

Trinity Lutheran Church Congregational Council
September 14, 2022

The Trinity Lutheran Church Congregational Council meeting was called to order by Saundy Solum at 7:00 pm on September 14, 2022, in the Fellowship Hall.

Members present: Dan Alstad, Betty Dokken, Pr. Elizabeth Hermeier, Terry Holland, Kim Kapplinger, Steve Kemp, Bethany Moen, Laurie Moen, Janna Myrah, Steve Nelson, Saundy Solum, Judy Tollefsrud, Dean Wiste, Mary Zaffke

Pastor Elizabeth opened the meeting with a prayer.

MSP (Laurie/Terry) to approve the Secretary's report from the August meeting.

The Treasurer's Report (placed on file) included the following highlights:

- August offering \$18,442.33
- Total August income \$19,307.32
- Jan.-Aug. loss \$43,436.98
- YTD offering is down \$18,301.50 (11%)
- YTD expenses are up \$21,351.53 (9%)

The Finance Team recommends that Endowments present oral and written reports to the congregation on March 5, 2023.

STAFF REPORTS

Pastor Elizabeth (see attachment)

Pastor Lane (see attachment)

Kerri Jahnke (see attachment)

TEAM REPORTS

Education (Bethany): See Kerri Jahnke's report

Finance (Judy): Council member should turn in budget request by October 4.

Worship (Kim)

- October 9: Blessing of Animals
- Broadcast equipment needs some updating.
- Working on Time and Talent survey

Outreach (Terry)

- Gift packages are being sent to Trinity's young adults (ages 18-22)
- Empty Bowls meal will be in November
- Found a place for the Lion's Den clothing ministry

Care (Laurie)

- HIP materials and supplies are now being stored at the church.
- The Little Free Pantry continues to go well.

Mission in the World (Dean):

- Quilts for Lutheran World Relief will be transported on October 8. The Mission team is arranging the loading.

Staffing (Betty)

- Mary Deters will help manage the Handbell Choir while staffing arrangements are being considered.
- Next month's task will be cleaning up the church files.

Property (Dan)

- There is an issue with water on the west side of the church.
- Dan will contact the company doing steeple repairs in Rushford.

Communications (Mary): The Time and Talent survey sheet is being finalized.

Stewardship (Steve K.)

- On October 16, Stewardship will present a Temple Talk.
- Zoom meeting on October 18 with Emily Carson, Assistant to the Bishop.
- Stewardship Team will serve food at the Annual Meeting.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Reminder: Read "All Who Are Weary" for October council meeting.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Covid: protocols will remain the same.

Master Planning Committee: a week from Sunday is a Special Congregational Meeting for the stained-glass window project. So far, we have \$30,000 in cash received, and \$30,000 in matching funds for the windows. The Heritage Endowment will vote on allocating funds for the window repair.

AED Update (Dean)

We will need someone to be in charge of care and maintenance and also someone with CPR training.

Trinity Center

- **HIP** has been relocated to the church
- The school will pay an extra \$900 a year for storage at Trinity Center.

All-Team Retreat

- All team members are invited to the retreat on October 2 at Giants of the Earth Heritage Center from 11:00 am -2:30 pm. Lunch will be served.
- The retreat will include two periods of Bible study and use of a participation analysis tool.
- Team leaders should let the office know by September 25 how many from their team will be attending the retreat.

Homework for All-Team Retreat: Participants need to consider how to answer the question, “What keeps you up at night?” Ask a Trinity member and a non-Trinity member “What things feel like losses? What do you wish would come back?”

NEW BUSINESS

Planning for Rally Sunday September 18: Pastor Elizabeth encouraged bringing a friend.

Planning for Congregational Meeting on September 15:

Zoom link has been sent and Outreach Team will standby for calls that come in.

Annual Meeting and Endowment Reports

- The Annual Meeting is set for February 5, 2023.
- On March 5, 2023, a special informational meeting will be held to present the reports of the endowment committees.

Broadcast Equipment

MSP (Terry/Dan): to purchase a desktop computer with monitor and two cameras at the cost of \$2,400 with money from the Media Ministry Fund account.

Landscaping

It was noted that there is \$4,000 in a fund for landscaping. A discussion was held about the possibility of creating a landscaping plan. No action at this time.

498-HOPE

A discussion was held on whether to suspend 498-HOPE. In light of positive feedback received, the council will further study the matter of suspending this ministry.

MSP(Dan/Mary) to adjourn the meeting at 8:30.

Next Council meeting: Wednesday, October 12 at 7:30.

Submitted by Janna Myrah, Acting Secretary