

St. John Lutheran
Congregation Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Pastor Natwick, Glen Bruhschwein, Tim Wegner, Linda Splichal, Dan Pender, Margaret Marcusen, Glenice Hanson, Jonathan Tangen, Jerry Schwartz, Sandra Moos

Staff Attendees: Pam Weidner, Amy Graves

Absent: Pastor Lewton, Cora Tormaschy, Bobby Kubas, Russ Murphy, Mike Parke, and Susan Moberg

A quorum of 7 is required, there were 9 members present, a quorum was declared. The meeting began at 7:32 p.m.

Glenice started the meeting with discussion on the first chapter of the book “The Promise of Despair” by Andrew Root. At the end of our discussion, she led us in prayer.

Administrative Reports

Consent Agenda- there were no items removed. Motion to approve by Margaret, second by Linda, motion carried.

Trustee Report- Jon reported that a handrail was installed outside by Duane Wamre. The bench project on the north side of the church has also been completed.

Communications- None

Pastoral Reports

Pastor Natwick reported that he is having a busy week with Pastor Lewton gone. A funeral for DJ Charbonneau brought 800- 1000 attendees, and he will have a second funeral midweek. The church school year is almost over. There are no leads on Molly’s position. Joe will be High Ropes Certified at Badlands Bible Camp this week.

Pastor Lewton was absent, she is attending the Festival of Homiletics in Atlanta, GA

Old Business

Faith Formation Director candidate Dianne will arrive on Wednesday night. Her schedule includes meeting with the call committee on Saturday and an interview on Sunday.

Parking Lot Committee- a meeting with the congregation was conducted with very positive feedback to move forward. The concerns were the costs. The meeting brought lots of ideas. There is not a time crunch on purchasing or executing a plan for this parking lot. The meeting

morphed to Church Access concerns. Comments were made that several parishioners stay away because of access. It was requested that recommendations be made that address the access issues, these need to be forwarded to the Access Committee (formerly the Parking Lot Committee). Glenice asked that a bulletin or newsletter article be written on the Church forum with the many comments. It was agreed that the congregation be involved and their voices heard. Their input is encouraged.

St. Luke's Annual Meeting is on May 24th from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm at the St. Luke's Chapel. Glen will be attending and he encouraged others to attend.

New Business

Dickinson Backpack Continuing Resolution was reviewed by the Backpack Board and agreed to the Continuing Resolution. Congregational action is not needed on this as it is a resolution. St John members; Glen Bruhschwein, Kristin Seaks, Brent Seaks and Angie Shilman along with nonmembers (as advisory members); Whitney Fong and Bethany Kreig will be on the committee. A motion was made by Jerry to adopt the resolution and appoint the committee members this was seconded by Jon. Non opposed, motion passed.

Church School Co-Director Position, with Molly Schwartz resignation, Pastor Joe reported that they will be considering candidates. Transitioning to Wednesday only is an option that is being considered.

Youth Mission Trip Overnights at St. John – to date there are 6 requests. A council member is needed to oversee that the building is opened and to go over the building policies. Tim volunteered for the July 16th and June 26th dates, and asked for assistance on the June 26th event. Jerry and Linda will check their calendars and coordinate with Tammy.

Fall Stewardship Campaign – Living in Gods Abundance, Faith in Action Team had no report.

Next Meeting is Tuesday, May 17th at 7:00 pm, preceded by the Executive Committee at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Sandra Moos
Council Recording Secretary