducted from income. Our current computer program does not allow us to do this. Motion was made to accept the June statement as printed Deb D./ JoAnn, MSC.

July Treasurer's Report- The Irving Community donation had been entered in the wrong place but this was corrected. It was transferred to Memorial for Youth. Motion was made to accept the report Pastor Seth /Deb D., MSC.

#### PASTOR'S REPORT:

Report on contacting non-attending members - he has called everyone on the list. Has not had many responses and a couple of the phone numbers have been changed.

Prior to Ivy Theisen's baptism he was able to discuss with the family the meaning of baptism. He is hoping to be able to do this with all families in the future.

Continuing Education Retreat- He felt this was valuable. It included spending time connecting with others about dealing with the role of being a pastor and also time for individual contemplation.

Synod youth event in Superior- had a good turn out and did some of the activities at River's Edge due to rainy weather when they were going to be at Jay Cooke.

This event took the place of the event that would've happened if the Youth Gathering had not been canceled.. The Youth Gathering is usually every three years. Hopefully we will have time to connect with our youth before the next one is scheduled.

Cara Keinanen from the Youth Drug Prevention Program will be one of our temple talk speakers in September. Pastor stated he had noticed two women that have been attending service recently and was provided with their names, Lisa Young, and Darla Calverley, and he will be contacting them.

He reminded us to let him know about members who are sick or would like a visit. Lynn is going to have Pat send Bobbie a list of those on the prayer chain so Bobbie can notify Pastor which ones are our members.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

COVID refund- It is still being researched. The holdup is with the IRS.

Update on meetings with River's Edge- we need to be sure that people are very aware that we are not combining churches. River's Edge will contract with Bethesda to pay 25% of specific expenses for Pastor Seth if this is approved by Bethesda, the ELC Synod , River's Edge and the Presbytery. Bethesda is having discussion sessions on Sundays until the vote on this issue September 18. This is shared ministry. It will include two joint meetings per year. There will be one person from each congregation to serve as liaisons between the two churches. The council expressed concerns that it might be too much for Pastor Seth to handle issues that arise in both churches. Pastor Seth stated that he is trying to be proactive about the use of his time and he feels he may not be able to be as active with frequency of visitations. It was suggested to once again look at the use of Bethesda's Visitation Team to cover this area.

Name to acknowledge our shared ministry - Water from a Rock. Two churches with one mission.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Pine Knot worship service ad-This was actually addressed by the Worship Team at their meeting as it was supposed to be on that agenda. It was decided to cancel our ad with them as it was \$10 a month but was only in the paper once a month.

Bobbie's hours-Bobbie has gone back to 20 hours per week and would like to go to 25 hours

per week. She would pick up some of the tasks that Lynn has been doing. Motion was made to allow Bobbie to go up to 25 hours per week effective August 22, 2022 Lynn/Beth, MSC.

Rental of parking lot space- A company that is going to be working on a pumping station in our area has requested a 60' x 60' space in our parking lot for a truck and some pipes. They will be active during the week but there would be no In- and -out activity on the weekend. Probably would need the space for up to two years. Lynn will check with Pastor Rollie about actually asking for rent when we are a nonprofit. It may need to be a donation. It was decided that some members of the church will need to meet with the company to discuss some of the issues about which we have concerns.

The council had voted per text/email to purchase a door for the south entrance (Highway 210) to the church. Hagen's will do the work.

Repair/replace/concrete of stairs/sidewalk by 5th St. entrance - Lynn has contacted a number of individuals and so far no one has returned her calls. She will try to get names of other people to contact.

Carlton Daze parade- Many positive comments about the float and some comments that church members should not have worn shirts that were advertising for Kelly Lake for sheriff. Going forward congregation members will be mindful that the church cannot show support of any candidate.

Congregational meeting September 18:

Motion was made to present to the congregation at this meeting:

1. Approve a contract between Bethesda Lutheran Church and River's Edge Church for Shared Ministry Partnering of Pastor Seth. River's Edge would pay to Bethesda 25% of Pastor Seth's salary and other specific items
2. The council can approve \$5000 for an item that is not included in the budget. (Currently they can only approve \$1500 without a special congregational meeting.)
3. Amend Bethesda's Constitution Continuing Resolution Chapter C 11:01 to read " An accountant/bookkeeper may be hired who is not a member of Bethesda." ( in February 2018 we had voted to amend our constitution to say that a Treasurer may be hired who is not a member of Bethesda. According to the Synod Constitution we are not allowed to do this.)

Beth/Deb D, MSC.

THANK YOU: Phyllis Rousseau, Betty Peterson, Frank Curtis, and Missy Parker for their help with the float for Carlton Daze.

NEXT MEETING: September 20 at 5:30

SNACK : Beth

EXECUTIVE MEETING: September 13 via email

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:11 motion was made to adjourn the meeting Beth/JoAnn, MSC.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Newlon, Council Secretary