

St. Luke's Church Council Minutes

October 23, 2008

President Ken Arndt called the meeting to order. Pastor Putz led a Bible study on Psalm 1:1-3 and opened with a prayer.

The September council minutes should be corrected to read, "Mr. Wallace Krause has stepped down as controller and is serving as an adviser." The October 5 voters' minutes should be corrected to show that the meeting began at 11:35 a.m. MSP: To approve the corrected minutes from both meetings.

Copies of all reports are available from the church council secretary and from the St. Luke's web site. WWW.STLUKESOAKFIELD.COM

Membership:

MSP: To transfer Connie Bebow to St. Peter's in Fond du Lac.

MSP: To receive Julie Freitag by affirmation of faith and to recognize her two children as baptized members.

MSP: To receive Austin Roehl as a baptized member.

MSP: To receive Logan Ziegler as a baptized member.

Christian Growth Committee: Carl Lehner

No Report

Outreach Committee: Bruce Rhode

Sunday, November 2, is our Mission Festival. Prof. Cherney will be our guest preacher. He will give a special presentation between services. Refreshments will also be served at that time.

Lutheran School Committee: Dan Flood

A financial report was presented.

Dan visited St. John's in Sparta and met with Principal Tim Mueller. They discussed his suggestions for increasing enrollment.

The WELS teachers' convention will be on October 30 and 31.

Check out the pumpkins in the hallway that were decorated by the buddies in the upper and lower grades.

Four students recently competed in a cross-country meet. (See the school newsletter)

Dan visited Mr. Miller's room to do a formal observation. His evaluation of Mr. Miller was very good.

Shepherding Committee: John Roehl

No Report

Properties Committee: Dave Holz

The refrigerator in the church needed a new compressor and parts. It's back in good operating condition.

It's time to get rid of the old milk cooler in the garage. Dave will check with Bill O'Laire first to see what he knows about it.

Dave will keep an eye on the parsonage while it's vacant. He's planning on doing an inspection to look for things that need repair or replacing.

WLA:

- The academy music department put on an excellent concert last Sunday.
- The work on the north wall of the gym is progressing well. The porch roofs, siding, interior walls and sign are receiving attention.
- The Planning Committee is looking for more members. They'd like to have a least one person from each congregation. This committee will be assisting with the self-study they are doing as well as providing feedback on renovating the track and other projects.

Finance Committee: Dale Hinze

General Fund receipts total \$194,475.97 for the year. Total receipts are \$252,411.43. St. Luke's is \$34,495.34 behind budget at this time.

The Student Aid Fund has a balance of \$742.96.

Treasurer's Report: Dan Rosenau

The General Fund's deficit is now \$61,307.55. The checkbook balance is \$5223.96. Payments to WLA and WELS are now up to date. An additional \$10,000 was borrowed from the bank after the last voters' meeting. Expenditures are 79.04% of the budget at this time.

The mortgage balance is \$64,654.74.

Dan provided a detailed breakdown of the called worker salaries in the proposed budget for 2009. Pastor Knoll's salary was included as an example.

MSP: To approve both financial reports.

Unfinished Business:

- The fire alarm panel continues to be a problem. Dave is going to see about getting a technician to take a look at it.
- Pastor Putz's family health insurance was discussed. Synod has been able to help out with a monetary gift. MSP: To have St. Luke's take over the payment of the premiums, once the Synod's gift has been deducted.
- The remaining stewardship packets will be mailed out after the Mission Festival services on November 2.

New Business:

October 26 Communion Helpers:
Early Service: Dave Holz
Late Service: Dale Hinze

MSP: To approve a substitute preacher for Sunday, November 16. Pastor Putz has been invited back to preach in Arkansas. Pastor Bitter would server here in his stead.

Our church will be participating in Synod's Jubilee Sundays on November 24 through December 14. Their goal is to pay off our debt of 22.4 million dollars. That would free up the money now spend on payments to be used in the Lord's work.

MSP: To use the *Morning Praise* (p.45) order of worship in services where a video is being shown.

MSP: To use the *Evening Prayer* (p.52) order of worship for our Thanksgiving service. The service will be held on Wednesday, November 26, at 6:30 p.m.

Dean Perlick volunteered to represent St. Luke's on the Planning Committee at WLA.

