

**Christ Lutheran Church  
Council Minutes (Corrected)  
June 10, 2013**

Present: Pastor Eric Moehring, Pastor Kristin Hunsinger, Council President Heather Heckel, Vice President Tinky Keen, Treasurer Paul Quel, Secretary Stephanie Feaser, Council Members: Dennis Burns, Ernie Foltz, John Jung, Diane Kellogg, Ferrell Newman, George Springer, Sarah Vaughan.

Absent: Bruce Matson, Chad Foltz

Pastor Kristin opened with prayer.

Minutes from May were approved as corrected (spelling changes).

Clarification – Cathy Lantz’s position was unpaid by her choice – no salary just some reimbursements. Council would need to assess the position if anyone volunteers for it.

**Pastor Eric’s Report:**

- 1) Revisit of Guidelines for Shared Ministry from two months ago – updated job duties by both pastors by request of Council – who does what. Opened to Council for discussion – recommended periodic review by staff relations and open for comments as priorities change.

**Pastor Kristin’s Report (written report):**

- 1) Youth News - VA Synod Youth Assembly. Christ Lutheran represented by Chad Foltz and Allison Greenday
- 2) Summer Sunday school – 3 Sundays in July with themes of: 1) Christmas in July on 14<sup>th</sup>, 2) Holy Communion on 21<sup>st</sup> and 3) Baptism on 28<sup>th</sup>. VBS is July 14-18 in the evening.
- 3) Evening Worship Update – Start postponed until Sept 8 Rally Day, weekly 5 pm Sunday evening service, unique time and location in fellowship hall, marketed as “evening service with contemporary music and casual attire”, will advertise in Lakeside area, inform other pastors and area and see how they feel about it, Facebook, bulletin boards, Martin Richard poster for church, advertise open for all, note - bells rehearse on Sunday at 5 pm.
- 4) Rally Day Ministry Day proposed – Fair and breakfast and farewell to Pastor Eric on his sabbatical, ministry teams can publicize their committees/upcoming events with exhibit tables, handouts, etc, have background music during Sunday school hour, Time-and-Talent sign-ups for all ministries and committees and information about all educational opportunities the congregation can get involved in. Note – proposed CLC work day be held in October – as part of the ELCA 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary’s celebration “God’s Work, Our Hands”, nationally recognized on Sept. 8.

**Ministry Team Reports:**

**Music** – 3 quotes received for organ repair. We are waiting on initial fundraising efforts to evaluate use of surplus monies for organ repair.

**Treasurer’s Report (Expense Report):**

In red for April, and summer is coming with seasonal changes in expenses and income.

On-line giving - \$5,000 April & \$2,900 May

Kroger sending reimbursement checks, over \$1,000 anticipated so far

\$1,000 from the LAMB’s Basket Fund was sent to LAMB’s Basket.

## **New Business:**

**Stewardship** – Committee meet recently.

- 1) Fall Stewardship drive, dates set.
- 2) Congregational work day options, a) Habitat for Humanity partnership or b) Wounded Warriors partnership, depends on number of workers available
- 3) Two committees to form – an Audit Committee and a Budget Oversight Committee. Note - Keith Brown from Synod is putting together a traveling road show to help congregations; Paul Quel, Cindy Williamson, and members of these 2 committees will be invited to attend.

**United Lutheran Appeal** – Congregations are asked to request donations for support of 9 VA institutions. In the past, we have held this during lent, but support has dropped off in recent years. The program is changing with new envelopes, etc. Discussion - Does Council support this? Who will take lead? Should we pick a Sunday, get a speaker, and request donations? Will the congregation support this for the effort required? Is this too many fund raisers at once? Council supports the effort for those who want to give, but recommends not making a big deal of it this year. Council decided to put envelopes in the bulletin one Sunday in later Fall, ie. Thanksgiving for a one time request, but not have a speaker. Council noted members of the congregation already have concerns regarding our in-house fundraisers and use of “sabbatical” funds.

