



Council Meeting Minutes

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sunday, October 10, 2021, 10:15 am-11:00 at church

Next meeting November 14, 2021

“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, Kathy Carlsted, Pastor Dwight Rudquist
Members Absent: Craig Loen, Becky Hulden

A. Opening Devotions – Dwight

November - Wendy

B. Sharing Story - Miriam

C. Pastor’s Report- Pastor Dwight

This month Pastor Dwight led worship and visited some parishioners. He also attended several meetings: Intergenerational Sunday school, Reopening task force, basement repair and church council.

Pastor Dwight will set up a memorial committee meeting to discuss the designated memorials and what the money can be used for. He will invite committee members: Darlene M, Wendy S, Becky H and Rose A. Jerry R will also be invited.

No one responded to the invitation to join the stewardship task force. Maybe we need to have the Stewardship program in the spring.

Bible Study will start next week. Some people signed up for Book study. The day for the Book Study has yet to be determined.

The Reopening Task Force recommends worship outside on Oct 17 and wearing masks when inside. Fellowship time will continue to be outside. Given the rise in Covid cases in the area, the committee recommends no fellowship inside.

Oct 24 installation service will be inside with fellowship time outside. We will serve a selection of bars and coffee.

D. Treasurer’s Report – Becky

1. Our offering income for September was about \$3000 below our budget, however our accounts are stable for the time being.

2. We are below 25% in both income and expenses after the first quarter.

E. Child Protection Policy

Pastor will meet with Wendy to finish up the child protection policy.

F. Basement Water

Don H contacted and met with different companies about repairing the leak in the basement.

Innovative Basements' bid included \$10,000 for demolition work. The final bid is \$50,000.

Rite-Way basement's bid of \$20,500 does not include the concrete work.

Don knows of someone who estimated he could do the concrete work for about \$12,500.

Don contacted a third company but has had no response. It does not appear they are interested in submitting a bid.

There was discussion about how to fund this project and if we can do it in smaller steps. It was decided to table the decision until November to allow time to ask the property committee for a recommendation and check on available finances.

G. Motion to adjourn, second

Kathy motioned to adjourn, Miriam second.

Faithfully submitted,

Miriam Flysjo, Council Secretary