

Trinity Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2024
Reporting: Rita Gibbs

Present: Marc Bachman, Andy Elofson, Rita Gibbs, Jim Kruger, Nancy Kruger, Nancy Roessler, Katherine Dunn, Pr. Dave Christenson

Absent: Kristie Gurrola, Kris Rosacker, Carolyn Dobler

Devotions: Andy

A. Business Discussed:

1. Pastor Report

- Met with Darwin Bruns family to prepare for funeral service that was held March 2.
- Met with family of Judy Scholl, memorial service was April 5.
- Lenten season went very well. Easter was well attended with a total of 321 present between both services
- Confirmation classes will end April 17.
- Attended a portion of the youth lock-in.
- Instructional class during worship for first communion. First communion was celebrated at Palm Sunday service.
- Pulpit exchange with Pastor Scott of Gaylord.
- Transitional Task Force is working on Ministry Site Profile.
- Sermon prep. Weekly staff meetings. Meetings with executive, council and CYF committee.

2. Treasurer's Report

- Offerings as of March 31, 2024 were \$75,654
- Total Expenses through March 31, 2024 were \$96,690
- Expenses exceed offerings by \$21,035
- Checking account balance as of March 31, 2024 is \$66,629

3. Finance

- A cemetery task force team reviewed this offer and we will not be taking this at this time. We will see if another local organization would be willing to take it on.
- The second floor lift task force has architecture company coming to review options,

4. Other Business/President's Report

- Church Access – Von Essen's will be coming to replace exterior door locks and also take care of the Archives door.
- Worship Service assistants – all schedules are set through the end of May.
- Coffee Fellowship hosts – the schedule of volunteers for this has been posted.
- Coffee with Pastor Dave – this will continue being held the second Sunday of each month.
- Reconciled In Christ – those who attended the RIC training have met with Executive Committee to share the information they learned in their training. We are following the Synod recommendation to wait until a Pastor has been called.
- Ministry Site Profile – the intention is to have the MSP complete and ready to share by May 1.

5. Personnel Report

- Youth Director position is listed on Indeed and they are looking at other avenues to post it.
- Staff reviews are scheduled for April.

6. New Business

- The ELCA Synod Assembly will be held at Gustavus Adolphus College on June 7 & 8. No council members volunteered to attend so we will reach for representatives from the congregation.

7. Committee Reports

- Adult Education – provided the schedule for Adult Education through mid-May.
- Children, Youth & Family – the March 17 youth lock-in weekend went well with 19 youth attending. First communion was Palm Sunday for 12 students and one on Easter Sunday. April 28 will be the last day of Sunday School for the year. Vacation Bible school will be held for a day instead of a week this year.
- Community Life – they have gotten new tables for the narthex. Looking to start getting rolls for Sunday Coffee Fellowship.
- Mission – no report available
- Property – the Energy Audit was completed. They suggested an integrated thermostat. The dumpster was changed to a smaller 4 yd size. Von Essen's will come to install new exterior locks and fix the archives door lock. The convection oven for the kitchen has not yet arrived. Still working on getting a bid for a lift in Sunday School wing to reach second floor. Proposal to put up a wall to enclose the AV area at the back of the church. **See Action Item 2.** The funds for the new wall would be the General Building Fund if there are no Endowment funds available. **See Action Item 3.**
- Stewardship – no report
- Worship, Music & Arts – Lenten and Easter services were wonderful! Usher lists are posted through the end of May. They are looking for an accompanist for the choir. Ideas for summer worship are an outdoor service and a Sundae Sunday. Recommending to have the summer worship service at 9:00. **See Action Item 4.**

B. Actions Taken:

1. **Motion M/S/P to approve March Council minutes.**
2. **Motion M/S/P to approve request to move forward installing a wall with a window to enclose the AV equipment at the back of the church.**
3. **Motion M/S/P to approve the use of General Building funds if no Endowment funds are available.**
4. **Motion M/S/P to approve the summer Sunday worship service time will be 9:00.**
5. **Motion M/S/P to adjourn the meeting.**

C. Responsibilities Assigned:

- May devotions will be Jim.

D. Next Meeting: Monday, April 8 at 6:30