

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**Church Council Meeting Minutes – May 10, 2022**  
**Reporting: Rita Gibbs**

**Present:** Sarah Nelson, Cathy Carlson, Scott Fichtner, Kayla Siewert, Meredith Young, Rita Gibbs, Jeff Feder, Alie Hermanson, Nancy Kruger, Pastor Joy Ekstedt, Pastor Nikoli Falenschek

**Absent:** Brian Fell, Jim Timmerman

**Devotions:** Alie Hermanson

**A. Business Discussed:**

**1. Pastor Joy's Report**

- Pastoral care - visited with Rosella Palmquist's family about her memorial service earlier in the week and led the service April 2. (The same day I learned Pastor Nikoli had Covid!). Also, visited with as many members as I could the week or so before Easter.
- Planned to lead devotions at Benedictine (assisted living facility) but they had active cases of Covid. One person (a Trinity member) was present for the devotion time so we had a good visit!
- Julie Carlson began her work on staff at TLC April 4. She's doing a great job and is learning "the ropes" from Jen.
- It was great to celebrate First Communion with 17 young people from TLC and their families on Palm Sunday. Four Sundays after Sunday morning worship services, I met with kids who are in Fourth grade and older for their instruction. First-third grade youth met with Pastor Nikoli for one session.
- Led Grace Street Bible study. We have studied Harry Wendt's *Road to Coronation* during Lent which was, of course, timely
- Holy Week and Easter Sunday worship services went well. Attendance at Maundy Thursday and Easter morning was great. It continues to be the case that Good Friday worship services are not well attended – pandemic or no pandemic. That's disappointing.
- On a personal note, Easter Sunday was an extra busy and wonderful day for me since it was also my Mom's birthday – something that happens for people born from near the end of March to near the end of April about 3 or 4 times every 100 years!
- New member orientation is Thursday, May 12 at 7 pm. New members will be welcomed to Trinity on Sunday May 15.
- Kayla Siewert, Trinity VP/Chair of the Personnel Committee, and I will meet with Jen for her exit interview.
- Thank you to Nancy Kruger, Kayla Siewert, Rita Gibbs and Community Life for helping with coffee hours to welcome Julie Carlson and farewell Jen Hubrig.
- Scott Fichtner is leaving in June and Bob Broeder has agreed to take Scott's position as treasurer. **See Action Item 3.**

**2. Treasurer's Report**

- Offerings through April were \$121,763. This is down \$10,359 from giving through April 2021.
- Total expenses through April have been \$157,817. This is deficit of \$36,054 between income and expenses. *Of note, there was a beginning balance of \$75,224 on 1/1/2022. That "excess" is now \$38,784.*
- The budgeted amount through April was \$174,679. Expenses are running \$16,862 below the budgeted amount through April.
- The Controlled Savings Balance was \$183,372
- The Bank Balance at the end of March was \$38,784

**3. Finance Committee Report**

- a. The Endowment Report was presented for review.

**4. Synod Assembly Offering**

- a. Discussed and suggested to give a Synod Assembly offering of \$250. **See Action Item 4.**

## 5. Committee Reports

- Property Committee: They are getting a few quotes for roofing options. The new office carpet is installed. They accepted a bid from Adams Pest Control. They are getting quotes for HVAC system.
- Community Life: They handed out flowers on Mother's Day. They are assembling Baccalaureate gift bags. They will be doing something to give out for Father's Day. Looking into a bicycling group and a Faith night for a Moon Dogs game.
- Children, Youth and Family: There are two students attending Christikon. There are two Jr. High students signed up for the mission trip. Putting together goodie bags for them. Vacation Bible School (VBS) is pulling together.
- Worship, Music and Arts: Filling candles for worship is difficult task, looking into other possible options.
- Mission: June 23 will be Trinity's road ditch clean up. They are looking to see if VBS students might assemble the Afghan kits. Mission Committee has donated \$499 of their funds to Lutheran World Relief for Ukraine.
- Adult Education: No report.
- Stewardship: The Volunteer Appreciation brunch went well.

## B. Actions Taken:

1. **Motion M/S/P to approve the agenda for the May Council meeting.**
2. **Motion M/S/P to approve the minutes of the April Council meeting.**
3. **Motion M/S/P to approve Bob Broeder to have authorized signature for Trinity Lutheran Church to replace Scott Fichtner.**
4. **Motion M/S/P to approve Synod Assembly offering of \$250. Funds will come from the Mission Funds: Foreign and Domestic Endowment Funds.**

C. **Next meeting:** Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 6:30 pm