

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

Parish Education Center – January 31, 2010

A potluck lunch was held at 12:00 pm. The annual meeting was called to order at 12:45 pm by President Karen Krebsbach. The minutes of the meeting will be posted on the web site and be available for those who missed the meeting.

Pastor Ken followed with devotions from Luke 17:19, then followed with the prepared devotion in the annual meeting bulletin cover.

Minutes of the 2009 annual meeting were reviewed with no amendments or corrections. Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes as written. Approved as written.

Pastor Ken Nelson – see written report.

1. Thanked everyone for their support of his position of Senior Pastor. Looked back at a wonderful year filled with so many blessings.
2. Had the privilege of welcoming the new pastors, Mike and Kari Pancoast, and how they were sent to us with God's blessing.
3. Thanked Angie Speiser for her wonderful work as the Worship Coordinator for the last 4 months. She will be staying with us, not as the coordinator, but to assist with some of the youth activities.
4. Welcomed visitor Pastor Kari Williamson from MSU Campus Ministries.
5. Passed on a few brief words on the building process update and that more would follow later in the meeting.
6. Commented on the church wide assembly on sexuality – asked if there was any questions or comments and with none, that the council was content to leave thing alone for now with no formal statements.
7. Touched on the Shared Ministry North and that the contract was about to expire and that he felt we should renew for another 3 years.

Pastor Mike Pancoast – see written report.

1. Thanked the congregation for calling them to Minot and the wonderful opportunity to teach the word of God not only in church but in our homes as well.
2. God is the future and is there waiting for us. It reminds me, it guides me, and it focuses who I am call to be by God—both as a pastor but more importantly as a father and a husband.
3. Knowledge of and faith in God aren't merely personal, private, and individual.
4. Knowledge of and faith in God aren't only "churchy."
5. Knowledge of and faith in God aren't just abstract, helpful spiritual truths, necessary moral guidelines or principles for effective living.

Pastor Kari Pancoast – see written report.

1. Thanked the congregation for the opportunity to serve First Lutheran Church in her capacity as pastor and what a joy it has been thus far.
2. Spoke on how we are called to live in God through others. She recalled how her grandmother was so influential in her faith. That influence was what called Kari to become a pastor.

President Karen Krebsbach – see written report.

1. Why am I here? Called to serve on council and very blessed to have done so.

2. Remarked that the congregation has spoken (122 **YES**, 32 **NO**) and that we will proceed with the “CONNECTION” (new building) between the Church and the Parish Center.
3. Thanked everyone for the help and participation in the 125th Anniversary of First Lutheran Church.
4. Remarked on how many repairs have been done the church and grounds this year and thanked all those responsible.
5. Thanked Pastor’s Mike and Kari for serving First Lutheran Church this past 6 months and that it was nice to see the children at the parsonage once again.

Worship & Music (JoAnn Linrud) – Refer to written reports.

Evangelism – Refer to written reports.

Education (Julie Benson) – Refer to written reports.

1. We have gained 24 new children this year and 4 new families. Cause for celebration!!

Giving – Refer to written reports.

Finance (Joylea Knutson) – Refer to written reports.

1. Thanked Jennifer Hunze for her expertise and help.
2. Treasurer’s Report – reported that after all was said and done, we ended 2009 with a negative \$6000.00 due to repair costs this year. We had to dip into our line of credit, but that we nearly gained it all back, and that hopefully, we would be back in the black by July 2010.
3. 2010 Budget Presentation and Adoption. Joylea presented the 2010 budget to the congregation; Motion was made and seconded to accept the budget.
 - a. Question was asked if the 10% increase was reflective of the pledges. Pastor Ken addressed this concern and answered it and was accepted as answered.
 - b. Motion was passed.

Property (Ken Gorze) – Refer to written reports.

1. Reported that we did a tremendous amount of work this year and did in fact spend a lot of money, but we accomplished much.
2. Thanked Fred Abelseth for his work in getting new windows put in the basement of the church and collecting the funds necessary to make it happen.

Congregational Life (Pastor Kari) – Refer to written reports.

Building Project Update (Darwin Langseth)

1. Reported that the building process was proceeding and that they had listened to the congregation on the wants and needs in this new “CONNECTION”.
2. It would have Access and Flow, Additional Gathering Space, Fellowship areas, New Chapel, Audio/Visual room with a stage and stadium seating, Handicap Accessible Restrooms and elevators to accommodate those requiring it.
3. Said that if all goes well, we should have a visual of what this “CONNECTION” could look like very soon.

Shared Ministry North (Pastor Ken) – Pastor Heather Brown was not present as they too were having their annual meeting, but Pastor Ken said he felt we should proceed with the renewal of

the contract. He then gave Pastor Kari Williamson from MSU a chance to talk. She proceeded to tell us how vital First Lutheran Church was in the ministry at MSU. She was very thankful to have the support of FLC.

Youth Ministry (Pastor Ken) – Spoke of Voices of Worship (singing group) under the direction of Beth Murphy and how alive and well they are in the ministry of First Lutheran.

FLC Women (Loanne Olson) – Refer to written reports.

1. Thanked all who were involved in this wonderful program and invited anyone who would like to join and get involved. It was a wonderful year.

Foundation (Duane Brekke for Alan Kurth) – Refer to written reports.

1. 2009 was a much better year for the Foundation, with an increase of about 10% from last year and looked forward to an even better year in 2010.

Audit Committee (Dan Langemo, Dave Pankow, and Greg Tschetter) – Everything is in good standing order as it comes out of committee. Voted on and passed.

Old Business – Should be called **Unfinished Business** (Doris Slaaten) and should be reflected as such in next year's report. President Karen Krebsbach then proceeded to recognize the 2009 council members. It was Karen Krebsbach's, Duane Brekke's, and Joylea Knutson's last year serving the council and we thank them for their service.

Nomination Committee (Scott Ross, Tona Stevenson, Tracy Strand, and DuWayne Walz) – presented the nominations for Church Council, Nominating Committee, Delegates to the Metigoshe Ministries, and the Audit Committee.

Church Council was voted on by acclamation with Pam Schmidt, Elizabeth Slotsve, and Barb Solberg being voted in with terms ending February 2013.

Nominating Committee was also voted on by acclamation with Tona Stevenson, Tracy Strand, Kari Block, Cory MacIver, Mark Fleck, and Paul Rasmussen being voted in for a 1 year term.

Tom and Carol Larson were both accepted as the delegates for Metigoshe Ministries.

Bill Blore was voted into the Audit Committee for a 3 year term.

Meeting adjourned with Pastor Ken's prayer from his printed report, gave the Benediction and we adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Haisch, Council Secretary