

St. Luke's Church Council Minutes

February 12, 2009

President Rick Reehl called the meeting to order. Pastor Putz led a Bible study on Psalm 2:7-12 and opened with a prayer.

MSP: To accept the minutes as written.

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 receive Josslyn Fortner into membership through the rite of baptism.

Christian Growth Committee: Ben Grunewald

The Sunday School children will be singing in the late service on March 22.

Outreach Committee: Bruce Rhode

An Easter postcard will be sent out to area residents proclaiming the gospel message and inviting them to attend our worship services.

Information packets for prospective members are now available. Contact Bruce if you have the name of a prospect in our area.

The committee is thankful that they've already had the opportunity to share the gospel message through friendship evangelism.

The Easter Breakfast plans will be discussed at the next council meeting.

Lutheran School Committee: Dan Flood

A financial report was presented. Some figures had to be changed because tuition payments had be transferred to the church's coffers.

The committee recommended that the calls to Mrs. Tetzlaff and Mr. Miller be reissued. Mrs. Tetzlaff's would include grades kindergarten through grade 3 with additional music duties. Mr. Miller would be responsible for grades 4 through 8, principal, athletic director, and coaching. MSP: To approve the committee's recommendation. (Salaries and benefits would remain the same.)

The committee also proposed changing kindergarten from a half day to an all day program. MSP: To start the 2009 – 2010 school year with an all day kindergarten program.

A P.A.C.K. meeting was held last week. Much of the discussion was about the restructuring of the teaching responsibilities for next year.

Celebration of Christian Education Week will begin on Sunday, March 1. Pastor Ehlert will be the guest preacher that Sunday. A special program will be presented between services. Other activities that week will include school registration, family movie night, Grandparents' Day, and an assembly with St. Paul's, Brownsville.

Shepherding Committee: Dale Hinze

The training for running our sound system will be Friday, February 13, at 3:00 p.m.

Properties Committee: Dave Holz

One of the church furnaces needed repair.

The parsonage dishwasher needs to be replaced. Silica has a Maytag for \$429 and a Whirlpool for \$379. Installation is \$129 and includes removal of the old unit. No action was taken by the council at this time.

Dave Tetzlaff has finished at the parsonage. In addition to the painting, he did many minor repairs and cleaning, and replaced all exterior locks. The cost was \$1300 plus \$448.76 for the addition materials and labor. Bill O'Laire will be contacted to see what portion Thrivent will be able to pay.

The new carpet in the parsonage office cost \$300.41. The carpet in the dining/living room still needs to be re-stretched.

One bathroom fan was fine after a thorough cleaning. The other will be replaced as soon as the new one arrives.

Ballasts in two fluorescent fixtures at church need to be replaced.

WLA: No Report

Finance Committee: Dean Perlick

Dean mailed out the remaining offering statements for 2008.

General Fund receipts total \$25,898.34 for the year. Total receipts are \$27,810.96. St. Luke's is \$9,190.00 behind budget at this time.

The Student Aid Fund has a balance of \$869.67.

Treasurer's Report: Dan Rosenau

The General Fund began 2009 with a deficit of \$62,081.24. After deposits of \$26,868.96 and expenditures of \$29,984.80 the deficit is \$65,197.08. The checkbook balance is a negative \$2,403.69. The principal amount of the bank loan is \$35,000. Expenditures are 9.59% of the budget at this time.

WELS and WLA have not been paid for January and February. The 2008 check of \$3400 to Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Service has not yet been mailed.

The mortgage balance is \$61,036.87.

Dan reported that there are a few areas of the 2009 budget that need attention by the voters. 1) Mrs. Callaway's salary should have been increased by an additional \$910. 2) We will be paying salary and benefits for both Pastor Putz and Pastor Goelzer in March. 3) No funds were budgeted for Pastor Goelzer's moving expenses of \$10,500.

The 2009 income from the Baehler Trust needs to be verified. The figure used in the budget process may have been too high.

Dan and Rick have talked to the bank about borrowing another \$10,000 as approved at the last Voters' meeting. The bank is not willing to extend our loan without creating a mortgage. The current loan is unsecured.

MSP: To make the following recommendations to the Voters at their next meeting.

- To provide full salary and benefits to Pastor Putz and Pastor Goelzer for the month of March.
- To increase Mrs. Callaway's salary and severance pay by \$910.
- To pay \$10,500 in moving expenses from the miscellaneous account.
- To increase the budget amount for interest on our bank loan.

The council discussed our deficit of \$65,000 which includes our bank loan of \$35,000. It was decided to ask our members if anyone would be willing to lend us all or part of that amount.

MSP: To approve both financial reports.

New Business:

February 22 Communion Helpers:

Early Service: Dave Holz

Late Service: Dale Hinze

The office's color printer needs to be repaired and new toner cartridges. A new one with toner cartridges costs about \$400. It would be more economical to buy a new one. It was decided to take no action at this time.

Pastor Goelzer may want his own remote to control the projector during his sermons. MSP: To approve the cost (about \$50) if needed.

Suggestions for welcoming our new pastor and his family were discussed. It was decided to collect nonperishable food items and gift cards. There would also be a sign-up sheet for volunteers to provide a meal for the family for the first week they're here.

The council wants to thank Pastor Putz for his faithful ministry at St. Luke's. There will be a door collection and a reception between services on March 29.

