

St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Voters' Meeting

October 7, 2007

President Ken Arndt called the meeting to order at 11:28 a.m. Pastor Bitter opened with a prayer. (Copies of all reports are available from the church council secretary.) 23 voters were present.

Secretary's Report

MSP: To dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as written.

Membership

MSP: To ratify Tom Geisthardt's transfer to Christ Our Redeemer in Aurora, Colorado.

MSP: To ratify the reception of Kelly Lynn O'Brien and her children, Lindsey and Lyndon, into church membership.

MSP: To accept Brian Wix and Garth Schumacher as voting members.

Election to Church Council

MSP: To close nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for Bruce Rhode, Dale Hinze, and Dan Flood.

Christian Growth Committee: Carl Lehner

No report

Outreach Committee: Art Pahnke

Mission Festival will be Sunday, October 21. Pastor David Waege will be our guest preacher.

Lutheran School Committee: Ed Marley

A financial report was handed out, but not discussed. The volleyball team has its last home match on Tuesday, October 9.

Shepherding Committee: John Roehl

The committee has been contacting those members that have not communed with us in the last two years or more. They have reached an impasse with four members and can no longer be responsible to God for their spiritual care. The committee recommends removal from our membership.

MSP: To remove Jennifer Steger from church membership.

MSP: To remove Aimee Parduhn from church membership.

MSP: To remove Jean Hewitt from church membership.

MSP: To remove Tammy Anderson from church membership.

Properties Committee

- Electrical work at the parsonage is completed. New outlets and a light have been installed in the furnace room for our computer equipment.

- All air-conditioning units have been inspected and repaired as needed.

- All furnaces have been tuned-up for the heating season. The furnace in the gym will be checked in the near future. The parsonage furnace has two small cracks in the heat exchanger. It's not leaking at this time, but should be replaced.

- Dave has requested information on the possibility of getting a service agreement on our A/C and heating equipment.

- The heating contractor suggested that we consider getting new thermostats that would be easier to use.

- We passed our annual fire inspection on October 4.

- Kevin Boelk will again be handling the parking lot snow removal this winter.

- Bruce Rhode reported that C.D. Smith had sealed the exterior block on parts of the gym wall. Moisture in that area has been a reoccurring problem.

- Bob Fretschel will look at the light fixture at the front of the church. There seems to be some problem with the wiring or fixture because the bulb has been replaced more than once.

WLA Representatives

Jim Bilitz reported that the Executive Committee would be considering reducing the staff by two positions because of declining enrollment.

Anniversaries Committee: Ken Arndt

Ken Arndt reported on all the cleaning and maintenance that had been done. All bills have not yet been submitted, so the total cost wasn't available.

Approximately 160 people attended the dinner. There were lots of compliments on the food

and program. The hard work of everyone who helped is greatly appreciated.

Set aside the last Sunday in June to celebrate Pastor Bitter's fortieth year in the ministry.

Finance Committee: Tim Panzer

The General Fund receipts are \$29,000 behind budget, but offerings are only \$1000 behind what we had anticipated. Offerings have increased since the end of summer. The fourth quarter has an extra Sunday this year. That may also help to reduce the size of the deficit.

Tim passed out a report showing average offerings given by different age and marital groups. There were 97 envelopes that have given zero for the year and 41 that have given less than a dollar per week.

P.A.C.K. purchased the video projector that was used in the anniversary celebration. A permanently mounted screen would cost between \$700 and \$800.

Treasurer's Report: Dan Rosenau

The General Fund has a negative balance of \$27,403.40 with a checkbook balance of \$7,120.31. General Fund expenditures are averaging 74.45% of the budget.

All the anniversary bills have not yet been turned in. The special offering and dinner tickets brought in \$7,884.59. \$5,155.22 has been paid out to Service Masters for cleaning, to Kollman's Korner Katering for the meal, and for other miscellaneous expenses. The parking lot resurfacing was paid from the Parish Improvement Fund.

MSP: To transfer any balance in the Anniversary Fund to the General Fund at the end of the year.

MSP: To approve the Financial Secretary and Treasurer's reports.

Baehler Trust Fund: Dave Kenyon

- Current investments are \$85,420.82.
- \$16,763.94 was paid out to St. Luke's in the first nine months of 2007.
- Our mortgage balance is \$75,153.71.

MSP: To accept Dave Kenyon's report.

