

Chisago Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Church Council Meeting  
September 20, 2018

Meeting called to order by Chris Ruser at 7:10

Opening Prayer/Evening Meditation: Pastor Taryn led discussion on stewardship and read from First Corinthians

Members Present: Pastor Taryn, Janie Briggs, Anna Burch, Sue Abrahamson, Chris Ruser, Lee Peterson, Dale Bahn, Gloria Peterson, Melissa Rambow, Dave Reed

Members Absent none

Check In: Faith Five: Ups and Downs

Approval of the Agenda: Pastor Taryn asked to add "Finances in the Newsletter" and "October Council Meeting" to new business. The agenda was approved. Lee Peterson motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Chris Ruser seconded. All in favor. Agenda was approved as amended.

Approval of Minutes: Sue Abrahamson moves to approve the August minutes as written. Dale Bahn seconds. All in favor. The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: We are \$28,484 for the year behind schedule. The "Welcome Home" fund appeal is still short a couple thousand dollars due to unforeseen expenses in the parsonage.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastoral Activities: 4 pastoral visits, 4 nursing home visits, 4 home visits, 11 church/synod meetings, 1 funeral, 4 church activities, 5 phone visits
- Other notes
  - Still learning LOTS by sitting in with committees, home lists, and pastoral conversations
  - Thanks to everyone for their help/leadership with Rally Sunday /Installation and God's Work, Our Hands Sunday! We had great feedback
  - Lots of administrative details-website, personnel, contemporary worship, home communion, etc...
  - Funerals: please pray for Karen and Bonnie's families
  - Participating with Chisago Lakes area Lutheran churches for collaborative worship at Trinity on Sunday, September 30th at 4:30--share what we did for God's Work, Our Hands

- Staff meetings will be at 11:00 AM on Wednesdays, with all-staff meetings on the first Wednesday of the month. Staff are taking turns providing the meal.
- Text study is off the ground and running on Tuesdays over lunch.
- Planning Adult Forum for Sunday mornings. The first one will be starting on September 23rd, "Who Is Pastor Taryn??" Our theme for the week is "identity"-- thinking about who we are as children of God
- Asked to be on the Stewardship Working Group for the Synod. First meeting was Monday, September 17th.
- Continuing Education/Synod Stuff:
  - Craft of Preaching at Luther Seminary on October 2nd
  - Joint Ministerial (SPAS and Minneapolis synods) on October 4th
  - Bishop's Conference October 21-23
- Vacation October 17-19
- Mission Moment: Community Meal

### Committee Reports

- Finance/Stewardship
  - Stewardship and Finance met together to discuss stewardship and Consecration Sunday which is Nov 11th. Pastor Taryn introduced the Consecration Sunday model.
    - Three Sundays prior to November 11th, we will be having temple talks. There will be two letters that go out to congregation informing members about Consecration Sunday. Congregational leaders will be meeting and planning during the month of October.
    - On November 11th, there will be one service at 9:30 with a catered brunch following in Fellowship Hall (quotes for the brunch have been pursued)
    - Most often with this program there is 15-20% increase in giving. Pastor Taryn has used this model before with similar results.
    - On Consecration Sunday there will be a visiting pastor to present the sermon: Paul Hoffman from Seattle ( already in the area for other obligations)
    - Pastor Taryn will preach on stewardship on the Sunday prior to Consecration Sunday
    - Janie Briggs motions that we ask 3M to find funds approximately for \$2,500 to help cover the brunch and mailings that will be associated with CLLC's new stewardship program Lee Peterson seconds. All in favor. Motion passes
- Personnel
  - Personnel hired Christoph as the interim contemporary musician
  - A job description has been created for maintenance person
  - Personnel recommended to continue with the cleaning service which we are currently using

- Property
  - Snowplowing parking lots: our contract from last year was a two year contract, so there was no need to collect new bids
  - Plowing/shoveling sidewalks: property will post in the bulletin to see if there is someone who would be interested in doing this job. CLLC owns the snow blowers.
  - The nursery toilet is having issues: leaking and low flow
    - Council asks property to look into the cost of removing the toilet and capping it
  - Arborvitae trees outside the parsonage need to be removed. Property is looking for volunteers to take them down and remove the stumps. Please contact the office or a member of property if you are willing to do this.
  - Elevator
    - We got inspected by the state. There are several issues that have been flagged in order to come up to code
      - Property will keep council posted as to the costs for repairs and determine what is covered by the elevator maintenance company we have a contract with.
  - Building Use
    - Property will talk with the county to see if they would be amicable in paying CLLC for their use of our building
  - Sewer
    - Property is going to look at some long term solutions to fix the sewer backing up

### Old Business

- Dinner Theatre. Chris Ruser volunteered to organize this
- Church Directory: the dates left to do this in November were not available, so we will schedule this for this spring
- Office Technology
  - Council examined and compared internet and domain services based on cost, internet speed, and other technological details (full comparison can be found in the office).
  - Dave Reed moves to accept Midco as the new internet and phone provider and obtain a new web domain. Melissa Rambow seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.
  - Church website - We will continue to use Word Press
- Contemporary Service
  - Last Sunday was the first Sunday the service was held downstairs
  - We would like to open this service up to youth and others who have musical gifts

### New Business

- Stained Glass Windows

- The Friends of Chisago Lake Lutheran Church organization is pleased to announce that Gaytee-Palmer Stained Glass will soon commence restoration work on the windows on the east side of the church. The cost of phase 1 of this project is \$17,885 and funds have been raised through many generous donations and memorials. The stained glass windows are in good condition, but were never vented properly. Currently, there are two layers of storm glass over the wood frames. This has caused excessive heat build up and deterioration of the wood and peeling of the glazing and paint. After the minor repairs are made, a single layer of new storm glass will be installed and vented. The work will take approximately two weeks to complete. The Friends of CLLC will continue to fundraise to complete the restoration work on the west side (Phase 2) of the church in the near future. We have been fundraising for this project for over three years and very excited to finally begin.
- The Friends of Chisago Lake Lutheran Church organization is requesting the disbursement of funds totaling \$17,885 to Gaytee-Palmer Stained Glass. \$15,036.25 will come from the Friends of CLLC account and \$2,848.75 from the stained glass line item in 3M. The 3M Committee approved this disbursement at the September 11, 2018 monthly meeting. Currently, the Friends of CLLC organization does not have its own 501(c)3 tax exemption designation and signed a Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement with the church council in 2013. All revenues, expenditures and financial records are maintained through the CLLC accountant. The Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement requires an official stamp of approval from the church governing board for large disbursements. The Friends current cash balance is \$22,106.97.
  - Sue Abrahamson motions to release funds which the Friends of CLLC has raised for the stained glass windows and 3M has in their Stained Glass Window line item for a total of \$17885 to cover the Phase 1 Stained Glass Window Restoration Project. Lee Peterson seconds, all in favor. Motion passes.
- Church Softball
  - Lee Peterson and Dave Reed spoke to council about the possibility of starting up a CLLC softball team
  - Please talk to Dave or Lee if you would be interested
- Community Meal
- Be on the lookout for more opportunities to help with this meal
- Finance in the newsletter
  - Pastor Taryn led a discussion around what people would like to see in the newsletter and how to make CLLC's finances more clear
- October council meeting has been moved to Monday, October 15th

Closing Prayer/Adjournment Dale Bahn motions to adjourn at 9:10pm. Melissa seconds. All in favor. The meeting is adjourned.

Janie Briggs, Secretary