

Bethany Lutheran Church
Council Meeting March 9, 2020

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

Members present were Del Hughes, Dave Bahnsen, Linda Black, Curt Casper, Nancy Bruns, Alan Beyer, Kristin McElhinney, Anne Fetzer, Amber Marsh, and Pastor Whaley.

Pastor Chad led an opening devotion based on Matthew 14.

Pastor's Report: Report to Council – February 10, 2020 Grace and peace
in Christ!

3 Joys since last meeting

- Annual Meeting (Yes, they can be joyous occasions in which we celebrate God's goodness and faithfulness for the year gone by and look with watchful eyes of how God will use us in the year to come)
- Bishop Burk worshipping with us
- Opportunity to preach and worship with the men of Free Indeed at the Anamosa State Penitentiary

This evening I am grateful for...

- Returning council and newly elected members Kristin, Amber and Anne
- Our partnership with Trinity in Tipton and leaders to help plan upcoming women's and men's events
- A milder January than last year

A few highlights since our last meeting:

- 9 pastoral visits
- Crestview worship
- Text Study (IA City)
- Conference 7 Pastor Meeting in Muscatine ○ Watch film on Human Trafficking
- WBARC meeting
 - Finalize our mission statement
- Assist Bishop Burk in healing listening posts within a congregation
- Preach and preside with men of Free Indeed
- Plan and lead Confirmation and other Wednesday activities
- Premarital counseling for couple being married in April

- Working with Paula (and others) in finalizing Annual Report, Constitution updates, etc.
- Wednesday Men's Group
- Attend Adult Discussion
- Regular activities (sermon prep, bulletin and newsletter preparation, other planning)
- Attend a training at Synod Office on Gratitude and Generosity with Nancy and Del
- Help on a couple local cases of assistance (work with police and others)
- Women's Circle

On the horizon...

- Property Safety Meeting at Zion, Iowa City (attending with Del H. and Curt C.) (Feb. 13)
- Lutheran Day on Hill (Feb. 25)
- Ash Wednesday (Feb. 26 @ Bethany)

Secretary's Report:

Curt moved to accept the secretary's report. Anne seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

The General Fund Revenue and Expense report reflects offerings of \$12,609 and expenses of \$14,901 for the month. A couple of the larger expenses included annual fees of \$814 for ICON, our bookkeeping and payroll system, and \$720 for Synod Assembly registrations.

Dave moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Amber seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Building and Grounds:

A spring cleanup is being planned for sometime in April if the weather cooperates.

Education and Youth:

Amber and Kristin met with Tonya to review VBS. They are on the lookout for an EWALU packet with more info on the VBS curriculum and theme for this year.

They are bringing several more people into their committee.

Evangelism and Outreach:

A 125th Anniversary Committee meeting was held to begin plans for our church's celebration. A committee has been formed for a Hoover's Hometown Days Parade float. Another committee is being formed for the October celebration.

Fellowship:

The church council will be providing the Lenten supper for the March 18th service.

Anne is lining up the 4th Sunday meals.

Stewardship:

Dave participated in a generosity project provided by the synod.

Jon Twing has agreed to be part of this committee.

Worship and Music:

- Linda and Deanna cleaned up and arranged the music files with a large number of them taken to the high school.
- A song committee will be meeting soon.
- Ash Wednesday service went over very well.
- Easter service will be held at 9:00 a.m. on April 12th.
- The Memorial Committee has met. The Korsmo family will be planting two trees on the west side of the parking lot to replace those removed last summer. Plans are being made for another tree to be planted near the parsonage.
- Altar care instructions have been updated.

Old Business:

Curt asked about the progress on the Little Free Food Pantry. Randy Robertson's class at the high school has offered to construct them.

New Business:

- Pastor Chad reviewed the Coronavirus (COVID-19) response plan for our church. This document has been sent out to the congregation. Linda moved to accept the plan. Curt seconded. Motion passed.
- A council retreat is being planned.

Dave moved to adjourn at 7:18. Nancy seconded. Motion passed.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

*Approved at April 13, 2020 Council Meeting.