

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
JUNE 28, 2016**

Members present: Kathy Blascyk, Gretchen Chelseth, Phil Johnson, Sheryl Monette, Willie Raisanen, Pastor Linda Schumacher, Pastor Loren Schumacher, Cari Terrio-Johnson, Jeff Wefelmeyer

Members absent: Jody Acers and Ruth Jorgenson

- Meeting called to order at 7:03 by President Kathy Blascyk
- Devotions: Pastor Linda read and paraphrased from theologian Richard Rohr's book "Falling Upward" about life's two stages, focusing on Jesus' "different" way to love, and how we should try it.
- MSC to rearrange some agenda items, putting visioning discussion at the end.
- MSC to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2016 meeting.
- Financial report: Giving was better in May, perhaps due to its having 5 Sundays. Deficit is now approximately \$1000 less than at the same time last year.
- Pastors' report: Much time was spent in May on New Wine Tour scheduling, which necessitated cutting back/delaying on regular pastoral activities/duties. (This was discussed more fully later in the meeting.)
- Committee reports: Called to Care notes that God's Work, Our Hands planning is going well. Date is Sept. 18 this year.  
Christian Education is looking for new models for our programs, including an intergenerational approach. Input from involved families will be sought in this process.  
Worship and Music is looking ahead to the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017, with some ongoing observances being planned.  
Personnel did not meet.  
Property noted that ceiling tile installation is continuing. Ways to address "outside the building" storage were discussed.  
Stewardship and Finance did not meet.
- Old business: Fundraising events: A second drive-through coffee took place the morning of June 24. The proceeds from the 2 coffee "events" came to about \$400. A summer luncheon is scheduled for July 23 in the social hall. Attendance will be limited to 20 people, and the cost will be \$15 per person.  
\$\$ Match for Youth Ministry is currently only \$300 short of its goal of raising \$3000 (thus qualifying for a \$3000 match).  
AED (automated external defibrillator) cost is estimated to be approximately \$1000. A suggested location for this device is on the rear wall of the sanctuary, near the ushers' table.  
Memorial Gifts committee had no update.
- New business: New Wine Ministry - The pastors will be stepping back from their current involvement in this activity beginning in the Fall, due to its time impact on their primary pastoral responsibilities. Much discussion ensued concerning how Zion can best support this important youth program and foster its continued success. There is a need for an organizing "point person". Discussion will continue at the August council meeting (no meeting in July).
- Called to Care storage needs: Ruth J. needs more organized and tidy storage for these ongoing ministries. Willie and Gretchen had some ideas on this and will be contacting Ruth about them.
- MSC - Continuing Education "Rethinking Sunday Morning": \$350 for both Pastors Loren and Linda to attend this event.
- Visioning: MSC to tithe (give 10% of) the Quik Trip \$\$ to external benevolences (charitable causes/programs outside of Zion). Further discussion of ways to use the other 90% of the money

will be ongoing. Members of the congregation will be urged to contact council members with suggestions.

- Council members and any interested others are invited to gather in the sanctuary at 9:10 AM on July 3 to pray for our church.
- Next council meeting will be August 30 at 7 PM.  
The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Gretchen Chelseth, secretary pro tem