



# Council Meeting Minutes

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

May 1, 2022, 10:15am- 11:30am

Next meeting: June 12, 2022

“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, Rose Anderson, Miriam Flysjo, Craig Loen, Becky Hulden, Kathy Carlsted, Pastor Dwight Rudquist

## A. Opening Devotions - Becky

June - Kathy

## B. Sharing Story- Kathy

## C. Pastor’s Report - Pastor Dwight

Pastor Dwight presided over Lenten services and Sunday services in April. He led Bible study, met with the confirmation class and helped with collecting sap and clean up.

He is wondering if the Bible study should break for summer.

Confirmation class will be wrapped up in May. He will try to do some youth activities this summer.

Pastor Dwight will meet with the Reopening Task Force to discuss if there are changes needed in the Covid protocol now that Covid cases and hospitalization are on rise in MN and WI. They will also discuss when it is time to return to traditional communion and offering (passing the offering plates).

Pastor Dwight attended Feed my Starving Children with 5 youth and some adults. It was a good experience.

Vacation time

May 14-15

June 23-30 (one Sunday June 26)

July 28- Aug 5 (one Sunday July 31)

Pastor Dwight and Craig met with staff to determine if there were concerns or needs. The conversations went well.

Lenten services and the return of some of the liturgy to the service is appreciated.

## D. Treasurer’s Report - Becky

Our offering for April was bountiful for our budget. We should be at 83% of our budget. Income is 100% of the budget. Expenses are 80% of the budget.

The total amount for the Lenten offering was \$1682.

**Motion** Becky made a motion seconded by Kathy, to send \$500 each to the Community Meal at Zion Lutheran and Feed my Starving Children and \$682 to Together with Friends. Motion passed.

### **E. Choir**

Wendy will ask Michelle if she is interested in directing the choir and if it should meet during the summer or start in the fall.

### **F. Spiritual Listening -**

Pastor Dwight, Wendy and Becky met to plan what spiritual listening will look like at First. They are considering the name: Doing Something New.

A letter will be sent out to potential listeners explaining the program and inviting them to a training session on May 17. We hope to get 10 listeners with each listener contacting 5 members. .

We plan to listen to members in the summer and then meet with members of the community by September so we can present the findings to the congregation in the fall.

We are trusting the Holy Spirit to lead us through this listening experience and into our next phase of ministry.

### **G. Road Signs - Wendy**

Wendy met with Ben Utech with Chisago County Public Works on March 22 about the placement of directional signs to FELC on the intersection of County Roads 37 and 20. There will be two signs, back to back. Wendy filled out the form and sent a check for \$700 to the county. Expected completion should be in 6-8 weeks after they receive the form and check.

### **H. Outdoor Project progress -**

Pastor will contact Don about the timeline for the regrading and replacement of the sidewalk.

### **I. Motion to adjourn Rose, second Craig**

**Upcoming events: Synod Assembly - May 13,14** to be attended by Pastor Dwight, Wendy and Miriam.

Faithfully submitted

Miriam Flysjo, council secretary