

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER
Church Council Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2021

Respectfully Submitted by Peg Juba, Council Secretary
7:00 pm Council Meeting

Council Members Present: Tammy Davis, Jennifer Harms, Peggy Juba, Kevin Keup, Scott Munger, Todd Nichols, Mark Reishus, Terry Ulrich

Advisory: Pastor Kent Stillson, Pastor Dan Ofstehage

Unable to attend: Pastor Dan Ostehage

Call to Order by Mark Reishus at 7:00pm

Approve Agenda: Added purchase of tablet with google docs for council minutes. Tammy D. moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Todd N. Motion carried.

What's on Top?

Opening Devotions led by Jennifer H.

Approve August Minutes: Motion by Terry U. seconded by Kevin K. to approve the August minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Harms gave an overview of the August financials. Month-to-date for August, Year-to-date, we are at a surplus of what is budgeted. A motion to approve August Treasurer reports was made by Todd N. seconded by Scott M. Motion carried.

Pastor Dan's Report: Pastor Dan was unable to attend due to having surgery. He discussed Pastor Kent's David and Goliath sermon. He is sorry that church members were upset and feel they need to leave the church. Pastor Dan feels we will all be challenged in the gospels and sermons at times. His letter is attached for any to read.

Pastor Kent's Report:

- Lake Service: Thanks to all who helped make it successful.
- Service of Remembrance-August 25 was well attended with 15-20 families.
- Back to the Building Bash went well with JAİK band playing, good food, a bouncy house and adoption of puppies from the Humane Society.
- LCOOR Preschool has morning and afternoon sessions with 4 short of capacity. During preschool hours the hallway and exterior doors are locked due to a custody battle between the parents of a student.
- Wednesday night ministry and Confirmation start this Wednesday.
- God's Work Our Hands is Sept. 19 & 22 - 15 projects planned and delivering gift baskets to our 75 and over group.

- Rachel C. reports 202 students registered for Wednesday and Sunday School.
- Worship Modifications due to pandemic:
 - Keep offering plates at entrance
 - No greeters at the doors
 - Communion servers wear a mask and sanitize hands.

Old Business: Stewardship process begins September 18,19,22. "A future with Hope"

Preschool ministry New money goal : \$21,000

Christian Ed. New money goal: \$20,000

Strategic Planning New money goal: \$9,000

Discussion of Church council replacement for duration of unexpired term.

Possible candidates: Ron or Pam Heiser, Ed Gerrish, Buck Crouse, Staceys, Terry Ulrich or Pastor Kent will make contacts and report back.

New Business: Discussion of David and Goliath sermon. Pastor Kent compiled a synopsis of his sermon and his intentions. A copy can be given upon request. It was decided to give a statement telling the congregation that there will be topics that will be uneasy at times, but not intending to offend anyone and that everyone is welcome in our church.

Strategic Planning process with GSB: Pastor Kent will look into the fee schedule and any other options.

Purchase of a laptop with google docs for council minutes.

Committee Reports:

- **Education (Peg Juba): no**
- **Fellowship (Staff – Twila Schmitt): no**
- **Finance (Todd Nichols): No additional report.**
- **Preschool (Jennifer Harms): 18 morning 11 afternoon. Donation of Rainbow playset by Landmark's**
- **Property (Mark Reishus & Kevin Keup): some pew repair needed**
- **Stewardship (_____):no**
- **Worship & Music (_____):no**
- **Youth and Family Ministry (Terry Ulrich): no**
- **Policy (Tammy Davis): no**

Council's next meeting: October 12, 2021 at 7:00pm with devotions led by Kevin Keup

A motion was made by Mark Reishus and seconded by Kevin Keup to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.