

## First Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2011

**Members Present:** Doug Mattson, Loraine Haugen, Elizabeth Slotsve, Michelle Larson, Mark Westereng, Pam Schmidt, Barbara Solberg, Pastor Ken Nelson, Pastor Mike Pancoast and Pastor Kari Pancoast.

Pastor Ken led us in a table prayer prior to dinner. We had devotions during dinner; devotions were from Psalm 104:24-28. Discussion centered on shared memories of summer pastimes and future plans.

President Doug Mattson called the meeting to order. The minutes from the April meeting were approved as read.

Barb reported that we are now in the middle phase of the building campaign. Individual contacts and distribution of pledge cards are being made to all members and volunteers are needed to help make these personal contacts. Council members are encouraged to contact five people and then return back to them in order to pick up their pledge card. There are still 325 packets that need to go out. Pastor Kari suggested that a presentation be made at the closing celebration for Wednesday Church School on May 18. It was also suggested that the congregation be notified that they can have money automatically withdrawn from their accounts for both their tithes and their contributions to the building fund.

All three pastors presented highlights from their Year in Review reports. Pastor Kari voiced concern regarding discipline issues with the WOW program. A number of students attend without parental supervision which has caused problems during the meal and worship service. Pastor Mike addressed the new Spark! Curriculum being used with our educational ministry. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive from the teachers that Pastor Mike has spoken with. Pastor Mike is also working on reinvigorating the Education Committee and hopes to reactive sometime this summer. Pastor Ken commented that the Worship Committee needs to evaluate the continuation of the use of inserts for the "Bible's Big Story—Our Story" sermon series. He felt that Pastor Mike did a good job of putting these together and would like to see them continue. The worship board will also need to discuss whether we revert to the Common Lectionary again or stay with another year of a one reading "Narrative Lectionary." Pastor reports consisted of much more information, which were distributed to council members. Doug asked members to peruse these materials and come to the next meeting with any questions or comments they might have.

It was reported that the Worship Committee now has three members, but Mike would like to increase that to five. They are currently meeting quarterly or as needed. Mike informed the

council that there is a good possibility of incorporating a mid-week service on Wednesday nights for the summer months starting June 8. This would be held during the month of June and then evaluated as to whether to continue based on attendance. It would be presented as a contemporary service.

There was some discussion on the possibility of installing a projector and screens into the church to be used during church services. Mike has been checking into this and more discussion will follow.

Income is behind in the current budget, according to Mark with the finance committee, but expenses are also behind. He felt the church budget was in good shape and noted that most money is usually given the beginning of each month.

Ken informed the board that there is a need for a new folding machine. The old one is currently working, but he said it won't last much longer. He provided quotes from Gaffaney's for machines ranging in price from \$3695-4495. Discussion was tabled until a later date.

Brandyn Hendrickson e-mailed Ken that he is working on finding members to be on the property committee.

Loraine reported that the Congregational Life committee will be hosting a potluck picnic on Wednesday, May 18, and that the summer picnic has been scheduled for sometime in August.

It was decided that the June Executive Council meeting will be completed via e-mail and that the next full Council meeting will be held Wednesday, June 8. There will not be a council meeting in July and the August meeting will be held August 9.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Larson, Secretary