



## Meeting Minutes

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

February 11, 2018, 10:30 to 12:00 pm

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

**Members Present:** Joe Landgreen, Duane Olson, Pastor Mary Kaye, Don Hansen, Wendy Szczepanski, and Rose Anderson, **Members Absent:** Gayle Langer **Guests:** Joe Lees St. Paul Area Synod

### A. Opening Prayer- PMK

**B. Sharing story-**Where you have seen God working in your life this month.

### C. Finance Report- Joe

**PMK made motion to move the Klinke bequest funds from Memorials to General. Duane, seconded, motion carried**

There was conversation regarding giving income less than budgeted expenses. Salary reductions must be made to corresponding giving levels. Don presented a draft budget for the 2018/2019 year that totaled 144,000, down about \$20,000 from the current year.

**Joe made a motion to reduce PMK’s salary by another 15% of current levels (which is 20% for the year) and Michelle Lynch’s salary by 20% when the Klinke bequest reaches \$4500 balance. Rose seconded. Motion carried**

### D. President’s Report- Don

Joe Lees, St. Paul Area Synod was in attendance- There was conversation regarding current financial options and possibilities for First Lutheran—How do we change the glide path of our church attendance and mission. Tithing is giving first fruits. We need to discover Gods promises and stewardship is about where your heart is. One needs to experience it. We as a church need to know our purpose. God is getting our attention to do something important. Joe talked about shared ministry, and we need to do something now with shared ministry. Joe passed out the ministry matrix to the Council. We as a council must take the lead on shared ministry to make this work. Don will update the congregation with a verbal and newsletter article.

**E. Pastor Report-PMK-** Lodge book study at 10 total, going well. Opportunities to minister in this area is large, although there is minimal time available to expand, Weekly visits continues.

**F. Worship Committee report-PMK, All Lenten services are set. Ecumenical Good Friday service planned.**

**G. Property Committee-Joe, Don-**

This past week the State inspector for elevator was here for the first time since it was installed in 1995. He checked it and found a few minor issues, and he shut power off and made the elevator stop below the basement floor which is not good. I called Access Lifts and they had a cancellation for service so they came out yesterday. He double checked the elevator and could not duplicate what the inspector did. Access Lifts rechecked everything on the elevator and took care of all the other small items on the inspector s list and gave our elevator a clean bill of health. The inspector did say we need to keep the machine room doorway clear of boxes and not have the key hanging outside the door. Also if anyone gets stuck in it Minnesota requires that only authorized people work to get them out. That would be the fire department or Access Lifts for Liability issues.

Scandia heating came out and checked the boiler in the addition and the 3 furnaces behind the kitchen. Everything checked out fine. They will be back in the spring to clean the boiler and this week to drop in new filters in the furnace by the kitchen. Their business cards and contact information are posted on the wall by Angie's desk and on the furnace and elevator in case of emergency or repairs if needed.

**H. Lutheran Companions Fund-PMK** talked to Carol, Carol did have ideas on the designated the funds. Decisions regarding designation of funds will be deferred until May when all Lutheran Companions can meet.

**I. Memorial Committee-Duane- Clarified** the Kathleen and Orville Johnson gift for the New Creations award.

**J. Motion to adjourn Wendy, Rose motion carried.**