

Bethany Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting October 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Hughes at 6:30 p.m.

Members present were Del Hughes, Wayne Frauenholtz, Cut Casper, Tonya Samuelson, Dave Bahnsen, Alan Beyer, Linda Black, and Pastor Whaley. Absent were Cheryl Fischer and Nancy Bruns.

Pastor Chad opened with a devotion and prayer around the baptismal font.

**Pastor's Report:** Council Report – October 14, 2019

Grace and peace in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Amen.

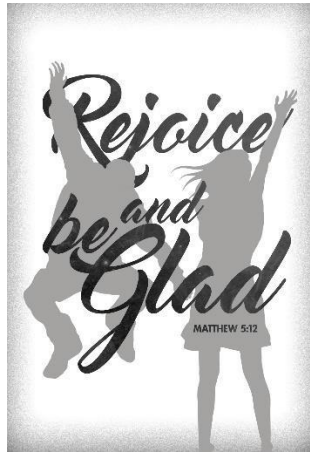
A few things that have occurred since our last meeting include:

- Conference 7 Meeting in Tipton with fellow clergy
- Premarital counseling session for upcoming Wieneke/Dlhy wedding
- Funeral of Millie Anderson
- Kickoff to Wednesday Faith Formation
- Assembled 120 snack bags with Confirmation youth for the WB Public Library
- WBARC Meeting (Review our purpose statement and future planning)
- Suicide Prevention Training (hosted by WBARC) at Bethany
- Baptismal Education Training for William Van Scoyoc baptism on October 6
- Crestview Worship
- Conferences Attended ○ Fall Theological Conference in Des Moines (Southeastern Iowa Synod) ○ Craft of Preaching (Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN)
- Pastor Visits – 9

We have so much to rejoice and celebrate! Here are three things among many I am joyful for in the last month.

1. Time away to learn, grow, and be in the presence of colleagues in Christ.
2. The 15+ children and youth who faithfully attend each Wednesday, the parents who bring them and teach faith formation, the energy and excitement they bring, and the wonderful conversation with the Confirmation students.
3. Baptism, visitors, and another baptism on the horizon

God is good! Christ is alive! The Spirit is moving among us and breathing new life into our community in many ways! That is the message we as the body of Christ are called to share. God is actively involved in the world. God loves the world. God loves us, more than we can every imagine or comprehend! Thanks be to God!



### **Secretary's Report:**

Dave moved and Linda seconded to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The general fund revenue and expense report reflects total offerings of \$11,101 for the month, which is below budget. The expenses for the month are \$20,247, which includes \$2,716 for the bell tower repair and \$5,000 for the sidewalk project. \$7,500 was transferred from the Mission Improvement fund to help cover those expenses as approved by the council in June. The net reduction to the general fund was \$1,646. Wayne moved to accept the treasurer's report. Curt seconded. Motion passed.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Building and Grounds:**

- Curt said that the carpets need to be cleaned. He said the cost would be \$460 to \$490. Alan moved and Curt seconded to have them cleaned. Motion passed.
- Pastor Chad said the humidifier in the parsonage has died. Wayne moved to purchase a new one. Dave seconded. Motion passed.
- The trees to replace those cut down for the parking lot repair will be planted in the spring.
- Pastor mentioned that five trees have been removed from the parsonage in recent years and should be replaced sometime.

**Education:** Tonya said there has been good regular attendance on Faith Formation Wednesdays. A couple of new parents are helping out.

#### **Evangelism and Outreach:**

- The Designated Shelter Committee met on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Two new people have joined the committee, Pam Glandon and Karen Swensen. A layout plan was made and a tentative plan of action for emergencies was developed. Alan went to Tipton to meet with Tim Mallot at the Cedar County Emergency Management office. He brought back 15 blankets which are now in storage with other supplies. The next step is to receive FEMA training which will be held here on October 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Beth Ahrens and Al went to the Free Indeed service at the penitentiary in Anamosa on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Jerry was at a retreat so Pastor Rodney from Anamosa led the service.

**Fellowship:**

- Wayne said the Synod Candidacy meeting held at Bethany went well. Bethany provided two meals for them.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Meals: Beyers and Johnstons provided the September supper. Confirmation class will serve the October meal.

**Stewardship:**

Time and talent sheets are being prepared to hand out. Dave mentioned this at the service on Sunday also.

**Worship and Music:**

All Saints Day service will be on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Members who are over 80 years old will be honored at this service; Bethany has 17 members in this group!

**Old Business:**

- A memorial fund committee will be formed. Since Time and Talent signups will be soon, it was decided to wait for this. Action was tabled to the next meeting.
- Little Free Food Pantry: Randy Robertson was contacted, and he said his class could construct these as a project next semester.

**New Business:**

- Audit Committee: Several names were brought up for discussion. Del will contact people for this committee.
- Annual meeting will be held January 19, 2020.
- Nominating committee will be Jon Twing, Beth Kaufman, and Jamie Zimmerman. Al will remind them of this responsibility. Tonya questioned whether Education and Youth Committees could be combined, necessitating the need for just two, rather than three, new members. Discussion was tabled for the next meeting.
- Synod Assembly delegates for next year's meeting will need to be selected. Dave Bahnsen offered to be one of them.
- Date for the Christmas program will be December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Discussion was held regarding publishing the meeting minutes earlier. It was decided that they could be included in the weekly newsletter rather than waiting for the monthly Bethany Branches.

Linda moved to adjourn. Curt seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting closed at 8:00 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.