

Bethany Lutheran Church
Special Executive Meeting
April 27, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Pastor Chad at 6:30 p.m.

Members present were Del Hughes, Nancy Bruns, Dave Bahnsen, Alan Beyer, and Pastor Chad.

Pastor Chad opened with prayer.

Discussion was held pertaining Gov. Reynolds' decision today to begin opening restriction guidelines for the coronavirus. Cedar County is one of 77 counties where businesses can begin opening with some restrictions, including churches.

Nancy felt that Bethany should stay the course of closing the church for at least two more weeks. Del felt that we should continue to have discussion to close at two week increments. Dave mentioned that Bishop Burk was recommending that churches remain cautious for the time being. Al said that cases in Iowa are supposed to peak in a couple weeks, so opening now would be premature. Also, Cedar County is surrounded by Linn, Johnson, Muscatine, and Scott counties where the incidence is much higher. Pastor Chad said that many steps need to be considered before opening. He said that Bishop Burk will provide suggestions to congregations on when and how to do this next week. He feels that Bethany has made very proper decisions so far in dealing with this pandemic.

Chad moved to continue our present course of action for the next two weeks and to revisit the decision at our next council meeting on May 11th. Dave seconded. Motion passed.

Al asked about high school graduation. Pastor Chad said that plans are being made to recognize our graduating seniors.

Confirmation has been postponed for now. They are attempting Zoom confirmation classes.

General discussion was held regarding the church services and outreach.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 6:57 p.m.