

Zion Lutheran Church  
Church Council minutes  
Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Call to order – President Kathy Blascyk called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. members present: Pastors Loren and Linda Schumacher, president; Kathy Blascyk, Jodi Acers, Gretchen Chelseth, Cari Terrio-Johnson, Billy Raisanen, Ruth Jorgenson. Absent: Jeff Wefelmeyer, Sheryl Monette.

Devotions: Pastor Loren read from “Good Government”, written by; President David Lose. The Rev. Dr. David J. Lose is president of The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Dr. Lose believed Luther understood government to be an instrument of God for the caring of the people.

Agenda – A motion was made by Gretchen, seconded by Cari to accept the agenda as presented, motion carried.

Minutes – The minutes from the October meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. Motion by Jodi, seconded by Willie to approve the minutes as written, motion carried.

Financial – Willie summarized the financial report; October was a good month, having five Sundays. The meatball supper proceeds were \$3,500. We are closing the gap on the deficit, only \$600 remains. The total from the Fall Harvest wasn't available, but thought to be very successful. A big thank you to all that worked on the meat ball supper and the fall harvest to make both events successful.

Growth and Discipleship – A brief discussion on the call to be disciples of Jesus Christ and what that entails. Kathy will put together some “posters” depicting discipleship. The SNAZE service is doing well communicating our call to be disciples. A link to the SNAZE information should be added to our website.

Pastors Report – As printed. Pastor Linda attended a week of continuing education at Luther Seminary in St. Paul. There are three phases to the program. The week at Seminary was the first phase. Linda will be working on the second phase in the next few months. Her visiting with other congregations will be required to fulfill her requirements. The council approved her continued work on phase two. The pastors will be leaving after the Thanksgiving Eve service for a long weekend to visit family. Pastor Gary Terrio will be preaching on the 27<sup>th</sup>. The meeting with LSS regarding the LBGTQ meeting space went well, a follow up meeting will be held soon.

Committee Reports:

Called to Care – Will address the needs of the community on the agenda during the “old business” portion.

Christian Education – as printed. Laura is planning a ‘youth works’ mission trip to Chicago next year. She has been meeting at lunch time with the high school “kids”, along with the youth director from Our Saviors Lutheran church. A work trip is being organized to help with “feed my starving children”.

Music and Worship – As printed. Advent service will be using the Holden Evening Prayer service format. Appetizers will follow the worship service. December 11<sup>th</sup> will be Saint Lucia service. Christmas Eve

services will be 2:00 and 4:00. Christmas Day service will be a joint service, 11:00 at the Presbyterian church. The bell choir will be participating in the Thanksgiving Eve service.

Personnel – More members are needed on this committee. Staff review will be done in January. The janitor for the downstairs has changed. An employee from Kids Korner was added to our staff. Her hours will be one and half hours, five days a week for the churches downstairs cleaning responsibilities.

Property – Additional members are needed. A master list of “who” to call when something needs attention is being compiled.

Stewardship – A new feature has been added to the webpage, which allows individuals to make donations to Zion. The stewardship emphasis continues with the collection of the commitment cards this Sunday at both the morning service and SNAZE.

### OLD BUSINESS

Silent Auction - Good response by the participants. The auction netted \$1,138.

Outside projects – A few of the projects were completed this fall, but many remain to be tackled next spring. The frame of the unfinished storage shed in the corner of the narthex and sanctuary has been removed. The fire ring has been cleaned up and the scrap burned. The boy scouts will be asked to offer their time and talents to help with projects.

Stations of the cross - The stations are in place on our property behind the orchard. They will remain up for a period, and taken down over the winter and reassembled for lent.

Sound System – the sound system in the sanctuary has been fixed with a new component. The work was completed by a professional company from Proctor. They will be giving a tutorial on the use of the system. The cost of repairs was approximately \$3,000.

Money we are tithing from the Kwik trip proceeds - Money had been donated to the Barn Yard campaign. The remaining \$5,900 will be given for needs in our local region. The following is the breakdown: Domiano Center \$1,000, CHUM \$1,000, Union Gospel Mission \$1,000, Liberalis \$500. Carlton County Social Services \$500, LSS shelter \$500, Salvation Army food \$1,000, LSS small group needs \$400.

Motion was made by Gretchen, seconded by Cari to approve the disbursement of these funds as listed, motion carried unanimously. Realizing the needs are so great in our communities, we will be increasing our efforts to collect needed items such as; socks, soap, toiletries, etc.

New Business – none

Next meeting – December 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 at Kathy Blascyk. A short meeting will be held, with time for fellowship to follow, spouses are invited to attend also.

Motion to adjourn was made by Gretchen, seconded by Willie, meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Ruth Jorgenson, secretary