A new Worship Supplement is available from the Synod. Everyone is invited to come to St. Peter's on Saturday, November 1, from 9:00 a.m. until noon go through some of the new hymns, liturgies, and Psalms.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 20, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Sankey
Church Secretary

Present: Ken Arndt, Dan Flood, Dave Holz, Dan Rosenau, Dale Hinze, Bruce Rhode, Rick Reehl, Ben Grunewald, Dean Perlick, Pastor Putz, Principal Miller, John Sankey
Absent: Carl Lehner, John Roehl

After the meeting adjourned everyone stayed to reassign council positions among the new and continuing councilmen. Ken Arndt chaired the process. The results are as follows:

2009 Executive Committee

President: Richard Reehl
Financial Secretary: Dean Perlick
Treasurer: Dan Rosenau
Secretary: John Sankey

2009 Committee Chairmen

Finance: Dean Perlick
Christian Growth: Ben Grunewald
Shepherding: Dale Hinze
Properties: Dave Holz
School: Dan Flood
Outreach: Bruce Rhode

New council members will be installed after the first of the year.

The evening closed with the Lord's Prayer.

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Financial Report

10/23/2008

Fund	Amount
General Fund	194,475.97
Initial Envelope	263.50
Lent	2,923.00
Lent Coin Folders	461.50
Maundy Thursday	763.00
Good Friday	981.00
Easter	4,037.00
Ascension	437.00
Mission	117.50
Christmas Day	3.00
New Years Eve	19.00
Plate Offering	3,288.24
General Fund Memorial	1,505.00
Other General Funds (Common,Ect)	439.50
Other General Funds (Interest)	1,072.31
Other General Funds (Baehler)	16,528.60
Debt Retirement	2,821.00
Forward in Christ	1,021.00
Tuition	1,894.00
Other General Funds	38,575.15
Parish Improvement	6,945.91
Parish Improvement CD	5,000.00
Communion Fund	2,807.45
Sunday School Offerings	203.54
School Fund	100.00
Special Fund Raising Funds	294.00
Pastor Bitter's 40th Anniversary	1,875.00
WLA-Forward in Trust	299.31
WELS-Walking Together Thank Offering	640.00
WELS-Committee on Relief	795.10
Student Aid Fund	400.00
Other Funds	19,360.31
Total:	252,411.43

	Total Required	General Fund Offerings	Week 42	Per Week	
2008 Budget:	331,248.00		267,546.46	6,370.15	
2008 Beginning Balance:	0.00	233,051.12	233,051.12	5,548.84	
Difference:			-34,495.34	-821.32	
	Beginning Balance	Deposits	Interest	Assistance	Current Balance
Student Aid Fund:	1,730.63	308.00	4.33	-1,300.00	742.96

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Treasurer Report

10/23/2008

Checkbook Breakdown					
Account	Checkbook Account	Beg. Bal. 1/01/08	Deposits	Expenditures	Balance
1000	General Fund	-32,525.28	233,051.12	261,833.39	-61,307.55
3000	Parish Improvement	15,780.45	11,945.91	0.00	27,726.36
4000	Communion Fund	0.00	2,807.45	0.00	2,807.45
4100	Sunday School Offerings	171.60	203.54	329.63	45.51
4400	Music Fund	197.36	0.00	68.74	128.62
4500	School Fund	1,220.57	100.00	500.00	820.57
5000	Special Fund Raising Funds	0.00	294.00	294.00	0.00
5025	Pastor Bitter's 40th Anniversary	0.00	1,875.00	1,875.00	0.00
8000	WLA-Forward in Trust	0.00	299.31	299.31	0.00
8100	WELS-Walking Together Thank Offering	0.00	640.00	640.00	0.00
8200	WELS-Committee on Relief	0.00	795.10	795.10	0.00
8400	Called Worker Gifts	3.00	0.00	0.00	3.00
9000	Student Aid Fund	2.00	400.00	402.00	0.00
9500	Bank Loan	20,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	35,000.00
Total:		4,849.70	267,411.43	267,037.17	5,223.96

Check book Balance

Mortgage Balance: 64,654.74

Operating Loan: 25,000.00

	Since: 10/01/08	Deposits	2008 Planned	Y.T.D. % of Plan
Deposit Total:	15,242.98	233,078.12	317,868.85	73.33%

