



Council Meeting Minutes

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

January 14, 2024, 10:40am

Next meeting February 11. Becky will meet remotely via zoom

“Proclaim the gospel and Serve our neighbors.”

Members Present: Rose Anderson, Miriam Flysjo, Craig Loen, Becky Hulden, Kathy Carlsted, Pastor Dwight Rudquist **Members Absent:** none

Pastor Dwight shared opening devotions. Rose volunteered to lead devotions in February. Becky and Pastor Dwight shared how God is present in their lives.

Pastor's Report-

Pastor Dwight will let Justin know of our participation in the cohort.

Pastor Dwight will make the agreed upon changes for his continuing contract so it can be signed and sent to the synod.

Fat Tuesday is February 13. MiChiLu will sponsor a Pancake Supper at Chisago Lake Lutheran in Center City from 4:00-6:00. Craig will get Thrivent money. Rose will purchase the necessary food. We will donate maple syrup.

Synod Toolkit is on February 24th at Faith Lutheran in Forest Lake. Craig and Becky will attend. Other members are also encouraged to attend.

We need 2 voting members for the Conference Meeting and the Synod assembly May 10-11. Pastor Dwight will ask for volunteers to serve as voting members.

The Ash Wednesday Service is February 14 at 7:00.

The remainder of the Lent services will be at 5:00. Pastor will determine which service to use. A Soup Supper will be served at 4:30 prior to the Lent service. Rose and Becky will organize the suppers. Angie will create a sign up sheet for volunteers.

During Lent Choir practice will follow the Lenten services.

There is a seminar called Spiritual gifts at Zion in Chisago City on March 2.

All three motions presented at the Special Congregational Meeting on January 14 passed. The council will give preliminary approval of the minutes so they can be posted in the February newsletter.

Pastor Dwight will follow up on chairs for the fellowship hall by asking for interested people to join the committee to review the findings and decide what to do about the fellowship hall chairs.

Treasurer's report- Our income for December was \$16,442.67 which is \$5,931.67 over our monthly budget goal. It should be noted that this income came from 6 services, including Christmas Eve. The Christmas offering is added to the general fund

Our primary checking is \$8392.96, which is higher than December's report.

Our Special savings is \$97.57, which is higher than December's report.

Property Committee

Elevator - The ceiling is rusty from a slow leak. A pan will be put in place to catch dripping water, which will evaporate and not cause further damage. The ceiling needs to be painted.

Bathrooms- The property committee is making good progress on the bathroom remodeling.

South side regrading will be completed when the weather warms up.

Chairs- Pastor Dwight will follow up on chairs for the fellowship hall by asking for interested people to join the property committee to review the findings and decide what to do about the fellowship hall chairs. Sample chairs will be available for review.

The council approved the use of the Sanctuary for a Renewal of Vows ceremony in August. A donation to the church will be proposed in lieu of a fee.

Members from the What's Next Task force and Church Council will participate in the Season of Renewal Cohort which begins on March 7. The February 1 session is just for pastors. Additional members from the congregation can participate in the year-long process. The congregation approved the expense to join the Season of Renewal Cohort at the Special Congregational Meeting.

How are we living into our Mission Statement and How can we live into it better?

On January 14, Deb Rhoads did the Mission Moment and told about the Backpack for kids program at the Chisago Lakes School district.

On January 28, Kathy will tell about the mission of the quilt group.

Future Events

- Mi-Chi-Lu Pancake Supper on Fat Tuesday February 13 from 4:00-6:00 at Chisago Lake Lutheran in Center City. Volunteers are needed
- Ash Wednesday Service - February 14th at 7:00

Miriam motioned to adjourn at 11:59. Craig seconded.

Faithfully submitted,

Miriam Flysjo, council secretary