

Present: Pastors Lewton and Natwick, Glen Bruhschwein, Cora Tormaschy, Linda Splichal, Bobby Kubas, Jerry Schwartz, Dan Pender, Russ Murphy, Tim Wegner, Jonathan Tangen, Margaret Marcusen, Glenice Hanson, Susan Moberg, Mike Parke

Absent: Sandra Moos

Devotions- Pastor Joe Natwick

Administrative Reports

1. **Appointment of Council Member**— Glenice made a motion to appoint Tim Wegner as a council member until we are able to have him elected at the next council meeting and to ratify the election of officers. Jon seconded the motion; motion carried.

2. **Consent Agenda**—Glen reminded everyone that anyone can request to pull something out of the consent agenda at any time.

Tim made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; Tim seconded. Motion carried.

3. **Trustee Report**—Jerry Schwartz was appointed as the senior trustee at our February 14 meeting. Jon Tangen mentioned that there may be a need to replace the light panels in the elevator sometime soon.

4. **Communications**-- Thank-You notes for financial support from the following: St. Luke's Home, Community Action

Pastoral Reports

1. **Pastor Natwick**—Joe reported that a candidate was interviewed for the Faith Formation Director. The candidate was offered the job, but she turned it down. Joe has had a conversation with someone who might be interested in the position, and Chris Moe and Angie Shilman continue to volunteer their time to work with youth. Thursday Lenten services are focusing on the "Whys" of the church.

2. **Pastor Lewton**—Lisa handed out copies of job descriptions for the backs of everyone's council binders. Lisa will be gone March 6. She is still doing the vice-pastoring with the Kildeer parish while they are in the call process. Jon Brudvig, a former St. John member, is finishing up his time at seminary and will graduate in May. He has been assigned to the region south of us, and he is waiting for a call. Margaret and Renee Boomgarten will be making a banner to send to his graduation from Wartburg.

Margaret made a motion to approve the Pastoral Reports; Dan seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

1. **Council Retreat**—The council retreat March 11 and 12 at Badlands Ministries Bible Camp is a go! We need a head count so we can plan food. There should be 10-12 of us. Susan and Linda will do supper on Friday, Glen, Dan, and Cora will do breakfast. Glenice and Margaret will do lunch. We will plan to be at the camp around 6:00 P.M. on Friday, with supper served around 6:30 P.M.

2. **Faith Formation Director Update**—Joe updated as part of his pastoral report. Tim mentioned that we should probably think about doing something really nice to say thank you to Chris Moe and Angie Shilman as a thank you.

3. **Renewal Team’s First Draft of Visions**—Looking over this document is everyone’s homework before the retreat. The first draft of these visions came from the Renewal team and out of our small group discussions. We will discuss them at the retreat and add the council’s touch, and then they will go to the staff for their discussion and revision. From there, they go to the congregation, and the finalized vision statements will be put in place in the fall.

New Business

1. **Senior High Mission Trip**—Because we don’t have a Faith Formation Director, Joe is taking the lead on this year’s mission trip. Last year they did a “mystery mission trip” so that the focus was on the service, rather than on the destination. Chris M. and Angie S. are involved in the planning, and they have 33 students signed up. Tentatively, they are leaving July 29 and will be gone until August 5. At this point in time, Joe is planning to go on the trip. If we do get a Faith Formation Director hired, that person will get involved as quickly as possible. There are people signed up to go on the trip who are not members of our congregation, which is a really great thing.

2. Ecumenical and Interfaith Work:

a. Thursday, March 10 before and during worship—dialogue with area priest (Mon. Schumacher) regarding Holy Communion

b. Sunday, March 13 at 6:30 P.M.—“Get to know our Muslim neighbors,” possibly joined by Muslim Imam Younis Ibrihim. He is difficult to pin down on the schedule, but even if he doesn’t come, Lisa and Joe are ready to present information. They will be discussing Islam at the Adult Education classes as well.

3. **Western North Dakota Synod Assembly:** We need four voting members to attend the synod assembly on June 10-11, Ramkota in Bismarck.

4. **Resolutions**—We need to update the signature card for the checking account and safe deposit box. Linda moved that we make the following resolutions; Jerry seconded. Motion Carried.

Be it resolved that the following persons are authorized as signers on the signature card for St. John Ev. Lutheran Church’s checking account: Glen Bruhschwein, Tim Wegner, Susan Moberg, Sandra Moos, and Jerry Schwartz.

Be it resolved that the following persons are allowed to access the safe deposit box for St. John Ev. Lutheran Church in Dickinson, ND: Glen Bruhschwein, Tim Wegner, Susan Moberg, Sandra Moos, and Jerry Schwartz.

5. **Dickinson United Methodist Church**—We received a letter a couple of weeks ago asking if we would be willing to share our church space with them over the next year while they build a new building. There actually is a historical connection with our congregations: the very first meeting in a church building of the budding St. John Lutheran congregation was at their church. There will be a lot of details to work out, but we need to get a general sense of the council’s support. They have made arrangements for

some of their groups to meet elsewhere, but it would be mostly worship functions like weekly services, weddings, and funerals. Glen will report back to them that the council is in favor of sharing our space and then they can start working out details.

6. Accumulated Reserves—We are once again in the fortunate position of ending our year with accumulated reserves. We need to decide what we might do with those funds, just over \$43,000. There is a recommendation from staff for several dedicated accounts that some of the funds could be moved into. Mike moved that the first 5 recommendations (\$1000 to Senior Pastor Continuing Education, \$650 to Pastor 2 Continuing Education, \$2000 to Youth/Family Ministry, \$900 to Youth Bibles, and \$5300 to Equipment Reserves) go into the dedicated accounts; Margaret seconded. Motion carried. Mike made a motion that \$5000 be moved into the Stephen Ministries dedicated fund; Tim seconded. Motion carried. The staff also suggested that we tithe the reserves and support a ministry or organization that we usually support, and they suggested the DVRCC. There will still be accumulated reserves not accounted for after moving those funds, so we will need to decide what to do with those funds. Mike moved to make a \$4400 donation from the reserves to the DVRCC; Jerry seconded. Motion carried. We still have approximately \$24,000 remaining, and we will discuss it further at the retreat.

March Council Meeting— The March council meeting will be held during the council retreat at Badlands Ministries Bible Camp.

Lord's Prayer

Adjournment 8:33 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Moberg, Senior Deacon