



## Meeting Agenda

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

October 08, 2017

"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, Gayle Langer Duane Olson, Pastor Mary Kaye, Don Hansen, Rose Anderson, **Members Absent:** Wendy Szczepanski **St. Paul Area Synod:** Krista Lind

### A. Opening Prayer- PMK

**B. Sharing story-**Where you have seen God working in your life this month. Rose made herself available for funerals this week. The backpack program continues to thrive; Deb Rhoad's for the program, over 50 kids are fed on weekends because of this program in TF elementary. New members of Kathy and Bob Carlson and to our community from Frederic, WI.

**C. St. Paul Area Synod Conversations-Krista Lind-** There were conversations regarding FELC's abundance and partnerships together with other churches and communities. The council provided examples and demonstration of the abundances in our congregation. We talked about outreach, providing worship in Parmly, Good Samaritan in St. Croix Falls and the Lodge in TF. The book study on race and Surprise Me group (faith stretch), Going to Humble Walk Church tonight (October 8, 2017). Women from "refuge" came to talk to our church about battered women and quilts that were made by FELC for the women of refuge. PMK stated that from a national perspective we are a large church. We have a sense of mission. Krista told us about what is going in the synod and 4 main ways of funds that come from the St. Paul Area Synod are used. 1) 47% goes to National Synod in Chicago for worldwide mission and support; 2) Local mission partners, for example Lutheran campus ministry at UofM; 3) Synod Ministries-African ministries in Stillwater in partnership with Presbyterian; and 4) St. Paul Area Synod Staff. Krista indicated that Joe Lees is the SPAS staff member that looks at partnerships among Lutheran Congregations in the state.

**D. Pastor Report-PMK,** 2 funerals this week, Wednesday or Thursday, and Saturday. Confirmation schedule will be out this week. Book Study at Lodge to be launched this week. Several visits to homebound members this week.

### E. Worship Committee report-PMK

Confirmand reunion scheduled for November 26 during the Lighting Festival. All confirmation member reunion participates in worship. Julie Magnuson is the coordinator of this event

Psalm tone will change on November 3

December 24, Sunday morning worship at 9 am, candlelight service at 4pm and 10pm.

Lent meal will be from 5:30 to 6:30 and service starts at 6:30

Motion by Gayle to approve and accept Worship committee recommendations and report, Rose seconded. Motion carried

### F. President's Report- Don

Elevator repair and maintenance update-Don stated that the elevator required a new battery pack to make it operational. The technician stated that annual maintenance would be helpful to prevent malfunction. Also, the door rollers need to be replaced and a load test be done. The elevator has

not been inspected by the State of Minnesota for at least the last 5 years. A quote for the repair work will be sent to us from Access Lifts Inc. this week. Don thought that the repair could be several thousand dollars and wanted to ask the Congregation for special gifts to ensure annual maintenance in the future. Once the repairs are made Don will call the State of Minnesota for an inspection since this has not been done in the annual licensing of the elevator.

Don mentioned that the elevator is safe to use now.

Motion by PMK to request money from Congregation to repair the elevator. Any additional funds needed for the repair will be from the Klinke memorial

Seconded by Duane, Motion carried

**G. Property Committee-Joe, -Shingle and gutter maintenance,** Bruce and Joe inspected the roof and the shingles are not double nailed thus the shingles are coming off on the south side. A bid to repair the shingles will be obtained in the spring.

The maple tree removal estimate was \$600- \$800.00, A new tree 4 inch diameter would be \$ 500-700.

**H. Finance Report- Joe.** We are currently \$8,000 below budgeted giving, typically we have caught up in subsequent months to cover shortfalls however, this has not happened and we do not have sufficient funds to make payroll next week unless the October 8, 2017 Sunday giving is greater than \$3,500.

Joe made a motion to use Klinke memorial for this occurrence to cover payroll if the Sunday giving is not sufficient. Rose seconded. PMK abstained, motion carried. Joe and Don will share the financial information with the congregation next Sunday.

**I. Duane- Lefsa making, Date change to November 4,**

**Lutheran Companions-** Is a couples club, there is an account within QuickBooks that tracks income and expenses for Lutheran Companions, the current balance is \$1,554.83. There was conversation regarding the income and expenses for lutefisk, lefsa come from the Lutheran Companions. There was also conversation regarding the use of Thrivent gift cards and the accounting of them. Joe will check with our accountant on the use of gift cards.

**Motion to adjourn Rose**

**Joe seconded. Motion carried**