Rick asked that the Properties Committee look into the cleaning of our church. Fewer members have volunteered to clean and some areas need attention.

Pastor Putz offered to do the Lenten services at neighboring congregations during March. Rick will talk to Pastor Goelzer about it.

Pastor Goelzer's installation will be Sunday, March 15, at 2:00 p.m. Plans include a reception following the installation. Refreshments will be served.

St. Luke's members should watch the bulletin for information on all upcoming events.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

Next Meeting: Thursday, Mar. 19, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Sankey
Church Secretary

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

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Financial Report

2/12/2009

Fund	Amount
General Fund	25,898.34
Initial Envelope	222.00
Plate Offering	172.62
General Fund Memorial	20.00
Debt Retirement	536.00
Forward in Christ	20.00
Other General Funds	970.62
Parish Improvement	358.00
Communion Fund	274.00
Sunday School Offerings	26.00
WLA-Forward in Trust	99.00
WELS-Year of Jubilee Offering	120.00
Student Aid Fund	65.00
Other Funds	942.00
Total:	27,810.96

	Total Required	General Fund Offerings	Week 6	Per Week	
2009 Budget:	312,511.00		36,058.96	6,009.83	
2009 Beginning Balance:	0.00	26,868.96	26,868.96	4,478.16	
Difference:			-9,190.00	-1,531.67	
	Beginning Balance	Deposits	Interest	Assistance	Current Balance
Student Aid Fund:	869.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	869.67

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Weekly Summary

2/12/2009

Date	General Fund	Other General Funds	All General Funds	Other	Amount Given
1/4/2009	4,872.75	138.00	5,010.75	43.00	5,053.75
1/11/2009	4,089.00	221.00	4,310.00	292.00	4,602.00
1/18/2009	4,143.00	180.00	4,323.00	48.50	4,371.50
1/25/2009	3,683.00	103.62	3,786.62	312.00	4,098.62
2/1/2009	4,446.59	136.00	4,582.59	205.00	4,787.59
2/8/2009	4,664.00	192.00	4,856.00	41.50	4,897.50
Total:	25,898.34	970.62	26,868.96	942.00	27,810.96
2008 Week 6 :	26,488.50	7,378.79	33,867.29	916.05	34,783.34
2007 Week 6 :	25,695.00	6,960.12	32,655.12	7,066.92	39,722.04

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Treasurer Report

2/12/2009

Checkbook Breakdown					
Account	Checkbook Account	Beg. Bal. 1/01/09	Deposits	Expenditures	Balance
1000	General Fund	-62,081.24	26,868.96	29,984.80	-65,197.08
3000	Parish Improvement	28,133.36	358.00	2,354.17	26,137.19
4000	Communion Fund	0.00	274.00	0.00	274.00
4100	Sunday School Offerings	79.21	26.00	0.00	105.21
4400	Music Fund	59.42	0.00	0.00	59.42
4500	School Fund	930.57	0.00	0.00	930.57
8000	WLA-Forward in Trust	0.00	99.00	0.00	99.00
8150	WELS-Year of Jubilee Offering	0.00	120.00	0.00	120.00
8400	Called Worker Gifts	3.00	0.00	0.00	3.00
9000	Student Aid Fund	0.00	65.00	0.00	65.00
9500	Bank Loan	35,000.00	0.00	0.00	35,000.00
Total:		2,124.32	27,810.96	32,338.97	-2,403.69

Check book Balance

Mortgage Balance: 61,036.87

Operating Loan: 35,000.00

	Since: 2/01/09	Deposits	2009 Planned	Y.T.D. % of Plan
Deposit Total:	9,438.59	26,868.96	302,861.54	8.87%

General Fund Balance for Year: -3,115.84

General Fund Detail Expenditures					
Account	General Fund Budget Account	Since: 2/01/09	Year to Date	2009 Budget	Y.T.D. % of Budget
1100	WELS Missions	0.00	0.00	35,100.00	0.00%
1110	WLA Operating	0.00	0.00	25,100.00	0.00%
1120	Salaries	7,652.68	17,843.00	129,753.00	13.75%
1130	Insurance	0.00	4,514.00	42,500.00	10.62%
1140	Utilities	2,549.73	2,579.53	21,000.00	12.28%
1150	Social Security	310.91	310.91	10,380.00	3.00%
1160	Pensions	0.00	1,204.50	5,694.00	21.15%
1170	Postage & Supplies	298.85	442.72	4,000.00	11.07%
1180	Maintenance & Repairs	172.95	495.90	6,000.00	8.26%
1190	Mileage	261.35	277.85	2,000.00	13.89%
1200	Organists	9.18	160.00	2,500.00	6.40%
1210	Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00%
1220	Substitute Workers	80.00	120.00	1,500.00	8.00%
1230	Outreach Committee	0.00	189.56	1,000.00	18.96%
1240	Christian Growth Committee	46.04	215.88	3,000.00	7.20%
1250	Shepherding Committee	0.00	28.32	1,200.00	2.36%
1260	School Committee	29.90	73.09	1,300.00	5.62%
1270	Finance Committee	225.00	225.00	3,000.00	7.50%
1280	Mortgage	0.00	1,168.91	14,029.00	8.33%
1290	Operating Loan Interest	0.00	135.63	1,955.00	6.94%
Y.T.D. Spending Total:		11,636.59	29,984.80	312,511.00	9.59%

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