



Council Meeting Minutes

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

January 8 (Sunday), 2023, 10:30 am at church

Next meeting: February 12, 2023

“To worship God as an intergenerational praying community, learning God’s Word, and building lasting relationships as we grow in God’s love and grace.”

Members Present: Wendy Szczepanski, Miriam Flysjo, Craig Loen, Kathy Carlsted, Pastor Dwight Rudquist, Becky Hulden (via phone) **Members Absent:** none

A. Opening Devotions - Craig

February- Kathy

B. Sharing Story- Wendy, Craig

C. Pastor’s Report- Pastor Dwight

In addition to the regular services, Pastor led the service at the Lodge on Dec 16.

Pastor Dwight did not have as many visits with people because of Covid. Christmas services went well.

The Vision task group will have a Soup supper meeting on January 17th at 5pm. Anyone who is interested in helping determine our Shared Ministry path is encouraged to attend. A representative from the Synod will be there to guide us through our next steps.

Ash Wednesday is Feb 22. Pastor Dwight will take care of the style of service and ask if people want to move the service to an earlier time. There won’t be a Soup Supper.

Pastor will be gone March 8.

The North Conference Pastor meeting is a monthly meeting for pastors in Chisago County plus Forest Lake. Each meeting has a program or discussion and a time for fellowship. It is a good way for the pastors to find out what is happening in the area churches.

D. Treasurer’s Report – Becky

Our income in December (\$9,971) is a little less than adequate for our budget.

We are at 50% of our fiscal year. Our income (51%) and Expenses (46%) are right on according to our budget.

We have \$6,152.87 more in our accounts than last month.

We are being charged \$5 a month for a paper statement on the Samaritan fund. Becky will check into this.

Jerry Rhodes and Becky will be working on year end giving reports on January 16th

E. Property committee projects

Pastor will schedule a property committee meeting at the end of January or beginning of February. The Property Committee will determine the priority of proposed projects.

F. Events group- Fundraising, service, fun

The council is looking for a group of people willing to set up an events group to plan fundraising, service and fun events.

G. Motion to adjourn, second

Miriam. Craig

Coming up: Vision group, January 17, 5:00. Soup and idea sandwiches

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) Mobile Pack at Hosanna Lutheran, Forest Lake April 19-22- anyone interested in helping is encouraged to attend.

The April council meeting will be April 16 because of Easter.

Becky is planning a Healthy heart/valentine's celebration in February. Details to follow.

Faithfully submitted,

Miriam Flysjo, council secretary