**Council Election Process** - 6 members going off Council, VP is chair of nominating committee and all off-going members are on nomination committee (except Heather, President). Will place call for nominations in bulletin this Sunday, letters and calls will follow after nominations are made.

**September Congregational Meeting Date** – Election of new council members, consider change in time to right before 2<sup>nd</sup> service, after Sunday school. Concern - What if no quorum between services? Wait until announcements or reschedule. Consider last Sunday of August instead of September as only 1 service. Slate needed by 2<sup>nd</sup> week August, meeting held right after service. Motion approved to hold Congregational Meeting on August 25.

**Revamping Congregational Meetings** – Winter meeting will be Jan 19 or Feb 9. Speaker? John Hermon (also a speaker on at the November retreat) on faith formation and discipleship making. Would have a single Sunday service with forum afterward for brainstorming ideas to strengthen faith, to report to congregation our goals and accomplishments, provide a visual display in addition to written report, and look forward to the future. Goal is to inspire more participation on the part of congregation. Lunch provided with congregational meeting and forum afterwards. Long day from 10 am - 1:30 pm. Many competing priorities. We would like a large attendance, but cannot guarantee it.

**Shepherding As A Tool** – Goal of shepherding is rapport building, to let the congregation know what is going on, and ask for their input - cautiously. For examples, ask why people don't attend congregational meetings and personally invite them to attend, have music in between during transition time. Ask members what they care about, what they need? Show them we care about them, their lives, not just church business.

**Budget Formation Group** – Vote on budget desired by Pastor Eric before he returns from sabbatical. Leader? Glen Kellogg, Trenton Hizer, Paul Quel were on the past team. Mission leaders requested to turn in budgets but Council has no extra funds to give them. Paul will type up the report and tweak it to fit the upcoming years anticipated expenses. Facility and salaries are the major budget items, not mission team expenses. Expectation is that everyone's expenses will remain the same as last year unless they specify changes. Deadline to request changes is September 1.

**Trustees** – Christ Lutheran has 3 trustees - Bruce Matson, Bob Light, and Cynthia St. John. We need to ask if they want to remain active and retain them upon their approval. Motion approved to retain them if they approve. John will contact them. These names will be on ballot as well and nominations can be taken from the floor. Trustees approve legal documents.

**Constitutional Update** – Printed copies distributed. About 3 years ago some changes were proposed, some were made by Jennifer John, Synod and others, but approval from Council is needed. There are 3 documents with proposed changes. These need to be merged into one document to be reviewed by Council and approved by Council, and then the congregation. Need for January meeting, with Council's approval 60 days prior. The required and suggested changes would be up for discussion. Sarah and Diane agreed to work on a draft for the August meeting.

**Continuing Resolutions** – see handout –new ministry team structure from 2011 had not record of approval from Council. Motion to accept these resolutions was passed.

#### **Old Business:**

**Shepherding** – Ernie has been updating his list as Council members give him requested names for their shepherding list. If you have not picked 10 names by Sunday night, Ernie will assign you names from the remaining members and forward the list to Council. Council's job is to contact these members, build relationships, ask for feedback, and invite members to be involved. Shepherd list consists of 154 families, (120 families covered by 12 Council members times 10 congregational members/council member). When the list is finalized, we can announce to the congregation the shepherding goals and let them know to expect to be contacted.

**Congregational Renewal Initiative** – \$1,890 or 47% of \$4,000 goal raised so far. Some congregational members are still unclear on where the money is going, even though it was spelled out in the bulletin. No announcements were made during the summer services to keep time to 50 minutes.

**July/August Council Meetings Dates**– July 8, and August 12 (Diane will take minutes in August.)

Meeting closed with remarks for the good of the church.

#### **Motions Passed:**

- 1) Motion approved to hold Congregational Meeting on August 25.
- 2) Motion approved to retain the three current trustees if they agree to continue their service.
- 3) Motion approved to accept the continuing resolutions.

Submitted by Stephanie Feaser, Council Secretary