



## Meeting Agenda

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

November 19, 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, Wendy Szczepanski, Rose Anderson, **Members Absent:**

### A. Opening Prayer- Don Hansen

**B. Sharing story-**Where you have seen God working in your life this month. Wendy visited relatives in Blue Earth County, made lefsa, lots of fun, blessing of family and friends. Duane is now a great-great grandfather. PMK joys of baby sitting

### C. Pastor Report-PMK

The three big events this past year are now completed and we need to plan for next year. Several conferences and workshops are now available for signup:

- 1) The St. Paul Area Synod Assembly May 18-19-, St Andrews in Mahtomedi-Don, PMK;
- 2) Conference Assembly February 24.
- 3) Tool Kit-Saturday, in February-Wendy, Rose.
- 4) Luther Point Meeting – Duane.
- 5) Youth Leaders Recharge Conference- Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>-Rose.

Signage for Church-Don will talk with Adam regarding placement and history.

Received a call from St. Paul Area Synod, partnership and shared ministry coordinator Joe Lees. A meeting for area churches that may be look at possibilities of Shared ministries. Don will call Joe to find out more about this program.

### D. Worship Committee report-PMK

Confirmand reunion next Sunday, Pastor Phil Peterson will be preaching/PMK presiding, communion will be served.

Riley and Jason will be received as new members November 26.

Conversation regarding use of Psalm tone during worship. PMK welcomed all who are interested in further conversation to the worship committee meetings once per month on Tuesday mornings, or to talk with her.

Don received several compliments this week on how wonderful the choir sounded and music selection. Well done Michelle Lynch and Michelle Canaday.

### E. President’s Report- Don

Fiscal Concerns-I continue to be concerned about our ability to give the approved budgeted amount for the 2017/2018 year, which is about \$161,000. In reviewing the giving to date, the decline in offering is because of people who have moved out of the area, transfers to other churches in the area, and the passing on of members. PMK sent a letter last week to all members sharing this information. Giving is usually greater November and December so I am hopeful that we will catch up.

Elevator repair update- The part needed to fix the elevator was ordered. Will take another week to get here. We have about \$3,500.00 from special gifts which should cover the repair of the elevator.

**F. Property Committee-Joe,** Maple tree was removed by Dallas Brown Tree Service and Dallas donated half the cost of the removal. A special gift was received for the other half.

**G. Finance Report- Joe.** The balance in general checking account is \$500.00. We have received \$48,000 in offerings to date. Staff salaries were \$47,000 to date, thus giving has only covered salaries. We had a \$10,000 surplus in February, 2017 and have now used all of that to cover all other expenses. Motion by Duane, to accept finance report, PMK seconded, motion carried

**H. Duane-- Clarify where income from Lutefisk, Lefsa making, Funeral Food, and relationship to Lutheran Companions.**

Lutefisk Dinner Income: \$927.00. Expenses: \$200 to Union Gospel, \$100 to Family pathway, \$626 to Lutheran Companions.

Lefsa making: \$75 to Union Gospel Mission.

Lefsa and Lutefisk received \$250 from Thrivent.

Lutheran Companions conversation deferred to next council meeting. The question will be to clarify committee members, who are the members, what is the role of the committee.

Correction to December 11, 2016 minutes regarding Funeral Food. The Funeral and Hospitality fund is a separate fund not related to the Lutheran Companions. We serve the funeral food as an act of love for the family and ask the family pay the cost of the food.

**I. Memorial Committee report- Duane submitted report and is attached. Motion by Joe and seconded by PMK to adjourn. Motion carried.**