

Zion Lutheran Church  
1000 Washington Avenue  
Cloquet, MN. 55718

Church Council meeting – August 15, 2017

Present: Pastors; Linda and Loren Schumacher, Dorine Houck, Sheryl Monette, Bjorn Anderson, Jeff Wifelmeyer, Jody Ackers, Jason Southerton, Cari Terrio-Johnson, Ruth Jorgenson  
Visitor: Vicki Anderson

The council met in the sanctuary to hear a presentation from Vicki Anderson regarding the organ pipes covering. Her suggestion is to remove the fabric so the organ sound is more clear and true. An article will be in the bulletin to this regard for members to voice their concerns or comments.

Sheryl has stepped down from the president of the council due to a job change. She will remain on council as Vice President. Dorine Houck has consented to move up from V. P. to President of Zion's church council.

Devotions were presented by Pastor Loren. He shared a letter from Bishop Aitken concerning the violence this past week in Charlotte, Virginia. We are to pray "thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven".

A retirement party is planned for August 27<sup>th</sup> for Pastor's Linda and Loren. Jody has planned the event and has folks lined up to help.

Minutes from the July 11<sup>th</sup> council meeting were approved by motion; Jason Southerton and seconded by Cari Terrio-Johnson, motion approved.

Cari gave a review of the financial situation, this past month the giving was close to what was budgeted. We have fallen a little behind over the summer but expect to see giving increase this fall.

Pastor's report: The funeral for Helen Anderson, a former church secretary was held this past month. New members were received; two families that had been attending the *SNAZE* evening worship. Pastors have made an offer on a townhome in Madison, WI and have a buyer for their home in Cloquet. The two offices are being cleaned. Pastor Gary Terrio will be asked to be the "bridge" pastor, until an interim pastor is hired. Dorine will contact Gary regarding this position.

Committees:

Property – the carpet rubber strips are being replaced with lower and wider strips to prevent tripping. The squares that are buckling will be trimmed. Property did not see a need for playground equipment.

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Endowment Fund – Thrivent has both the endowment and capital funds for investing and monitoring.

Education – Day camp was held this past week at Zion. Approximately 70 children were in attendance. Four churches: Zion, Our Saviors, Bethesda, and Mattowa were involved.

Secretary, Ruth Jorgenson