

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
June 17, 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** – at 7:00 pm by Sarah Henthorn. Also present: Jerry Armbrust, Amanda Hanson, Lloyd Kellar, Pastor Meggan Manlove, Caitlin McHugh, Carl Radke, and Penelope Smith. Quorum (7) was met. Absent: Sandy Blom, Mwjuma Dusabe, Tom Friddle, and Patrick Kelly.
- II.) **Opening Devotions** – Sarah led devotions on Chapter 2 of The Mission Table.
- III.) **Approve June Agenda** – Item **V** was amended to include review/approval of the March Treasurer's Report. Caitlin moved that the amended June agenda be approved; Jerry seconded; motion carried.
- IV.) **Approve May Minutes** – Caitlin moved that the May 2021 minutes be approved; Jerry seconded; motion carried.
- V.) **Review and Approve Treasurer's Reports** – Penelope moved that the March 2021 Treasurer's Reports be approved; Jerry seconded; motion carried. Caitlin moved that the April 2021 Treasurer's Reports be approved; Jerry seconded; motion carried. Lloyd explained several issues with the print-outs of the May reports; these will need to be corrected. Penelope moved to defer approval of the May 2021 Treasurer's Reports until the July Church Council meetings; Jerry seconded; motion carried.
- VI.) **Pastor and Team Reports** – Penelope reported that 3 more time and talent sheets have been received, for a total of 35. Blank forms will be mailed in June.
- VII.) **Trinity New Hope** – is getting its own internet service. The foundation for the new shop will be poured in July.
- VIII.) **Goals during Pandemic** – Goals are being met, including our plan for safe return. COVID Task Force meets June 21<sup>st</sup>.
- IX.) **Old Business**

- a. **Audit Committee** – Tami Robinson submitted a written report. The audit is nearing conclusion.
- b. **Church Calendar going forward** – Activities include Taco Tuesday at Grace Episcopal on 7/6 and the Church CampOut 7/30 - 8/1. Pastor will be in South Dakota July 5 – 15.

X.) **New Business**

- a. **Sharing from Cluster Leadership Retreat** – This was attended by Pastor, Penelope and Sarah. We learned that other congregations are having “reentry” experiences similar to ours. All are feeling stuck in the middle between what has ended and what is not yet ready to begin. It’s important not to make assumptions about people who have not yet re-connected with the church. We discussed opportunities for growth in the Treasure Valley.
- b. **Who do we want to be in the fall?** Council brainstormed what elements we might like to see. Some of those included raising up new leaders, welcoming each other and new people, reinvesting in relationships that have been dormant due to the pandemic, connecting children with adults, sharing stories, moving pews to improve accessibility, activities for high school youth, food truck events, and outreach to students at NNU.

XI.) **Lord’s Prayer**

- XII.) **Adjournment** – Caitlin moved that we adjourn; Sarah seconded; motion carried. At 8:17 pm Sarah Henthorn adjourned the meeting. Our July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting will be on Zoom.