

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
April 15, 2021

*Mission: Trinity Lutheran is a place to gather, refresh the faithful, and reach out with word and service to all others through the Holy Gospel*

*Guiding Principles*

- 1. God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit*
- 2. Preach and teach the Good News to everyone*
- 3. Witness your faith through actions and words*
- 4. Accept and welcome all people*

*Goals during Pandemic:*

- 1. Worship Weekly*
- 2. Financial Stability*
- 3. Communication and Connectedness*
- 4. Plan for Safe Return*

- I.) **Call to Order** – 7:01 pm by Sarah Henthorn. Others present: Jerry Armbrust, Amanda Hanson, Lloyd Kellar, Patrick Kelly, Pastor Meggan Manlove, Caitlin McHugh, Carl Radke, Penelope Smith; quorum of 7 is met. Absent: Sandy Blom, Mwajuma Dusabe, and Tom Friddle.
- II.) **Opening Devotions** – Caitlin led a devotion based on II Corinthians 9:8
- III.) **Approve April Agenda** – Caitlin moved that the amended April agenda be approved; Amanda seconded; motion carried.
- IV.) **Approve March Minutes** - Sarah moved that the March 2021 minutes be approved; Jerry seconded; motion carried.
- V.) **Review and Approve Treasurer’s Report** – Although income was at the \$12,000 level, Lloyd noted that expenses exceeded income because we “caught up” by paying several commitments that had been deferred from earlier in the year. Caitlin moved the March 2021 Treasurer report be approved; Amanda seconded; motion carried.
- VI.) **Pastor and Team Reports** – Pastor noted that our partnership with West Middle School and its 21<sup>st</sup> Century Club has led to a number of students completing the Junior Master Gardeners course and now volunteering weekly at Trinity Community Gardens.
- VII.) **Trinity New Hope** – The next board meeting is scheduled for April 22 at 6:00 pm.
- VIII.) **Goals during Pandemic** – Goals are being met, including our plan for safe return.
- IX.) **Old Business**
  - a. **Audit Committee** – The committee plans to meet April 19<sup>th</sup> to assist in reconciling the 2020 financials.

- b. **Church Calendar going forward** – Initially we will have an indoor in-person worship service the first Sunday of each month with capacity of 35 people who have signed up in advance using SignUpGenius or by contacting Bob Cola. On Maundy Thursday, pews were roped off, which was effective in spacing people. Several people will be shadowing Bryce Quarve, learning to operate the sound system. We discussed using outdoor in-person services as opportunities to develop the practices that will be essential during indoor worship. Since the edge of the patio formed a visual barrier and inhibited social distancing, ushers will encourage people to also set chairs on the lawn. Pastor will take communion first to those with mobility issues, then the rest of the worshipers can begin to line up at with safe spacing. There are some uneven surfaces on the patio slab which will be visually highlighted with bright tape until they can be fixed by “the mud pump man.”
- c. **Task Force for the “Pandemic Surplus”** – This has been formed and plans to meet at church April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

X.) **New Business**

- a. **Holiday Bazaar** - Di Seba is ready for others to take over coordination of the Bazaar. Pastor has several potential candidates in mind. Di is already getting calls from vendors asking about the 2021 Bazaar. We determined that, at our July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, Council will decide whether it is safe to hold the Bazaar in November 2021.
- b. **Brainstorming** – ELCA is offering an Open Doors Grant to assist congregations as they return to in-person worship. We discussed which groups of people might be interested in worshipping with us, including West Middle School students, NNU students, young singles, teens, and those who took a hiatus from regular worship during the pandemic.

XI.) **Lord’s Prayer**

- XII.) **Adjournment** – at 8:16pm by Sarah Henthorn - Our next meeting will in person on May 20<sup>th</sup> on the lawn, weather permitting. Caitlin has several options for attending. We will cover the Foreword, Introduction and Chapter 1 of *The Mission Table*. Most copies have been picked up, hand-delivered or mailed.

Penelope Smith  
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