**Bethany Lutheran Church- Council Minutes** October 14th, 2024

**Call to Order** at 6:30 by President Kent Kaufman

Members Present: Jon Twing, Dale Swenson, Pastor Chad, Cindy Knoop, Kent Kaufman, Kristen Van Scoyoc, Howard Moss, Courtney Heid

Members absent: Pat Cassabaum, Jessica Fonseca

**Opening Prayer & Discussion**

**Pastor’s Report**

**Joys and Thanksgivings**

* Faith Forward events (Open House and High School Night)
* Choir singing/staff appreciation Sunday
* Community Tailgate

**Ministry Happenings**

* Faith Forward Events
	+ 7 youth @ high school event
	+ 51 people @ open house
	+ More kits taken after church yesterday
* Faith Forward mentor and cohort meetings
* Sermon Camp (Continuing Education)
	+ Concluded in September after 6 weeks
* Community Tailgate
	+ Well attended by students and families
* Fall Conference (Southeastern Iowa Synod)
	+ Topic – Christian Nationalism
* Crestview Worship
	+ 4 in attendance
	+ Recently asked if I would lead worship at a new facility in Iowa City I was recently visiting a parishioner at
* Funeral of Richard Madsen
* Worship Meeting
	+ Thanks to Cindy for leading and those present: Beth, Linda, Jill B.
* West Branch Area Religious Council Meeting (WBARC)
	+ No recent expenditures
	+ Wal-Mart gift cards will be provided to resource counselor to provide to families in need
	+ Updated resource brochure being worked on
* Attend quilters group often
* Wednesday men’s Bible study group
* Pastoral Visits:  15

**Upcoming**

* Vacation – 10/19-10/22

\*These pie charts are a way of monitoring my activities and provides a graphic. The first is a detailed pie chart showing specific duties. The second is an attempt to combine these into more general ministry terminology that reflects our budget. Remember, this is a snapshot of one month and each month changes. This month will most likely see a large uptick in pastoral care and a decline in continuing education.

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**Secretary’s Report** - Courtney

* September Council Meeting Minutes
	+ Howard moved to approve; Kristen seconded. Motion approved.

**Treasurer’s Report** - Jon

* August Treasurer’s Report (was tabled in September due to books not being closed)
	+ Kristen moved to approve; Howard seconded. Motion approved.
* September Treasurer’s Report
	+ Howard moved to approve; Kristen seconded. Motion approved.

**Committee Reports**

Building and Grounds – Howard

* The city water main project affecting the church and parsonage is complete.

Education & Youth - Kristen & Courtney

* Christmas program prep
	+ Planned for Sunday, December 15th

Evangelism & Missions – Jessica via email

* Saturday October 19th I will be delivering the personal care kits that were made during God's Work Our Hands.  I will be dropping them off at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids.  We ended up with a total of 63 kits.

Fellowship – Pat via email

* The 4th Sunday Meals:
	+ October - Del & Sue Hughes
	+ November - Paul & Nancy Bruns
	+ December – no meal

Stewardship - Dale

* Temple talks have been going well, two more planned
* Looking at getting reusable water bottles and bags as well as potentially getting a bottle filling station in the church. Use memorial funds?
* October 3rd – stewardship providing fellowship

Worship and Music – Cindy

* October 20th – Hymn sing Sunday
* October 27th – Reformation Sunday
* November 3rd – All Saints Sunday
* Christmas season planning
* Looking at Christ/Pascal candle replacement

**Old Business**

* Capital Improvement Fund
	+ Multiple items on list for church building and parsonage – we need to prioritize
		- Kent motioned to replace storm door for parsonage using Capital Improvement Fund; Kristen seconded. Motion approved.
* Solar Tax Credit – Jon working on getting information needed to fill out forms. Many hurdles with government changes.

**New Business**

* Church use request:
	+ Alda is the Cedar County Rep for DVIP – asking to use some church space as a remote workplace occasionally. Chad gathering more information about details of this.
* Reminder to start thinking about 2025 budget requests for committee
* Nominating Committee (responsible for finding replacements for outgoing council members)
	+ Dave Poppen
	+ Jill Taylor
	+ Sue Hughes

Howard moved to adjourn the meeting at 08:01pm, Kristen seconded. Motion approved.

**Closed** with the Lord’s Prayer

Next Regular Meeting November 11th, 2024