

**St. John Lutheran**  
**Congregation Council Meeting**  
**February 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Pastor Lewton, Pastor Natwick, President Marcusen, Richard Benz, Jared Bookhardt, Jennifer Jung, Jesse Kilwein, Susan Moberg, Dan Pender, Seth Poland, Linda Splichal, Jon Tangen, Tasha Gartner and Sandra Moos and Brittaney Wentz representing the Trust Fund

**Absent:** Darlene Pelton

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Lewton led us in devotions to open the meeting.

### **Administrative Reports**

**Consent Agenda-** Susan Moberg made a motion to remove that Approval of the minutes from the Consent Agenda. Changes to the minutes to include; Under New Business, the date of the budget needs to be changed from 2019 to 2018 and the date of the Council Retreat needs to be changed from 2018 to 2018. A motion was made by Tasha Gartner to make these changes; this motion was seconded by Jesse Kilwein, the motion carried.

The Consent Agenda was approved by Council with no objections.

**Financial Statement-** Tasha Gartner went over the Financial Statement.

**Trustee Report-** Jon Tangen reported that work will begin in the spring on the property east of the church. We are still waiting for an answer from Insurance regarding the roof on the church. Jon wants to thank Ray and Tammy for keeping the church in sparkling condition. The elevator needs service, it is out of order as of this week.

**Communications-** none

### **Pastoral Reports**

**Pastor Natwick** recently returned from a trip to Winnipeg where he attended and preached at a friend's ordination. During Lent there will not be Church School or Confirmation classes; instead there will be Wednesday night Lent services.

The mission trip to Puerto Rico has brought 40 participants that wish to attend; these students include many members and non-members, some Catholics and Evangelical Bible attendees. Kaitlynn is working on creative ways to raise funds for the trip; approximate cost will be \$60,000.

**Pastor Lewton** will be on vacation March 9<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>. She is working on a plan to make Thursday night service more unique. During Lent services, members will share stories of faith. Pastor Lewton has accepted the role of Vice Pastor at Peace Lutheran.

### **Unfinished Business**

**Legacy of Faith Campaign-** currently has pledges of 355,747 toward the 500,000 goal. The campaign ends December of 2019.

**Church Logo-** is still in the works.

**Strategic Planning-** a draft has been received. Staff will work through the draft and then it will be presented to Council at the Retreat. Steve Tangen mentored and consulted with staff to produce the draft. After reading the draft, President Marcusen commented that it is fresh and very spirit led and an opportunity to share our mission.

### **New Business**

**Accumulated Reserves-** \$32,264.53 available. Jon Tangen made a motion to move \$1,316.16 to line 28 Sr. Pastor Continuing Education; \$264.94 to line 114 Associate Pastor Continuing Education; \$10,000 to line 1026 Building Fund and \$20,683.43 to line 155 Youth Ministry for the Mission Trip. The motion was seconded by Dan Pender, motion carried. Jesse Kilwein suggested that the Congregation is informed of the decision.

**Approval of New Members-** Jesse Kilwein made a motion to approve new members; Barbara Arthaud; Brandi, Haiden, & Lauryn Ollerman; Vincent Helfrich; Shelby Pender & Aayden Kessel; and Olivia Krebs, this motion was seconded by Tasha Gartner. Motion carried.

**Synod Assembly-** will be held in Bismarck on June 1-2, 2018. We need 4 voting members from St. John. Council was asked to consider being part of this.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 23-24 at the Council Retreat at Badlands Ministries.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted  
Sandra Moos, Council Recording Secretary