

**St. John Lutheran  
Congregation Council Meeting  
October 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Pastor Lewton, Pastor Natwick, President Tim Wegner, Tasha Gartner, Jesse Kilwein, Margaret Marcusen, Loren Mathson, Susan Moberg, Darlene Pelton, Dan Pender, Jon Tangen, Cora Tomaschy and Sandra Moos

**Absent:** Jerry Schwartz, Linda Splichal and Pete Leno

**Special Guest:** Pastor Steve Tangen

The meeting began at 7:07 p.m.

**Strategic Plan-** Pastor Tangen addressed the council to explain the process that he is going thru with our Pastors and Staff. He asked for input from Council on strategies that they felt would enhance the congregation's visions. He has gathered this information from staff also. This information will define where to put our time and energy. His hope is to have a rough draft by December and have the final draft created by 2018. Pastor Tangen left the meeting after his presentation.

Margaret Marcusen led us in devotions and discussion of Chapters 3 and 4 of the book; Reclaiming the "L" Word by Kelly A. Fryer.

### **Administrative Reports**

**Consent Agenda-** The Consent Agenda was approved by Council with no objections.

**Financial Statement-** Tasha Gartner reviewed the Financial Statement, it was accepted by Council with no objections.

**Trustee Report-** A Long Term Building Plan dated September 2017 was distributed. Top priorities would be the sewer pipes in the kitchen that need to be lined, the clay tiles on the roof that are loose and falling off and the parsonage needs a new roof. The pipes will be relined this winter. Perry Roofing has been contacted for the clay tiles, they are having a hard time matching the tiles. Jon also reported that an electrical post and electricity will be located on the property east of the Church followed by the sprinkler system and edging.

**Communications-** a Thank you from Mary for the college care package, a thank you from Wartberg Seminary for a gift of \$5,000 in honor of Mackenzie Hoffman, a thank you from Ron Dazell of DCUH for our past support to the homeless and a notice from WND Synod for dues and the dates for the Badlands Conference.

### **Pastoral Reports**

**Pastor Natwick** was extremely appreciative for the opportunity given to him to go to Germany, it was his lifetime dream, he learned lots and is excited to share photos and stories in upcoming Adult Forums. He complimented Kaitlyn Olson on her leadership during the Wednesday night events, it has grown to over 200 people worshiping, one evening they received a 245-person count. He anticipates this to grow with all the births that we are having in Dickinson, which means continual change. This year the Christmas program will be on Wednesday evening. During Lent, it is planned for the Wednesday night program to end and Lent Services will begin. Cora Tomaschy has accepted the position of Program Secretary. She will start around November 1<sup>st</sup>. She will train with Jodeen Myers for 1½ weeks. Cora's position on the Council will be filled

with a temporary member to fulfill her term. A going away thank you to Jodeen will take place on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Katelyn Olson has decided to pursue her Education degree at DSU starting in January. Pastor Natwick sees this as a very positive accomplishment for her position.

**Pastor Lewton** reported that she would be gone on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Trust Fund keeps growing, they worked on their budget for next year and are wondering about grants. It will be Council's goal to meet with the Trust Fund to communicate the long-term building plans. Fall Stewardship is underway, Pastor Lewton thanked the Council Members that spoke during services. Staff is working on a narrative budget to present at the annual meeting.

**Legacy of Faith Campaign-** There has been no change since last month.

**Church Logo-** is still in the works with nothing new to report.

**Treasurer on the Executive Council-** This added agenda item was discussed and was decided that the Treasurer will be invited when needed to attend the meetings rather than Amend the Constitution.

## New Business

**App and Website-** no report

**Review first draft of 2018 Budget-** Tasha Gartner presented the first draft of the 2018 budget.

**Community Fall Kickoff Funds-** We no longer have a Community Fall Kickoff. Susan Moberg made a motion to disperse \$\$434.30 from Line 186 -Community Fall Kickoff to Dickinson Ministerial Association. This motion was seconded by Jesse Kilwein. Motion carried.

**Badlands Ministries Bible Camp-** the annual meeting is scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup>. Volunteering to attend are Pastor Natwick, Jesse and Kayla Kilwein.

**Nominating Committee-** Darlene Pelton made a motion to appoint Jane Corneil, Dale Hanson, Tim Wegner, Amy Graves, Pastor Lewton and Pastor Natwick to the Nominating Committee to fill the following positions on the Council Board; Expiring 2<sup>nd</sup> term: Tim Wegner (Deacon), Jerry Schwartz (Trustee) Expiring 1<sup>st</sup> term: Loren Mathson (Trustee, completing Bobby Kubas' 1<sup>st</sup> term), Dan Pender (Deacon), Linda Splichal (Deacon), Cora Tormaschy (Deacon), and Sandra Moos (Secretary). This motion was seconded by Margaret Marcusen. Motion carried.

**Personnel Committee-** Pastor Lewton distributed a Continuing Resolution to explain the Committee that she wishes to form. This committee would be support to the Senior Pastor with advice and recommendations. This committee would consist of 3-5 members and would have staggering one and two-year terms.

**Annual Meeting Date** is February 11, 2018.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m., preceded by the Executive Committee at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm. With the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted  
Sandra Moos, Council Recording Secretary