



## Council Meeting Minutes

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

June 9, 2019, 10:45-12:30pm

“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:** Pastor Mary Kaye, Don Hansen, Wendy Szczepanski, Rose Anderson, Joe Landgreen, Miriam Flysjo **Members Absent:** Craig Loen Duane Olson tendered his resignation effective May 1.

**A. Opening Devotions-** Wendy Next time Miriam

**B. Sharing story-** Rose

**C. Pastor Report-PMK-** Things going pretty well. It has been busy since Easter. Hopefully things will be calmer now. PMK’s schedule is not as concrete for the summer. Wednesday night Bible study will continue during the summer. In Fall will have Faith stretch which combines Bible study and prayer group for a specific amount of time. Book study at Lodge is every Wednesday. Wendy and Rose lead it when PMK is not able to attend.

**D Worship announcement for council** We will have supply preachers three times this summer. Communion will move from first Sunday of July to the last Sunday in June because there will be a supply preacher on July 7 who is not ordained, therefore not eligible to preside at communion. We will also have a supply preacher the last Sunday in July and the first Sunday in August.

**E. Steeple update-** PMK was asked about what happened to the lights on the steeple. Don explained that there were two rods that stuck out about 10 feet from the steeple and had flood lights attached. It was not safe to replace the lights so they were cut off the last time the steeple roof was replaced. Maybe could do a ground based lights so it would be safe to replace the lights. Joe will look at churches in Stillwater that light up their steeples to see how their lights are set up. If we are going to light up the steeple again it needs to be affordable and safe to maintain.

Fundraising Events:

**Community picnics:** June 30 at noon. Brats and salads. Free will offering Don and Rose will help. Friday, July 26 at 5:30- Burgers, veggies and watermelon and Sunday August 18 at 11:00.

Saturday, September 7 at 5:00 ; Sunday, Oct 6 at 11:00; Saturday, Nov 2 breakfast 10:-12;  
Sunday, Dec 1 breakfast

**F. Treasurer Report.** Joe- Money is really tight now. We have borrowed money from Klinker fund to meet expenses. The offering on the last two Sundays was very small.. about \$1200. We need about \$2000 a week to keep up with bills. We don't have a backup plan if we are short. At this point we don't have outstanding bills.

Insurance Audit was done by Granell Mutual. They appraised the stained glass and priced out every window. We were given a list of corrections: leaking ceiling at the back entry, Exit light not working and Emergency lights not working. These items need to be fixed by the first of September.

Child safety training for youth leaders has been mostly completed, but not documented. Youth leaders' background screening is already being done. We should be able to meet the insurance company's requirements in a few months. We have in our history here a social media use policy. PMK will unearth that & also whatever child safety documentation & policy we do have, update, and put together a proposal for the council to review. Some insurance companies require background be done every year. Joe will ask how often employee and volunteer background checks are required by our insurance company.

**G President's Report- Don--** This is Don's last council meeting. He felt called to serve when the church was at a crossroads. It was incredible to feel God calling him to serve. He's not sure what God is calling him to do next. It is also Joe's final council meeting. The rest of the council thanked them for their years of service.

**H. National night out Event, Taylors Falls Elementary on Tuesday Aug 6** Wendy- In past years Pastor Kevin has had a booth of Together with Friends and First Baptist church. Wendy suggested we have a booth so we can hand out new brochure about First Lutheran. PMK will be there. Any other volunteers? Hours from 6:00-8:00.

Worship at lodge July 21 at 2:00. Contact PMK to volunteer to help.

**I. Motion by Joe, seconded Don by to Adjourn**

**Next council meeting on July 21 at 10:30am**