

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Council Meeting
October 16, 2017

The October 2017 church council meeting was called to order by President Eric Wiemken. Pastor Terry led devotions which included a reading from Romans 8:26-28 and "Leadership Prayers" written by Richard Kriegbaum. The church council discussed how these readings spoke to them. Pastor Terry concluded with a prayer and a blessing.

The roll call was taken with 12 members in attendance. Jack Boyd made a motion to forego the reading of the September 2017 minutes and to approve them as printed in the "Beacon". Lori Bevelhmer seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Sue Garmyn presented the treasurer's report as of the end of September 2017 for both the consolidated fund activity and the Gifts to the Memorial Fund. Sue noted that our church received \$1000 from St Mark's for compensation for having their kids for summer school. This money went into the Christian Education Offerings fund. With no questions from council, Ron Meyer made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Dan Helberg seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Pastor Terry began his report by reflecting on his retreat and continuing education at Trinity Days in Columbus. The focus was on Roman Catholic-Lutheran Dialogue. The basic conclusion is that there are no longer substantial differences that should keep us from being full communion partners.

Some upcoming events include the Bishop's Conference meeting at St Stephen's in Hamler on Tuesday October 17th. On Saturday October 28th will be the Gerken/Grosjean wedding.

Kristy Helberg gave the Youth Director's report noting they had their first meeting for the Houston trip and there will be several fundraisers coming up. The first one will be a meal following worship on Sunday October 29th. The Pumpkin Fest is scheduled for Sunday November 19th. A church cookbook is also in the works along with the sale of poinsettias for Christmas.

The Jr. High youth went to Camp Palmer on October 1st. They are also busy with catechism studying the 7 Faith Practices. Trunk or Treat will be Sunday October 29th from 4-5 pm in the church parking lot. On November 2-5 Kristy and Cali Spring will be attending the Youth Summit in Houston Texas.

The deacons had nothing new to report.

The trustees reported Brandt's will be installing the AC unit in the parsonage sometime on October. They are still looking into quotes for the roof replacement for the parsonage. The trustees will also do a walk through the church to see what ballasts need to be replaced.

The elders reported they will be meeting with the Evangelism Committee on Tuesday November 14th. There will also be fellowship hour on Sunday October 22nd.

President-elect Dave Helberg reported the Constitution revision outline is completed and will be handed out along with the revised Constitution on Sunday November 19th at the congregational meeting following worship.

Under old business, church council members volunteered to get quotes for the potential memorial fund projects. Pastor Terry is still in the process of having a nominating committee put together for the congregational meeting on November 19th.

Under new business, a motion was made by Dave Helberg and seconded by

Dan Helberg to recommend the offering schedule for 2018 as presented by the Finance Committee at the congregational meeting on November 19th. The motion passed.

Ron Meyer made a motion to accept the ELCA's recommendation of the Gold Plus Plan for Pastor Terry's health insurance. Jack Boyd seconded the motion and the motion passed.

With the holidays around the corner, a motion was made by Sue Garmyn to replace the Christmas tree in the sanctuary and buy an additional tree for the narthex and decorations not to exceed \$1500. The money would come from the Alter Care and General Purpose Memorial Fund. Andrew Marihugh seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Pastor Terry will be taking his last vacation of the year November 12-17th. Andrew Marihugh made a motion to have Kristy lead worship and compensate her \$100. Ron Meyer seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The next church council meeting will be Monday November 20, 2017 with the executive meeting at 6:30 pm followed by full council at 7:30 pm. The communion helper for November will be Jack Boyd. Eric Wiemken will assist at the 8 am service on November 26th.

A motion to adjourn was made by Andrew Marihugh and seconded by Shawn Hammon. The motion passed. The meeting concluded with the collective prayers for our congregational members followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deb Peter