

**Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting**  
**Monday, August 12, 2013**  
**7:00 PM**

**Absent: Bruce Matson, John Jung, Stephanie Feaser, (excused) Ferrell Newman**

**Present: Diane Kellogg, Heather Heckel, Tinky Keen, Pastor Eric, Pastor Kristin, George Springer, Dennis Burns, Sarah Vaughn, Chad Foltz, Ernie Foltz**

- 1) Devotions: Heather Heckel (prayer for last meeting before sabbatical!)
- 2) Approve July's Minutes already corrected, sent out. Motion to approve by Sarah, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tinky
- 3) Pastor Eric's Report—highlights listed below (printed copy distributed at meeting)

Morning worship planning team (one of 5 teams), an active team that meets monthly.

Parish Visitors (11 people), already doing hospital visits, and becoming active, visiting homebound members.

Confirmation ministry,

Pastoral care, worship coverage when PK is on vacation, also Trinity Gathering, and new Lay Assistant group will be trained on 9/8.

During sabbatical, pastor will not be at the parish.

Congregational Renewal Initiative Dateline, 10/20/13 One service @ 10:00, SS@ 9:00 am, 11:00 meal. Council needs to vote to approve: vote → George motioned, Sarah 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved having one service at 10 am on 10/20/2012.

- 4) Pastor Kristin's Report

Evening worship service: the timing has changed to twice a month, to accommodate the musicians, (Linda Keener isn't part of this group). The Charlsens & Ferrell Newman are the musicians. Services will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month, starting on 9/22. The service is still scheduled to be a casual, informal, in the fellowship hall, with communion. PK is working on licensing music so we can print the music as well. May look into a projector for this service.

Baptismal font update, pictures not quite ready, but will be by rally day.

Rally day fair information going out tonight, and please pass that on to your liaison groups. Deadline 9/3, really just need to know how many tables to set up.

Sunday school details are being finalized.

- 5) Ministry Team Reports

Evangelism report circulated. Pictorial directories being printed.

- 6) Treasurer's Report: Paul Quel

July was seriously in the red, by over \$11,000 at the end of July. The deficit is covered by the remaining advance offerings (for those who gave their entire year of

offerings at the beginning of the year, Paul allocates a portion on a monthly basis), so we paid our bills. Sabbatical fund \$4100—fully funded, Handbell donation currently at \$550, organ \$25.00. Tinky asked about online giving; we get between \$2000-\$2500 per month electronically. These funds don't show up in the weekly bulletin, so there might appear to be a discrepancy. Cindy Williamson has looked into this, and will figure out how to report these funds.

#### 7) New Business

a) YMCA Fall Update—Dennis Burns says the fall will be the same as this past year. The summer program, in Dennis' opinion, should be discontinued. The age group attending and programs offered in the summer are not the same as during the school year, and really doesn't fit logistically with our facilities.

#### 8) Old Business

##### a) Budget Formation

Any updates, mostly keep budgets the same as current year.

##### b) Stewardship update

Dennis Burns, Jennifer John, and others. Dennis--This year's drive needs to be big, special and something to get more people to give or people to give more. Preferably both.

October 5<sup>th</sup>, is our WorkDay, we have lined up with habitat for Humanity (10/5 is their volunteer appreciation day, so they won't be working on sites) they need people to work at their store or warehouse. Starting next Sunday (8/19), talking about it and sign-up sheets will be available.

Dennis spoke and he has felt that from early on, we need to have a program to explain to people that more is needed (or have more people giving, or both) and make our financial situation clear to everyone. Pastor Eric remarked that this has to be approached carefully. People don't like to give to failing causes. This makes it a fine line of balance, people need to know what the situation is, and be prompted to give as part of their discipleship. We talked at the beginning of the year about making changes for the year, which will help. Stewardship is part of this initiative. We had further discussions. We might want to consider reviving the group that was charged with coming up with new initiatives. What should be significant for this year? Spreading the word, etc cannot be done without a budget. This conversation should go back to the stewardship committee. Dennis, Jennifer and PK will meet prior to the next stewardship meeting to discuss a new direction for the committee.

The Stewardship committee has come up with themes for 5 Stewardship Sundays: 1) Radical Hospitality, 2) passionate worship, 3) risk taking, mission & service, 4) intentional faith development, 5) extravagant generosity

##### c) Council member election update

Many contacted, few agreed, Heather has volunteered to serve another term. Shannon Fleming, Heather Heckel, Gerald Ransone, have all agreed. George Springer will contact the Walthers. The prospective council member names need to be approved, and presented to the congregation for a vote, this is scheduled for 8/25.

##### d) Constitutional update

Diane & Sarah have compared our constitution with the 2011 model and what Jennifer John has done. Will distribute the information via email.

e) Shepherding initiative

Hopefully, everyone has made contact with their flock; it's an individual thing as to how you contact them. Ernie and Chad sent out a letter. Let folks know that we are thinking about them. Proposed a Newsletter article—letting people know about the shepherd program.

f) Rally Day Update

Rally day will be an activities fair with tables and booths set up for the individual ministries (music, etc), and food.

g) Fall Council Objectives

listed last month

long term planning

communications

Will continue this next month.

9) Next Meeting: September 9, 2013, 7:00 PM (George, Ernie will be out of town next month)

10) October Meeting Change: October 21, 2013, 7:00 PM (due to VA ministerium 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, vacation 1<sup>st</sup> Monday)

11) Remarks for the Good of the Church/Closing

12) Meeting adjourned by 9:00 pm