

# St John ELCA – Waseca

## Church Council Agenda and Minutes– April 9, 2024

**President**-Mike Behsmann; **Vice President**-Terry Huber; **Secretary**- Absent; **Acting Secretary**-Julie Keane; **Financial Secretary**-Al Tonn; **Commission of Worship and Music**-Pam Grunzke; **Commission of ED**-Karla Lange; **Commission of SM & Outreach**-Rhonda Behsmann; **Commission of B&G**-Kyle Gallagher; **Commission of Congr. Life**- Diane Blowers; **Member at Large**-Kim Elia, Absent.

1. **Call to Order**-by Mike Behsmann
2. **Welcome visitors**- no visitors this month.
3. **Opening Devotion** – Pastor Kristen read from St. Luke
4. **Roll call** (Quorum = 4 voting Members needed to vote on motions)
  - Announcements
5. **Regular Business**
  - **The secretary's report**- Julie Keane was acting secretary.  
There is need for a correction to the March Minutes on Line 8E. Terry Huber made the motion and Kyle Gallagher 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.
  - **Financial report** - Al Tonn-Read and approved. 3 CDs at \$80K each; Edward D. Jones, Blaze Bank and with the March minutes per request from MinnWest Bank will be deposited from the proceeds of the parsonage. Proceeds from the parsonage were \$240,408.50.
  - **Commission of Buildings and Grounds** – March 18, 2024: Russell Tesch talked with the City Manager, Carl Sonnenberg regarding the sidewalk repairs by the church. The response is as follows. "Engineering inspecting the sidewalk today. Our sidewalk budget is quite thin. We'll talk it over here and be in touch. March 21, 2024, Reply: "There is one bad sidewalk panel that is showing gravel which we plan to replace late summer/early fall if our contractor pricing is favorable the other sidewalk would be replaced when the street is reconstructed but not for years." Russell asked, "Who is liable when someone falls in the rough spots? It happened this winter." Carl Sonnenberg responded, "An insurance claim could be filed through the Finance Director at City Hall. It is then assigned to our insurance company to investigate." Thank you, Russell T., for the follow-up.  
Terry Huber has lawnmower serviced and ready to use. It is in shed. Kyle is looking into replacing the 15 yr. old gas-powered weed wipe with a battery operated one. He is trying to not have any gas needed equipment.
  - **Commission on Congregational Life** – Diane Blowers-Pine Ridge is planning on a Kindergarten and an 8<sup>th</sup> grade continuation service, to encourage the students to stay in school. The St. John/Grace Lutheran group will be making the next trip to Pine Ridge on May 22-25, 2024
  - **Education Committee** – Karla Lange -**Sunday School** -The last day of Sunday School will be April 28<sup>th</sup>, 24. VBS is going to be combined with Grace Lutheran again this year. Karla has a plan for getting more kids involved with VBS by having volunteers offer rides and to pick up other kids that would like to participate. This would hopefully encourage more participation.
  - **Commission on Social Ministry & Outreach**-Diane Blowers, Linda Sandborg, and Rhonda Behsmann have been getting information put together for a Pictorial Directory for 2025. They are waiting for price lists from the companies they contacted. Pam Grunzke also suggested that there might be someone from the community who could provide their pricing, also. She will ask. Undie Sunday has been moved from May to June and Rhonda will be getting a list of the most needed items.  
Food Shelf-We collected 130# of food and \$600 was donated.
  - **Commission of Worship, Music, & A/V Production** Huber Farm Event along with church worship, will be on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. Golf carts will be available to transport people from cars to buildings. Al T. is going to be checking on sound system for the pastor and we can print the

music. Dennis Sommers and Trevor Kanewischer have been contacted to see if they would like to come out this day. The menu will stay the same as last year. Will possibly need chairs/or everyone bring their parade chairs for service.

Good Earth Village Camp is coming soon. Need to get information out to the kids.

**At Large**—Kim Elias – no report

- **Pastors Report**-Pastor Kristen Venne- Asher Pentico was baptized in April. Funeral for Loren Fette. His wife will be transferring back to St. John Lutheran. Courtney Davison & fiancé have been attending wedding preparation classes. The wedding is planned for Sept. 28,2024. There is a wedding on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, for Amber Schlueter and Simon Sommers. Wedding prep classes to be scheduled.  
Holy Week was down 20 members each service from last year. Discussion on having 1 service on Maundy Thursday.  
The transition team has been set up and moving forward. There will be 3 Sundays in May where questions & input from congregation during worship. June- 10-15 minutes at the end of worship more surveys will be done to create a list for minister needs. Interviewing people within community. Looking forward to July/Aug to interview candidates.  
We need to update the Wedding and Funeral policies. Kyle G and Pam G commissions will be looking at these along with Pr. Venne.  
There will need to be Volunteer job descriptions needed so that we can create binders with all the information on the position/job for the next person who helps. We don't want anyone to be uniformed or lost as to what to do. (Ex: Funerals-who to contact, who oversees lunches, planning etc. What needs to be done when there is a wedding, contact info? What do you do when you have to run the camera for worship?)

## 6. Other Business

- New Copier/Printer- Was delivered April 4, 2024, and is up and running. The old copier and duplicator will be picked up soon.
- Video update- Dennis Bartz is retiring from video list.
- Mike B./Pam G have been working on Channel 8 and Facebook feeds. Coming along well.
- Lights for the choir area are here and Mike B. is in the process of building the mounting brackets for them. We are moving forward.

## 7. Next meeting May 14, 2024 – 6:00 COUNCIL TO WALK THROUGH BUILDING & meeting.

- **Additional Discussion/motion before adjourning?** – Additional discussion regarding how the money from the parsonage will be used. It was suggested that there be a suggestion box so that the congregation can contribute ideas for the use of the money. We will have 3 days of collecting ideas or suggestions to fix up the church.
- The Council will be doing a walk through the church and education building, taking pictures to assess repairs that are necessary. Findings will be presented to the congregation by video during fellowship.

8. **Adjourn** by Kyle & Terry at 8:20 pm

9. **Closing** Prayer- Pastor Kristen

Respectfully submitted by:

Julie Keane, Acting Secretary Date: April 9, 2024