

**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church  
Congregation Council Minutes  
Tuesday, December 19, 2017**

**Present:** Pastor Pat Schutz, Carol Engebretson, Charlotte Peters, Bradd Price, Aimee Weisskopf, Jeff Peterson, Jamie Diestelhorst, Kaylen Nance, Ruth Ellen Lindstrom

**Absent:** Carol Osness, Jay Peterson, Linda Price, Jodie Semling, Josie Countryman, Leah Burbach

At 6:05 p.m. Aimee called the meeting to order.

Pastor Pat led devotions using Luke 1:46-55, which is Mary's song; the way God has helped. May we be a singing, vibrant church in our community. She closed her remarks with prayer.

**Secretary's Report:**

Secretary's Report was read. Jeff made motion to accept the report. Seconded by Carol E. Motion carried.

**Youth Director Report:**

It was good to have Jamie and Kaylen with us for Jamie's report. Kaylen loves the children and takes a leadership role. The FOCUS group have been focusing on doing acts of kindness in several different ways. Pastor Pat has put together mentor guidelines for eight young people; Becky has taken two individuals to mentor. Jamie is in touch with Justin, Youth Leader at Merrill Bible Church. They will work together with activities at Ott's Garage. Jamie has been with us ten years as our youth leader. We are creating a new job description for her.

**Pastor's Report:**

Pastor Pat gave her report. She is meeting the third Tuesday of every month with first pastors. Pastor Nancy Richardson will lead these pastors who are in their first pastoral call.

**Committee Reports:**

**Christian Education:** Carol E gave the Christian Education report.

**Outreach:**

**Worship & Music:**

Charlotte made motion to accept the reports. Jeff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

**Partnership with Ascension Episcopal:** Pastor Pat has been asked to preach one Sunday of the month at Ascension Episcopal Church and has been approved by the bishop. Jeff made motion we approve of Pastor Pat's preaching there as long as it works. Seconded by Bradd. Motion carried.

**Discussed Budget:**

Cutting back on amount of paper used.

Discussed proposed salary and pension for 2018

Discussed possibility of purchasing artificial Christmas tree for church.

**Annual Meeting:**

Annual reports need to be ready for Rebecca by January 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Annual Meeting will be January 30<sup>th</sup>.

The next council meeting will be one week early, January 9<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Pat will have devotions for our next meeting.

At 8 p.m. Pastor Pat led us in praying the Lord's Prayer.

Motion to adjourn. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Ellen Lindstrom

Council Secretary