General Fund Balance for Year: -28,782.27

General Fund Detail Expenditures					
Account	General Fund Budget Account	Since: 10/01/08	Year to Date	2008 Budget	Y.T.D. % of Budget
1100	WELS Missions	3,291.66	32,916.60	39,500.00	83.33%
1110	WLA Operating	2,458.33	24,582.55	29,500.00	83.33%
1120	Salaries	8,470.93	114,419.53	144,186.00	79.36%
1130	Insurance	1,193.00	27,354.25	36,500.00	74.94%
1140	Utilities	1,424.76	15,821.04	21,000.00	75.34%
1150	Social Security	0.00	6,807.07	11,489.00	59.25%
1160	Pensions	1,157.75	5,894.00	5,894.00	100.00%
1170	Postage & Supplies	369.59	3,150.17	4,000.00	78.75%
1180	Maintenance & Repairs	170.32	5,273.70	7,500.00	70.32%
1190	Mileage	0.00	1,588.30	2,000.00	79.41%
1200	Organists	0.00	1,930.00	2,500.00	77.20%
1210	Miscellaneous Expense	50.00	1,347.56	1,500.00	89.84%
1220	Substitute Workers	0.00	1,320.00	1,500.00	88.00%
1230	Outreach Committee	0.00	810.07	1,000.00	81.01%
1240	Christian Growth Committee	179.19	2,794.92	3,000.00	93.16%
1250	Shepherding Committee	0.00	764.31	1,200.00	63.69%
1260	School Committee	19.00	277.50	300.00	92.50%
1270	Finance Committee	565.00	2,777.77	3,000.00	92.59%
1280	Mortgage	0.00	10,520.19	14,029.00	74.99%
1290	Operating Loan Interest	0.00	1,483.86	1,650.00	89.93%
Y.T.D. Spending Total:		19,349.53	261,833.39	331,248.00	79.04%

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Weekly Summary

10/23/2008

Date	General Fund	Other General Funds	All General Funds	Other	Amount Given
1/6/2008	5,812.00	308.55	6,120.55	17.25	6,137.80
1/13/2008	3,881.50	255.55	4,137.05	62.25	4,199.30
1/20/2008	4,265.00	342.30	4,607.30	186.30	4,793.60
1/27/2008	3,941.00	5,419.65	9,360.65	357.25	9,717.90
2/3/2008	5,758.00	431.00	6,189.00	128.00	6,317.00
2/10/2008	2,831.00	621.74	3,452.74	165.00	3,617.74
2/17/2008	1,861.00	1,079.75	2,940.75	48.00	2,988.75
2/24/2008	7,539.00	185.25	7,724.25	283.00	8,007.25
3/2/2008	5,521.00	718.25	6,239.25	44.25	6,283.50
3/9/2008	3,986.75	658.20	4,644.95	148.00	4,792.95
3/16/2008	4,948.00	647.03	5,595.03	30.00	5,625.03
3/23/2008	4,793.00	7,000.75	11,793.75	89.95	11,883.70
3/30/2008	4,821.00	3,935.23	8,756.23	240.00	8,996.23
4/6/2008	6,562.00	229.11	6,791.11	46.00	6,837.11
4/13/2008	3,986.01	91.00	4,077.01	286.20	4,363.21
4/20/2008	4,221.25	111.25	4,332.50	162.31	4,494.81
4/27/2008	4,319.00	840.75	5,159.75	396.61	5,556.36
5/4/2008	5,776.75	557.49	6,334.24	391.31	6,725.55
5/11/2008	5,246.25	379.10	5,625.35	399.50	6,024.85
5/18/2008	3,496.00	971.95	4,467.95	179.00	4,646.95
5/25/2008	5,292.65	30.00	5,322.65	739.00	6,061.65
6/1/2008	6,783.00	185.55	6,968.55	5,311.71	12,280.26
6/8/2008	4,427.00	877.00	5,304.00	575.00	5,879.00
6/15/2008	3,047.00	491.25	3,538.25	258.00	3,796.25
6/22/2008	4,577.00	83.50	4,660.50	120.00	4,780.50
6/29/2008	3,991.00	3,631.18	7,622.18	663.50	8,285.68
7/6/2008	5,969.00	712.49	6,681.49	5,268.00	11,949.49
7/13/2008	5,542.80	197.50	5,740.30	553.10	6,293.40
7/20/2008	3,997.75	106.75	4,104.50	76.00	4,180.50
7/27/2008	4,040.90	79.50	4,120.40	285.31	4,405.71
8/3/2008	4,944.01	245.50	5,189.51	34.00	5,223.51
8/10/2008	3,862.00	91.50	3,953.50	180.00	4,133.50
8/17/2008	4,786.00	150.55	4,936.55	40.00	4,976.55
8/24/2008	3,823.80	313.80	4,137.60	58.00	4,195.60
8/31/2008	3,519.15	81.75	3,600.90	290.50	3,891.40
9/7/2008	7,325.00	408.10	7,733.10	15.00	7,748.10
9/14/2008	4,119.00	187.85	4,306.85	270.00	4,576.85
9/21/2008	3,279.00	56.50	3,335.50	56.00	3,391.50
9/28/2008	4,587.67	3,614.73	8,202.40	291.50	8,493.90
10/5/2008	5,676.00	1,237.10	6,913.10	88.50	7,001.60
10/12/2008	3,495.73	739.65	4,235.38	447.50	4,682.88
10/19/2008	3,825.00	269.50	4,094.50	79.51	4,174.01
Total:	194,475.97	38,575.15	233,051.12	19,360.31	252,411.43
2007 Week 42 :	184,600.75	44,928.02	229,528.77	33,774.40	263,303.17
2006 Week 42 :	186,177.40	43,579.82	229,757.22	18,426.24	248,183.46

