



Meeting Agenda

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

December 17, 2017, noon to 2 pm

“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, Duane Olson, Pastor Mary Kaye, Don Hansen, Wendy Szczepanski, Rose Anderson, **Members Absent:** Gayle Langer

A. Opening Prayer- PMK

B. Sharing story-Where you have seen God working in your life this month. Joe- Shared a story about his recent visitation at nursing home; Rose also shared a story regarding her recent mishap with her vehicle and escape from injury.

C. Pastor Report-PMK,

8 new members, including 2 who were active non-members. Small group, Faith Stretch 2, will start in January. The Lodge book group continues. We had conversation regarding our mission and what will we be doing this 2018 for our mission outreach and funding raising. There is a great need for service with and to the elderly. Next Lodge service will include the confirmation class.

D. Worship Committee report-PMK,

Following the Epiphany season we will stop chanting the Psalms.

It is important that the discipleship group leader connect to all people on the list. The most important objective is to build relationships, and to engage everyone possible, of every age, in worship.

E. President’s Report- Don

Elevator repair update- The part needed to fix the elevator was installed and is repaired. Thanks Pete for being available for the repair by the contractor.

Church Signage update- Don will follow-up again with the City, they have not called back. Don also reported on the meeting with Trinity, Immanuel, Zion, Chisago Lakes churches to enter into conversation on sharing ministries. The St. Paul Area Synod staff, Joe Lees, facilitated this discussion. These churches are also facing funding challenges.

F. Property Committee-Joe, Nothing to report

G. Finance Report- Joe. We are almost 15K behind in budgeted giving, there is about \$1000 in checking, there are sufficient funds to pay bills this month. The Klinke fund was used in early December to pay a portion of the property insurance because of insufficient funds. If sufficient funds to make up a portion of the budgeted giving deficit are not received by December 31, there

may not be sufficient funds to meet payroll beyond January. Joe suggested waiting till after Christmas to determine course of further action.

Duane visited with Leo and Carol Nelson, Lutheran companion's members, regarding the use of the funds designated to Lutheran Companions. The consensus of that conversation was to transfer those funds to the general fund. PMK will consult with Carol, Leo and Eleanore this week, to verify intent of original group, and find minutes, if possible. Rose made a motion to accept the finance report; Wendy seconded. Motion carried.

H. Other-Duane suggested FELC host an informational meeting on estate planning given by Thrivent's Craig Stockel. The consensus was that this would be a useful informational meeting. Duane volunteered to follow up with Craig.

I. Motion to adjourn Joe, Wendy