

Bethany Lutheran Church

COUNCIL MTG

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 6:00 PM

Members Present - Pastor Carleton Smee, Mike LuConic, Bruce Ford, Harvey Bloom, Wade Sandbakken, Cindy Zetah and Wendy Richmond

Meeting called to order by Mike LuConic at 5:58 PM

Devotions, Pastor's Update:

- Pastor Smee read Psalm 84 for devotions.
- Church is open, with singing, while wearing a mask
- Communion was served last Sunday
- Confirmation will be conducted at the church this Sunday, January 24, following the service
- Youth will be doing some skits during Lenten services

Council discussions:

- **Communication** – Mike is concerned with communication (or lack of). He suggested not relying on email, phone conversations would be a more successful form of communication. The directory will be divided between the council members and phone calls will be made to all members. Mike will come up with a list of items/concerns to be discussed with each member.
- **Fire Extinguishers** – Mike contacted the company and all fire extinguishers will be replaced.
- **Financial Secretary's Report** – Bruce made a motion to accept the Financial Secretary's Report, seconded by Wade, motion carried.
- **Hymnals** – it was decided to make hymnals available for people to use to help with the singing. Words will still be printed in the bulletin. Hymnals will be collected at the end of the service and new ones will be put out for the following Sunday.
- **Communion** – the two Pastors will discuss what Sundays we will do communion and how often.
- **Youth Sundays** – it was decided the first Sunday of each month will be Youth Sundays. The youth will help with the service by being ushers, greeters, readers and acolytes. Pastor Smee will send out a message to the families with kids to let them know and hopefully we will get some youth involved.
- **Internet** – Cindy will check on our phone service and get pricing on getting internet service into the church. This would allow Pastor Larson and Pastor Smee to be able to work in the church.

Committee Updates:

Amanda – Youth Activities: No update

Bruce – Fellowship & Community: No fellowship yet at this time

Cindy – Outreach & Evangelism: Cindy's term is up with the Joint Committee with Faith, she would like someone to take over her position

Mike - Stewardship & Finance: We ended the year on a great note. Our Year to Date was \$1,459.98 and our goal was \$1,500.00

Wade/Harvey – Property & Maintenance: No update

Wendy – Worship & Music: Ash Wednesday (February 17) will be held at both churches, the following Wednesday night services (Holden Evening Prayer) will be alternating between the two churches. February 24 at Faith, March 3 at Bethany, March 10 at Faith, March 17 at Bethany, March 24 at Faith. Maunday Thursday, April 1 will be at Faith and Good Friday at Bethany.

Next Council Meeting February 16 at 6:00 PM.

Adjourned with Lord's Prayer at 7:10 PM