



## Council Meeting Minutes

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Sunday, December 12, 2021, 10:00-11:00 AM at church

Next meeting January 9, 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 (via phone), Kathy Carlsted, Pastor Dwight Rudquist **Members Absent:** none

### A. Opening Devotions – Miriam

January - Craig

### B. Sharing Story- Pastor Dwight, Wendy

### C. Pastor’s Report- Pastor Dwight

Pastor Dwight had some visits with people in person and on the phone. He also attended several meetings. He is currently meeting with 3 confirmation students via Zoom.

The ReopeningTask force recommended continuing with the current Covid protocol into the new year. They also decided to allow some choir members to sing harmony for the early Christmas Eve service and have established a plan to follow the Covid protocol.

Pastor Dwight’s vacation plans have changed so he will only miss the January 2 service.

December 26 will be a service of Lessons and Carols.

Pastor Dwight discussed encouraging members to attend the workshop: *Tools for the Church in an Uncertain Time*. The workshop meets in person at Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church in St. Paul on January 8 from 9:00-12:00. Pastor Dwight thinks the workshop would offer insight on how to make decisions about the future of our church.

Pastor Dwight brought up sending gift cards to our high school and college students. He offered to use his maple syrup money to buy the gift cards.

### D. Treasurer’s Report – Becky

Our offering income for November was right at our budget. Five months into the fiscal year, we should be at 42% of our budget. We are at 48% for income and 38% for expenses. Currently we have about \$45,000 available for property projects. Becky is working on getting the PPP loan of \$15,000 forgiven.

### E. Basement Water

Pastor Dwight is meeting with Don, Bruce and Tim on Tuesday to put together a proposal about how to prevent water from coming into the basement. They will make suggestions about what the complete job looks like and how it could be done in different phases. They will report to the council in January and make a presentation to the congregation before spring.

## **G. Upcoming events**

- **January 9**, Last year Epiphany home blessings were done by volunteers who visited our shut-ins. After discussion, the council decided to do the visit in the middle of February to help break up the long winter and have more time to determine what the visit will look like.

### **-February 12, North Conference Assembly at 10am via Zoom**

We need to get 2 people to attend the North Conference Assembly in February and to be voting members for the Synod Assembly in May.

### **-February 26, Toolkit for church leaders, 8:30-12:15, in person meeting at Prince of Peace, Burnsville**

We would like to encourage people not on the council to attend since there are many interesting sessions that would benefit anyone.

## **H. Other Business**

Wendy will check with the city and county about placing a directional sign indicating the location of the church.

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

Rose motioned to adjourn and Kathy seconded it.