

St. John's Lutheran Church, Council Meeting, May 9, 2023
Approved at the June 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 Henneman at 6:33 p.m.

Those present: Pastor Bob Friese, Phil Hennemann (President), Ann Beyer (Treasurer), Barb Esanbock (Secretary), Ella Esanbock (Worship), Beth Keehr (Education), Melanie Wentlandt (Social Concerns)

Opening Prayer/Devotions: Pastor Bob led us in devotions and prayer.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Beth Keehr, second by Ann Beyer, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Motion by Melanie Wentlandt, second by Beth Keehr, to approve the April minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Ann went over the report. Motion by Melanie Wentlandt, second by Ella Esanbock, to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Bob provided a written report; some of the highlights:

- This Sunday, May 14, is High School Senior Sunday, The Last Day of Sunday School, Recognition of our Education Ministers, and Mother's Day.
- This Summer I will work with Ann to create a schedule for this Fall's Confirmation Class.
- Since I will be serving TVLP through this calendar year, I will present a more detailed report of my daily work (hours, visits, et cetera) to the councils each month, starting in June.

President's Report:

- Parish updates: The Executive Committee has extended its contract with Pastor Bob Friese to serve as our Interim Pastor through 31 December 2023. The next full Parish Council meeting is scheduled for 06 August 2023 after worship service.
- St. John's Updates: I would like to take a moment and thank some of the people who make St. John's a great community. Thank you, Ann Beyer, for your dedication in ensuring the smooth daily operations for St. Johns and Trinity Valley Lutheran Parish. Thank you to Mel Wendtlandt for organizing the Ecumenical Choir evening. Thank you to Tom Boyer and Keith Larson for your efforts in repairing the bird and squirrel damage to the exterior of the building. Thank you, Gretchen Cipriano, for coordinating musicians. And thank you to John Anderson for stepping up to play piano when we needed someone to help us carry a tune. There are many more who deserve our thanks and I will be sharing them in the coming months.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STEWARDSHIP: Chair: Stacy Burr, written report provided

- Working on the same things. I'm going to print a form to get passed around at church to sign up for usher, reader etc... it could be left on the table when people walk in. I was going to see if Ann could fill in the blanks on Mondays. If I am at church, I could fill in the Google doc myself. Probably do 3 months out.

PROPERTY: Chair: Tom Boyer, written report provided

- Toilets are getting fixed, Josh Turner will be here to replace the parts, the manufacturer is covering this cost. Keith did the leg work.
- Squirrel/bird holes are proving to be an issue, especially above the main entrance. Keith and I have tried to cover/fix/patch that hole a couple of times, and they keep getting in. Keith will have equipment at the Church on the 13th, and some people can work on this during the clean-up.
- Indian head glass has been here to look at the door locks. They will get parts ordered and will schedule a time to replace the door locks that have been giving us issues.
- May 13th is the church clean up, 8am.

WORSHIP: Chair: Ella Esanbock

- A couple of band members will be available this summer for Wednesday night music.

EDUCATION: Chair, Beth Keehr

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SOCIAL CONCERNS: Chair: Melanie Wentlandt

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ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES:

- If there is anything that needs to get out to all Parish members, Ann can do mass emails to all three churches.
- Summer office hours will be Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, in June and July and part of August.
- Pastor Bob is still in need of a desk for the office.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Education (Sunday School) Building Expenses:** Phil will be sending out emails.
- **Graduation Sunday Service:** St. John's and Gilman will switch Sundays so that Graduation Sunday is at Gilman as they have most of the graduates.
- **Wednesday Evening Services:** We will try this for the summer, starting June 14th, 6:30-7:00 p.m. with all services being at St. John's.
- **VBS:** June 4th-8th. Volunteers from TVLP are needed to serve supper on the 5th and 8th. Mel will make a signup sheet
- **Pastor Bob's Contract:** Mentioned in President's report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Parish Directory:** Discussion on a Parish directory that would have sections for each congregation. We could have one picture day at each church and Parish members could go to whichever session works for them.
- **Background Checks:** This would apply to volunteers working with our youth; Sunday School teachers and leaders, Confirmation leaders, and chaperones for any youth trips.
- **Ministry Site Profile:** We need to get the call process started for a minister, ideally there would be two members from each of the three congregations on the Call Committee.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, June 13th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. There will be no meeting in July.

ADJOURN: Motion by Mel Wentlandt, second by Beth Keehr, to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Motion carried.

Pastor Bob led us in a closing prayer.

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