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Giving Plan Summary Current Year

10/23/2008

Type Plan	2008 General Fund Offerings				2008 Giving Plans			
	Number Plans	Current GF Amt.	Project GF Amt	Per Week	Current Plan Amt.	Plan Amount	Per Week	Per Week
Giving Plan - From Giving Plan	123	139,181.75	172,320.26	3,313.85	150,727.98	186,615.60	3,588.76	
Giving Plan - Based on Offerings	126	53,822.94	66,637.93	1,281.50	51,802.76	64,136.75	1,233.40	
Giving Plan - No Offering	44	551.00	682.19	13.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Giving Plan - No Longer Member	31	773.00	773.00	18.40	4,778.71	5,916.50	113.78	
Giving Plan - New Member	11	147.28	182.35	3.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total:	335	194,475.97	240,595.72	4,630.38	207,309.46	256,668.85	4,935.94	
Difference:		-12,833.49	-16,073.13	-305.56				

		2008
Source	Count	Planned Amount
Giving Plans	123	186,615.60
Actual Offerings	170	64,136.75
Former Members	31	5,916.50
New Members	11	0.00
General Fund Subtotal	335	256,668.85
Beginning Balance		0.00
Other General Funds		40,000.00
Trust Fund Income		21,200.00
Anticipated Income		317,868.85

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Giving Plan Summary Current Year Detail

10/23/2008

Type of Difference	2008 Giving Plans	2008 Offerings	Difference	Per Week	Number Plans	Per Plan
	Current Plan Amt.	Current GF Amt.				
Between \$10.00 and \$25.00 ahead of planned amount	15,149.88	20,355.00	5,205.12	123.93	8	15.49
Between \$5.00 and \$10.00 ahead of planned amount	2,338.27	3,623.00	1,284.73	30.59	5	6.12
Between \$1.00 and \$5.00 ahead of planned amount	27,104.22	30,838.73	3,734.51	88.92	38	2.34
Within a \$1.00 of planned amount	60,423.26	60,229.95	-193.31	-4.60	122	-0.04
Between \$1.00 and \$5.00 behind planned amount	49,812.81	44,079.01	-5,733.80	-136.52	57	-2.40
Between \$5.00 and \$10.00 behind planned amount	17,539.85	13,910.00	-3,629.85	-86.42	12	-7.20
Between \$10.00 and \$25.00 behind planned amount	24,912.46	18,040.00	-6,872.46	-163.63	11	-14.88
Between \$25.00 and \$50.00 behind planned amount	5,250.00	2,480.00	-2,770.00	-65.95	2	-32.98
Both GF Offerings and Giving Plan Amount are \$0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	38	0.00
No Longer Member	4,778.71	773.00	-4,005.71	-95.37	31	-3.08
New Member	0.00	147.28	147.28	3.51	11	0.32
Total:	207,309.46	194,475.97	-12,833.49	-305.56	335	-0.91

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Giving Plan Summary Next Year

10/23/2008

Type Plan	2008 General Fund Offerings				2009 Giving Plans	
	Number Plans	Current GF Amt.	Project GF Amt.	Per Week	Plan Amount	Per Week
Giving Plan - From Giving Plan	20	19,600.33	24,267.08	466.67	21,932.00	421.77
Giving Plan - No Longer Member	31	773.00	773.00	18.40	0.00	0.00
Giving Plan - No Giving Plan, Project GF	223	174,102.64	215,555.65	4,145.30	215,555.65	4,145.30
Giving Plan - No Giving Plan, No Offering	61	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total:	335	194,475.97	240,595.73	4,630.38	237,487.65	4,567.07

		2009
Source	Count	Planned Amount
Giving Plans	20	21,932.00
Actual Offerings	223	215,555.65
No Offerings	<u>61</u>	<u>0.00</u>
General Fund Subtotal	304	237,487.65
Beginning Balance		0.00
Other General Funds		40,000.00
Trust Fund Income		21,200.00
Anticipated Income		298,687.65