

**St. John Lutheran  
Congregation Council Meeting  
June 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Pastor Lewton, Pastor Natwick, President Tim Wegner, Tasha Gartner, Jesse Kilwein, Darlene Pelton, Jon Tangen, Susan Moberg, Linda Splichal, Loren Matheson and Sandra Moos

**Absent:** Margaret Marcusen, Dan Pender, Jerry Schwartz, Cora Tormaschy, Pete Leno

**Staff Attendees:** None

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

Tasha Gartner led us in devotions and discussion of Chapter 4 of the book "Fear of the Other" by William H. Willimon.

### **Administrative Reports**

**Consent Agenda-** President Wegner removed item 1b Financial Statement from the consent agenda. The Consent Agenda was approved by Council with no objections.

**Review of most recent Financial Statement-** Tasha Gartner addressed questions regarding the Financial Statement.

**Trustee Report- No report**

**Communications-** Badlands Ministries requested financial assistance for the Camp Counselors, Camp of the Cross sent an invitation to a Discernment Dinner on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Zion Lutheran Church in Minot sent information on Embracing Stewardship for October 14<sup>th</sup>, St. Luke's sent a Thank -You card for donations to a bus that they want to purchase, Badlands Ministries sent a receipt for a donation that they received, Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry sent a Thank-you.

### **Pastoral Reports**

**Pastor Natwick** reported that he will be on vacation June 28 to July 5<sup>th</sup>. Jodeen is gone on sabbatical until the end of July. Kaitlyn is on top of the mission trip, all is going well and she predicts that it will be very successful.

**Pastor Lewton** reported that next Sunday during worship that anointing of the people will take place. Other events in the near future will include the blessing of 2 seminary students and Christmas in July. She will be writing a Thank-you letter to attach to the quarterly statements. She is working/planning a Narrative Budget for the next Annual Meeting that will better explain the numbers on the report. Gloria and David Anderson with Vibrant Faith will visit, this will cost \$900 plus hotel for 2 nights. Susan Moberg made a motion to expense these costs to the Dedicated line #1136, the motion was seconded by Tasha Gartner, motion carried. Pastor Lewton will be out of the office on July 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> and July 13<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Unfinished Business**

**Legacy of Faith Campaign-** There has been no activity.

**Timeline for the property at 141 5<sup>th</sup> Ave West-** an update was received from Jon. Two trees have been cut down. The committee is waiting for bids for the concrete cross from Koepplin Construction and Tooz Construction. They hope to have the concrete poured in July. They are also working on ramp accessibility and paths of crushed gravel.

## New Business

**Appointment of Loren Matheson** -Susan Moberg made a motion to appoint Loren Matheson as Trustee to complete the first term of Bobby Kubas that expires in January 2018. Darlene Pelton seconded the motion, motion carried. This motion was made at the beginning of the meeting prior to the Consent Agenda.

**Mission Trip Breakfast-** There was discussion of serving 42 persons that are staying on the night of July 8<sup>th</sup>. The Council decided to provide the meal but not serve it. Susan Moberg will send out an e-mail for sign up of food items, she will provide muffins.

**St John Policies-** A committee consisting of Linda Splichal, Jon Tangen, Cora Tormaschy, Pastor Natwick and Pastor Lewton reviewed the policies that have not been updated for 17 years. A new policy for Firearms was added and updates to the Wedding and Parsonage policies were updated. The policies were handed out for review by the Council, to be discussed and voted on during the next meeting.

**Revised Job Descriptions-** were handed out for review by Council. Once reviewed they will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Audio in the Sanctuary-** Tricorne Audio of Bismarck has been contacted to help do long-term planning of updating the audio system. They will be here on June 21<sup>st</sup>. An estimate will be presented during the next Council Meeting.

**Church Logo-** Our current logo was created in 2003 for the Centennial. There are digital concerns in future usage of this logo. Linda Splichal made a motion to proceed in pursuing the possibility of changing the logo, Jon Tangen seconded the motion. Motion carried. The next step would be to have a graphic designer to look at our mission statement and get prices of a new design.

**Pledge Card Revision-** Susan Moberg made a motion to change the Pledge Card by eliminating the Outreach category. 13% of the pledge would be allocated to organizations approved by council, to include 10% to the Synod; 1.5% to Badlands Bible Camp; 1.5% to St. Luke's. Jon Tangen seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Request from Badlands Ministries-** a written request was received asking for support of salaries of six individuals from St. John working as camp counselors or kitchen staff. After Council discussion, it was decided that we offer the congregation the opportunity to sponsor/support staff. Sonnie would make a bulletin board to promote Congregation support of these individuals.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 18th at 7:00 p.m., preceded by the Executive Committee at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Sandra Moos, Council Recording Secretary