Unfinished Business: None

Church Council Recommendations

2008 Preliminary Budget was presented. This budget is used to show our members how we might use our financial blessings next year to support our ministries at St. Luke's, at WLA, and in the synod. Then after our members have turned in their Giving Plans, the voters at their January 2008 meeting will approve a final budget for the year.

MSP: To accept the preliminary budget for 2008 as presented.

New Business

MSP: To set the fair rental value of the parsonage at \$6000 for 2008.

MSP: To set the household furnishings allowance for Pastor Bitter at \$4000 for 2008.

MSP: To set the household allowance for Mr. Miller at \$12,000 for 2008.

At this point in the meeting President Ken Arndt opened the floor to those wishing to discuss the status of St. Luke's Lutheran School. Many people voiced opinions and concerns. Everyone spoke in support of our school and how important it is to the life of our church. The school staff, the School Committee, and the Church Council are holding a joint meeting on Thursday, October 11, to continue the discussion.

After a MSP to adjourn, the meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

John Sankey
Church Secretary

St. Luke's Treasurer Report 3rd Quarter

Fund Title	Beg.Bal.1/1/07	Deposits	Expenditures	Balance
1. General Fund *	0.00	213,919.42	241,322.82	(27,403.40)
2. Parish Improvement	13,679.19	17,344.42	13,292.16	17,731.45
3. Communion Fund	0.00	2,599.25	0.00	2,599.25
4. School Fund	2,193.63	3,626.00	4,675.09	1,144.54
5. Worker Gift Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6. Life Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7. Music Fund	0.00	345.00	93.40	251.60
8. Sunday School	155.19	187.97	303.66	39.50
9. Student Aid	0.00	509.00	499.00	10.00
10. WLA Student Aid	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00
11. Door Offerings	0.00	150.00	150.00	0.00
12. WLA Forward in Trust	0.00	208.00	190.00	18.00
13. WELS-Comm on Relief	0.00	545.32	545.32	0.00
14. 10th Anniversary	0.00	7,884.59	5,155.22	2,729.37
BANK LOAN	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
TOTAL	26,028.01	247,368.97	266,276.67	7,120.31
				Checkbook Bal.

*General Fund breakdown below

Mortgage Balance = \$75,153.71
Parish Imp. CD's = \$5,000.00

Gen. Fund by Budget Item	Yr. to Date	2007 Budget	YTD % of Budget
<i>Expenditures</i>			
1. WELS Missions	29,250.00	39,000.00	75.00%
2. WLA Operating	21,750.03	29,000.00	75.00%
3. Salaries	103,098.58	142,200.00	72.50%
4. Insurance	27,901.75	38,000.00	73.43%
5. Utilities	14,878.33	21,000.00	70.85%
6. Social Security	7,052.06	10,750.00	65.60%
7. Pensions	4,618.14	5,747.00	80.36%
8. Postage and Supplies	2,503.65	3,600.00	69.55%
9. Maintenance & Repairs	7,019.24	7,000.00	100.27%
10. Mileage	1,410.64	2,000.00	70.53%
11. Organists	1,639.28	2,200.00	74.51%
12. Miscellaneous Expense	1,241.71	1,000.00	124.17%
13. Sub. Workers	1,870.00	1,200.00	155.83%
14. Outreach Committee	564.83	1,000.00	56.48%
15. Christian Growth Com.	2,680.88	2,500.00	107.24%
16. Shepherding Com.	791.70	1,200.00	65.98%
17. School Committee	361.14	400.00	90.29%
18. Finance Committee	2,170.67	2,300.00	94.38%
19. Mortgage	10,520.19	14,029.00	74.99%
Y.T.D. Spending Totals	241,322.82	324,126.00	74.45%

