

**Christ Lutheran Church  
Council Minutes Corrected  
May 20, 2013**

Present: Pastor Eric Moehring, Council President Heather Heckel, Vice President Tinky Keen, Treasurer Paul Quel, Secretary Stephanie Feaser, Council Members: Dennis Burns, Chad Foltz, Ernie Foltz, Diane Kellogg, Bruce Matson, George Springer, Sarah Vaughan, Guest: Margaret Hudgins

Absent: Pastor Kristin Hunsinger, Ferrell Newman, John Jung

Ernie opened the meeting with devotions.

Minutes from April were approved with two minor corrections.

**Pastor Eric's Report: (Written Report)**

1. Request to pay Pastor Bolden for service June 9 and have communion (up to \$175). **Motion approved.**
2. Pre-baptism/new member learning opportunities – expanding training time, adding classes
3. Vacation days in July
4. Ecumenical opportunity to lead service at Duncan Memorial UMC June 23
5. Ministry meeting dates
6. Request permission to use \$ from Evangelism for two banners for summer service changes = about \$80, OKed
7. Bob Light requested audit for 2012 records, audit committee needed, who will contact who? Bob plus Jim Ingraham and Julie Miller (Dennis will contact) plus budget oversight committee who? Bob Maury, Stan Carey – Leader? Cheryl Matson or Jim Ingraham (Dennis will contact)
8. Proposal to form retired (or not) men's (and women's) group to help with upkeep of church property. Looking for organizer.

**Pastor Kristin's Report: (No report, out sick with the flu)**

**Ministry Team Reports:**

1. Developments on evening alternative service – will start in September with rally Sunday, 5 pm every Sunday, in the fellowship hall, next meeting first Sunday in June at 5 pm
2. Bible school and summer Sunday school planning underway

**Thrivent Choice Dollars Program: (report by Margaret Hudgins)**

1. More members = more money
2. Choice Dollars designates Thrivent money to specific places like Christ Lutheran
3. More promotion and we could get more designations
4. Our funds go to general fund instead of a specific fund, can't designate a specific project
5. No longer have reoccurring designation, but must designate periodically
6. She wants to get cards in hands to designate Thrivent funds to CLC
7. Thank members for directing funds to Christ Lutheran or other program
8. Thrivent members only, not associate members
9. % of congregation eligible? – she has a small list – use website, newsletter, announcements to target her list
10. Some on Council against advertising for Thrivent membership
11. Paul can't tell how much each person designated, just a lump sum.
12. **Motion to support Margaret's efforts to promote Thrivent members to designate to Christ Lutheran, Approved.**
13. At end of year can designate % to specific funds and let the congregation know of changes
14. Keep general fund designation for this year and decide in November for next year
15. George to discretely promote getting more members

**Ministry Team Reports:**

**No reports**

## **Treasurer's Report:**

- Broke even in April
- \$4700 received for Food Panty
- HVAC repairs final payment

## **New Business:**

**Kathy Lantz Letter – Parish Nurse – resigning position.** Proposed recognition event and thank you letter from Council to be written by Heather, invite Kathy to write closing letter for newsletter. **Motion to accept her resignation letter with great sadness was approved.** Seeking new parish nurse recommendations.

**Organ repair needed** – Linda Keener got several bids from \$9,450 - \$28,000 – She recommends we use the step-by-step approach recommended by Lewis & Hitchcock that starts at \$1,200 for initial trouble shooting. How to fund organ overall? Start with excess funds from Sabbatical Fundraiser.

## **Old Business:**

**Fundraiser – Committees did not specify \$10,000 goal in bulletin.** - They asked for \$4,000 for sabbatical = Part 1 and Part 2 = music/organ portion unspecified, instead of stating \$10,000 total combined because it looks like the organ repair is going to be higher than expected. Fundraising/Sabbatical Committees decided on a phased approach, instead of a lump sum approach (Harry, Trenton, Joanne Tripp, Bentz's).

Two or Three Parts = Sabbatical (\$4,000), Bells/Choir (\$4,000), Organ (\$1,200 minimum = extended service visit by Lewis & Hitchcock), other bids ranged from \$10,000-28,000 for total repair.

Proposal – 2-3 Phases, Sabbatical defined at \$4,000 and underway seeking \$4,000 by June 23 (\$50/family) for the Sabbatical. Music piece about \$4,000 for Bells/Choir and unspecified amount for organ repair. Waiting on verdict from extended service visit.

## **Task Force Reports:**

Ernie has a list of members or the congregation that he will scan and send to Council members. Each will pick 10 names to shepherd and bring to the list to the June meeting to discuss.

Bruce is working on Indian Initiative with Pastor and Gerald Ransom.

Joint Pastor's Report Review – Pastor Eric will email to all to review at June meeting.

Sarah is collecting group photos for directory.

Meeting closed with remarks for the good of the church.

**Next Meeting: Monday, June 10**

Submitted by Stephanie Feaser, Council Secretary