

**St. John's Lutheran Church, Council Meeting, April 14, 2023**  
Approved at the May Meeting

**Belonging** to Christ, we are a family of faith, **Encouraging** spiritual growth, and **Connecting** others to lasting hope.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Phil Hennemann at 6:34 p.m.

**Opening:** Phil led us in prayer.

**Those present:** Pastor Bob Friese, Phil Hennemann (President), Karen Gunderson (Vice President), Barb Esanbock (Secretary), Brian Sandness (Financial Secretary), Stacy Burr (Stewardship), Tom Boyer (Property), Ella Esanbock (Worship), Beth Keehr (Education)

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Tom Boyer, second by Karen Gunderson, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion by Karen Gunderson, second by Beth Keehr, to approve the March minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** The report was reviewed. Motion by Karen Gunderson, second by Beth Keehr, to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:**

- Thanks to Ann, Brit, and the Music Ministers for all the help in getting music and bulletins organized.
- Thanks to the Councils for their time and assistance in starting this bridge pastor experience for me.
- Bulletins through Easter Sunday will be completed by the end of this week
- I did one home visit last week and will be completing another tomorrow.
- I am working with Nancy Cleveland and helping with Bible Study and Holy Communion at Valley Villas tomorrow.
- Presided at the funeral for Steven Bee at Gilman Lutheran on Monday, February 20th.
- Led a short prayer service before the visitation for Terry Roatch at Keehr Funeral Home, Monday, February 20th.
- Two classes for First Communion training are scheduled. The celebration will be at worship on Maundy Thursday.

**President's Report:** Phil Hennemann

- Parish updates: The executive Committee is tentatively meeting on 16 April 2023 with Pastor Randy Olson (Synod staff) and Pastor Bob to negotiate a 3-month extension to his contract as Bridge Pastor. The next full Parish Council meeting is scheduled for 07 May 2023 after worship service.
- St. John's Updates: I have begun contacting the Food Pantry leadership to set a meeting to present the building expenses and discuss sharing the costs.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**STEWARDSHIP:** Chair: Stacy Burr

- Cross keychains were ordered for graduates and we will buy graduation cards. Beth Keehr and I have been in contact.
- Working on various stewardship things..

**PROPERTY:** Chair: Tom Boyer

- Meeting with Keith Larson Saturday to patch holes in the building because of birds.
- May 13th Church cleanup, start time 9 a.m. Items that need to be done:
  - Trees over sidewalks pruned/trimmed
  - Light fixtures cleaned
  - Rock beds cleaned, bushes trimmed
  - Patio furniture cleaned (Tom can bring a pressure washer)
  - Weeding
  - Lawn and ditch clean up, any garbage/debris
- Discuss the possibility of some new signage that will state Trinity Valley Parish on it, to bring to parish council.

**WORSHIP:** Chair: Ella Esanbock

- Will get together with Pastor Bob to see how far ahead music is planned for worship.

**EDUCATION:** Chair, Beth Keehr

- Discussion on possible Wednesday night church events at St. John's, such as adult Bible studies.

**SOCIAL CONCERNS:** Chair: Melanie Wentlandt

- St. John's is hosting a Blood Drive on April 21, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- The Pierce County Ecumenical Choir will be at St. John's at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 23rd.

**FINANCIAL:** Brian Sandness

- The code on the safe has been changed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Education Building Expenses:** Phil is working on this and will keep us up to date.
- **Copier Maintenance:** It is currently working; we will hold off on deciding if it is best to repair, purchase or lease.
- **Graduation Sunday Service:** Gilman and St. John's will switch Sundays so that Gilman is hosting graduation Sunday on the 15th, as most of the students are from Gilman.
- **Summer Activities:** VBS, Camp, Chicken Feed, monthly Sunday services at Handy Andy Park.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Wednesday Evening Services:** There was discussion on holding Wednesday night services during the summer, and if there would be enough help. Pastor Bob has shown an interest in doing this. Ella will reach out to the band members.
- **Pastor's Contract:** Pastor Bob's 3 month contract as the Parish Bridge Pastor is up at the end of March; this will be renewed for another three months.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, 11th, May 9, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Stacy Burr, second by Tom Boyer, to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. Motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Barb Esanbock, St. John's Council Secretary.