

## First Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2011

**Members Present:** Pastor Ken Nelson, Pastor Kari Pancoast, Barb Solberg, Mark Westereng, Doug Mattson, Loraine Haugen, Pam Schmidt, Liz Slotsve, Michelle Larson, and Wendy Keller. Special Guest: Steve Wing.

The opening conversation centered around discussion concerning “good things come in small packages.” Smallness that becomes enormous was the theme of tonight’s devotion, which came from Micah 5:2 and Matthew 13:31-32. We followed the discussion by singing “O Little Town of Bethlehem.”

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

Steve Wing, church custodian, reported that there was a fire inspection of the church on Monday. The alarm system needs to be tested, possibly by Security Plus. It was also suggested that the fire alarm, due to its age, may need to be replaced. Otis Elevator has completed the elevator project, but there is a concern that the sheetrock that was removed inside the elevator needs to be replaced. They will not turn over the elevator back to the church until this sheet rocking is complete. Otis will be back tomorrow to do more testing, along with the fire marshall. The heating system is up and running with a few hot water issues. Steve is finding outlets and light switches that aren’t working and is trying to get those items fixed.

The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, February 12, at noon in the Parish Center.

Reggie and Darwin are still working on the Capital Fund Campaign advanced gifts phase. Letters have been sent to those that have already made pledges to verify the amount they had pledged and whether or not they wanted to make any changes.

Parsonage windows should be here after Christmas. Pastor Kari reported that Ron LaCount would be willing to do the work regarding re-entry into the main building rooms. Both Kari and Loraine did a walk-through with Ron regarding the necessary work and asked him to put together a bid. He’s also putting together a bid for the bathroom between the chapel and the main sanctuary. He suggested placing a valve outside the church that would shut off all sewage and prevent this from happening again.

Pastor Ken reported that there are problems with the radio broadcast. Clear Channel doesn’t pick up a signal from us at this time. Ken is hopeful that this problem will be remedied soon.

A possible extension of the Narthex to the north was discussed. Doug met last Saturday with the architect, Doug Larson, who felt that this extension could possibly be done. More discussion will follow.

Mark reported that the church has a very good chance of exceeding past income. There’s still a portion of the elevator bill to be paid. Flood clean-up and repair is the account now being used for flood expenses. Doug informed us that SBA wants all documentation sent to them by this Friday, including

some type of a deed verifying ownership. Doug is working to find the documentation that SBA is requiring.

Pastor Ken informed us that he is trying to fill the weekend custodian position.

According to Wendy, the youth group has moved their items out. The bell/choir room still needs to be cleaned out. There was discussion about possible social events to be held after Christmas.

Pastor Ken suggested that we consider recruiting a video specialist to be available on both Sundays and Wednesdays. This would be a budget item proposed for the 2012 year.

The nominating committee will be meeting with Pastor Ken this evening to put together a list of possible council members.

Pastor Ken sent a thank-you note to Ryan and Jessica Ackerman for all their hard work with the "Tree of Hope" event. Marcella Nelson will be participating on behalf of the church in the "Welcome Table" program.

Next Finance Board Meeting—5:00 p.m., Thursday, January 12

Next Council Meeting—5:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 17

The meeting was closed with a prayer from Pastor Ken.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Larson, Secretary