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Weekly Summary

Date	General Fund	Other General Funds	All General Funds	Other	Amount Given
1/7/2007	4,649.00	266.50	4,915.50	67.50	4,983.00
1/14/2007	3,798.00	174.00	3,972.00	646.25	4,618.25
1/21/2007	3,305.00	309.68	3,614.68	161.25	3,775.93
1/28/2007	5,121.50	5,771.25	10,892.75	581.00	11,473.75
2/4/2007	4,531.50	164.00	4,695.50	545.92	5,241.42
2/11/2007	4,300.00	264.69	4,564.69	5,065.00	9,629.69
2/18/2007	4,185.00	531.00	4,716.00	32.75	4,748.75
2/25/2007	1,554.00	2,415.79	3,969.79	112.00	4,081.79
3/4/2007	8,248.50	1,248.75	9,497.25	104.75	9,602.00
3/11/2007	3,410.00	1,031.64	4,441.64	298.00	4,739.64
3/18/2007	4,556.00	807.10	5,363.10	25.00	5,388.10
3/25/2007	5,836.00	4,933.13	10,769.13	1,113.00	11,882.13
4/1/2007	6,032.00	154.99	6,186.99	77.00	6,263.99
4/8/2007	3,051.00	7,410.70	10,461.70	91.00	10,552.70
4/15/2007	2,750.00	302.84	3,052.84	109.50	3,162.34
4/22/2007	3,602.00	186.55	3,788.55	77.30	3,865.85
4/29/2007	6,964.00	156.39	7,120.39	604.85	7,725.24
5/6/2007	5,829.00	120.80	5,949.80	5,612.17	11,561.97
5/13/2007	3,584.50	401.09	3,985.59	172.25	4,157.84
5/20/2007	3,831.77	395.88	4,227.65	15.40	4,243.05
5/27/2007	4,396.00	365.40	4,761.40	798.32	5,559.72
6/3/2007	5,479.00	1,671.90	7,150.90	76.00	7,226.90
6/10/2007	3,507.00	230.50	3,737.50	115.00	3,852.50
6/17/2007	3,871.00	462.55	4,333.55	15.00	4,348.55
6/24/2007	4,248.00	3,570.23	7,818.23	221.00	8,039.23
7/1/2007	4,816.00	69.00	4,885.00	47.00	4,932.00
7/8/2007	4,283.00	264.50	4,547.50	146.00	4,693.50
7/15/2007	4,034.00	112.00	4,146.00	106.00	4,252.00
7/22/2007	3,741.00	80.75	3,821.75	20.00	3,841.75
7/29/2007	4,841.50	47.23	4,888.73	267.75	5,156.48
8/5/2007	5,298.00	536.40	5,834.40	5,355.00	11,189.40
8/12/2007	3,665.00	1,379.17	5,044.17	112.00	5,156.17
8/19/2007	3,668.50	141.75	3,810.25	4,338.59	8,148.84
8/26/2007	4,927.00	400.75	5,327.75	412.00	5,739.75
9/2/2007	4,776.00	307.60	5,083.60	257.00	5,340.60
9/9/2007	4,350.00	270.00	4,620.00	2,903.75	7,523.75
9/16/2007	4,906.00	192.00	5,098.00	501.25	5,599.25
9/23/2007	4,002.00	222.67	4,224.67	1,367.50	5,592.17
9/30/2007	4,784.75	3,815.73	8,600.48	878.50	9,478.98
Total:	172,732.52	41,186.90	213,919.42	33,449.55	247,368.97
2006 Week 39 :	173,956.65	42,408.73	216,365.38	17,906.38	234,271.76
2005 Week 39 :	158,325.04	42,021.95	200,346.99	28,963.34	229,310.33

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Financial Report

9/30/2007

Fund	Amount
General Fund	172,732.52
Lent	3,035.50
Lent Coin Folders	442.00
Maundy Thursday	1,333.00
Good Friday	956.00
Easter	4,605.00
Ascension	249.59
Mission	272.00
Plate Offerings	2,800.44
General Fund Memorial	2,521.17
Other General Funds (Gym Use, Common, Ect.)	1,009.00
Other General Funds (Check Book Interest)	547.26
Other General Funds (Vernon Baehler Trust)	16,763.94
Initial Envelope	289.00
Debt Retirement	2,889.00
Tuition	2,420.00
Forward in Christ	1,024.00
Commons Rental	30.00
Other General Funds	41,186.90
Parish Improvement	7,344.42
Parish Improvement CD	10,000.00
Communion Fund	2,599.25
Door Offering (Not in General Fund)	150.00
Sunday School Offerings	187.97
School Fund	3,626.00
WLA-Forward in Trust	208.00
WLA-Student Aid	50.00
WELS-Committee on Relief	545.32
Student Aid Fund	509.00
Music Fund	345.00
Tenth Anniversary Offering 1997-2007	6,417.59
Tenth Anniversary Offering 1997-2007 - Meal Only	1,467.00
Other Funds	33,449.55

Total: 247,368.97

	Total Required	General Fund Offerings	Week 39	Per Week
2007 Budget:	324,126.00		243,094.50	6,233.19
2007 Beginning Balance:	0.00	213,919.42	213,919.42	5,485.11
Difference:			-29,175.08	-748.08
	Beginning Balance	Deposits	Assistance	Current Balance
Student Aid Fund:	940.29	322.75	0.00	1,263.04