

**OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING
December 13, 2010**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shannon Cortright Pr Beth
Brenda Mueller Dan Szulczewski
Shirley Mitchell Carie Truckey
Jolene Johnson- Tina Kiefer
VanDenElzen
Mary Fischer

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Arlene Bagley
Allen Handlin
Rebekah Murphy

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by President, Carie Truckey.

DEVOTIONS: Pr. Beth Macha shared a short story about being observant of your surroundings and appreciating them.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The minutes of the November 8th, 2010 Congregation Council meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Rebecca Burgener and seconded by Shannon Cortright to approve the Secretary's Report. Motion passed.

CONGREGATION FINANCIAL REPORT/TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Financial Stewardship Team and Treasurer's Report minutes were reviewed. As of 30 November 2010, the Undesignated BC Ziegler Fund has a balance of \$18,995.80, and the Designated BC Ziegler Memorial Money Market Fund has a balance of \$15,563.49. As of 30 November 2010, the Designated Memorial Checking account had a balance of \$46,178.09. The Loan balance as of 30 November 2010 was \$1,171.37. At the end of November the general fund checking account had a balance of \$3,812.94. Unpaid benevolence of \$763.40 will be caught up by year-end. A large expenditure to Board of Pensions for the Office Secretary (benefits back-dated to September) is due for November business. Fair stand profits will be used in December to make necessary November expense payments.

A motion was made by Brenda Mueller and seconded by Dan Szulczewski to approve the Financial/Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

The 2011 proposed budget was presented by Helena Anderson and reviewed by the Council. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Dan Szulczewski and seconded by Brenda Mueller to present the 2011 proposed budget to the Congregation at the annual meeting. Motion passed.

STANDING TEAM REPORTS:

There was no Youth and Family Team report.

A motion was made by Mary Fischer and seconded by Shannon Cortright to accept the Standing Team Reports. Motion passed.

PASTOR AND STAFF REPORT:

Report from Rev. Beth Macha, Interim Pastor
November 1-30, 2010

Narrative Information for Council:

1. I am now simply assisting Jamie with confirmation classes on Wednesday evenings.
2. The Sunday morning session of the "Healthy Congregations" is nearly finished, and the Tuesday evening session has begun. With both these classes, there are about 20 people from this congregation who are being trained in the "Healthy Congregations" program.
3. I provided the program for the M&M group on November 9.
4. I led the community ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve worship service and led the program after the community Thanksgiving Day meal.
5. I have been working with the call committee only in terms of ensuring that their paperwork was submitted and in terms of arranging for 2 mock interview candidates.
6. Since I started as the interim pastor here on February 1, 2010, I have been averaging 62.5 hours a week doing ministry work for this congregation.

For Council Review/Action:

- There is a continuing education program called "Dealing with Difficult People" coming to Wausau on Wednesday, February 23, 2011. The cost is \$149 per person, or \$139 per person if 5 or more people attend from the church. Rebecca, Jamie, and I would like to attend and think there may be others who want to attend.
 - There were no members from the Council requesting to participate
 - It was recommended to check other local educational resources for a similar type events.

Goals for the Next Month:

- Continue the Healthy Congregations short courses, with the possibility of a third one beginning in January
- Continue to prepare for Advent and Christmas services
- Visits & Holy Communion with all our shut-ins before Christmas

Statistics:

Meetings with one or more staff	11
Meetings with Committees/Leaders	10
Denominational/Area Clergy Meetings	0
Pastoral Contacts	77
(Office visits, Hospital visits, Home or Shut-in Visits, Counseling, Premarital, Funeral Planning, etc.)	
Funerals/Graveside Services	0
Weddings/Vow Renewals	0
Classes Taught/Bible Studies Led.	17
Lectionary/Text Study Group attended	2
Worship Services Led	12
Preached at	8 services

Vacation:

Taken This Month 0 weeks, 1 days
Year to Date 3 weeks, 3 days
Remaining this Year 0 weeks, 4 days

Upcoming Vacation Planned:

Monday – Wednesday, December 27-29, 2010 **** these could be comp days for the previous week, but let's call them vacation just to use my vacation time up ****

Continuing Education:

Taken This Month None

Year to Date:

“Digging into the Word” on May 20
Theological Conference October 11-13
Money Matters on October 24

Upcoming Planned Cont. Ed. Events: “Dealing with Difficult People” in Feb. 2011

Notes from the church office

Transfers Out:

Linda Eckes and son Christopher Eckes to St. Mark's LCMS, Wausau, WI

Transfers In:

Cynthia Wilson from Trinity Lutheran Church, Merrill, WI

A motion was made by Shirley Mitchell and seconded by Jolene Johnson-VanDenElzen to accept the transfer in.

BUSINESS:

Shirley Mitchell presented a review of the Mutual Ministry Team as outlined by the ELCA.

A motion was made by Jolene Johnson-VanDenElzen and seconded by Mary Fischer to establish a Mutual Ministry Team to support the called staff of Our Saviour's.

- Shirley will complete the wording for the Continuing Resolution to the Council in January

Status of the Nominating Committee for 2011 annual meeting was discussed.

- Carie will be contacting the Team as a follow-up to a distributed letter to the Team.

A synod Ethics policy was reviewed by the Council. Revision to name the document Conflict of Interest Policy Statement will be made as well as applicable OSLC references made

- Tina will complete and present at the next meeting

Pr Beth recommended the development of a plan to determine the best options and recommendations for the future of the parsonage. Review and development of available options will be investigated and outlined.

- Jolene Johnson-VanDanElzen will identify a Team to work with and have it presented to the Council.

Call Committee Update:

Mary Fischer, indicates that two mock interviews will be conducted near the end of December.

- Tentatively expect interviews to begin in January with potential candidates
- Packets are available of the Merrill area through the Merrill Chamber of Commerce
- The OSLC website will have the ministry profile posted and available for review by the candidates
- Names of candidates have been requested

The Congregation Annual Meeting will be January 26, 2011. Team reports are due January 5, 2011 and can be sent to the office by e-mail. The annual reports will be available two weeks before the meeting.

A motion was made by Shirley Mitchell and seconded by Mary Fischer to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm. Meeting adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next scheduled Church Council meeting is set for Monday, January 10th, 2011 at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Kiefer
Council Member