

**Call to Order** at 6:30pm by Vice President Dale Swenson

Members Present: Jon Twing, Dale Swenson, Pastor Chad, Kristen Van Scoyoc, Jessica Fonseca, Curt Casper, Heidi Christensen, Darla Crosthwaite

Members absent: Courtney Heid, Pat Cassabaum

## **Opening Prayer & Discussion**

### **Pastor's Report**

#### *Joys and Thanksgivings*

- Wednesdays in Lent
  - o Thanks to all who attend and assisted with worship (lots of impromptu worship assistants reading parts of liturgy)
  - o Thanks to all who assisted with making the meals and came and ate.
- Worship Attendance
  - o Continues to be wonderful. Having the children present is so egg-citing!
  - o Choir songs uplifting and enrich our worship.
  - o Thanks to our video technicians to help us in our efforts to reach out with the good news of Jesus Christ
- Church Grounds Cleanup
  - o Thanks to all who have assisted in making the outside look welcoming.

#### *Ministry Happenings*

- 13 Pastoral Visits
- Faith Forward
  - Cohort Meeting
- Education
  - Wednesday Morning Men's Group
    - Help lead study of Sunday gospel lessons
- Funeral of Monica Hinkhouse
- Attend quilting group
- Preparation and Planning
  - Much time spent on Lent/Holy Week
- Administrative Tasks
  - Newsletter, Worship bulletins, online communication, etc.
  - Evaluate and rewrite Administrative Assistant position description
- Text Study with colleagues
  - Online (meets weekly)
- Wednesdays in Lent
  - Meal and prayer around the cross
- Crestview worship
- WBARC Meeting
  - Discussion focused on recent cuts to programs supplying food supplies to West Branch Food Pantry, possible community garden to assist, mission project to assist 3 high school seniors with

graduation and supplies for college, other community needs, and upcoming pulpit supply.

- A few days away during spring break.

#### *Upcoming*

- WBARC Pulpit Exchange – April 27
  - o I am unable to attend and seeking a replacement. Bethany goes to St. Bernadette's and we can bring a short greeting at the end of worship.
  - o St. Bernadette's comes to Bethany. Unaware of who they are sending as Father Flattery cannot attend. Have advised them they too can bring a short greeting.
  - o Will utilize lay member to lead worship.
- Synod Assembly at Grandview University, Des Moines – May 17
- Faith Forward Gathering at Grandview University – May 20-21

#### **Secretary's Report - Courtney**

- March Council Meeting Minutes
  - o Jon moved to approve with edits; Curt seconded. Motion approved.

#### **Treasurer's Report - Jon**

- October Treasurer's Report
  - o Dale moved to approve; Curt seconded. Motion approved.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### Building and Grounds – Curt

- Looking to spray weather protectant, as recommended by carver on wooden Jesus statue once weather permits.

##### Education & Youth - Kristen & Jessica

- Highschool Senior Recognition Sunday ready to go for May 18<sup>th</sup> during worship
- VBS curriculum ordered. Theme is "Live it out."

##### Evangelism & Missions – Darla

- WBARC Mission opportunity- Evangelism & Missions committee to work on options for celebrating graduating seniors in need.

##### Fellowship – Pat

- Poppen family will serve 4th Sunday meal in April.

##### Stewardship - Dale

- Ordered the free water bottle sample. Sent the sketched image to Scott to create an image to put on the bottle.
- August 24th will be breakfast and dedication of the water new fountain/filling station.

- April 22 is Earth Day 2025. This year's focus is to encourage an increased awareness and understanding of renewable energy sources. Council discussion and approval to take back to committee for further work.

#### Worship and Music – Heidi

- Easter lilies set for delivery on Saturday 4/19. All other preparations for Holy Week and in place.

#### **Old Business**

- Solar tax credit update
  - No formal update. Dale spoke to and wrote a letter to State Representative Mariannette Miller-Meeks regarding the tax credit.
- Capital improvements
  - Kent to get the opener replaced on the parsonage garage door.
  - Howard to add outlets and lighting in the parsonage garage. Currently, there is only one outlet and two lights.
  - Storm door needs a new handle.
- Parsonage floor update
  - Still deciding on flooring.

#### **New Business**

- Secretary & Executive Committee member
  - Motion to appoint Darla Crosthwaite to the Executive Committee as secretary; Kristen Van Scoyoc will complete council minutes at monthly meetings.
    - Dale moved to approve; Jessica seconded. Motion approved.

Dale moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:38pm, Jessica seconded. Motion approved.

**Closed** with the Lord's Prayer

Next Regular Meeting May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025