

# St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Voters' Meeting

### April 19, 2009

President Rick Reehl called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Pastor Goelzer opened with a devotion on John 6:68-69 and a prayer. (Copies of all reports and handouts are available from the church secretary and on the church's website.) 19 voters were present.

#### Secretary's Report

MSP: To dispense with the reading of the January 11 and February 22 minutes and to accept them as written.

#### Membership

MSP: To accept Pastor Goelzer as a voting member.

MSP: To receive Jennifer Roehl by transfer from St. Marcus in Milwaukee.

#### Ratification of Council actions:

MSP: To receive Jackie Lee Kollmann as a member of St. Luke's by affirmation of faith.

MSP: To transfer Ernest and Kathryn Schatschneider to St. Peter's by their request.

MSP: To receive by transfer Pastor Goelzer, his wife, Heidi, and their children, Anastasia, Nathan, and Charis.

#### Christian Growth Committee: Ben Grunewald

Vacation Bible School will be held the week of June 8. Volunteers are still needed. Details are in the bulletin.

#### Outreach Committee: Bruce Rhode

An Easter postcard was sent out to about 650 households in the town and village of Oakfield. The message contained an invitation to worship with us and a witness to the salvation won for all by our Savior Jesus Christ.

About 240 people attended our Easter breakfast this year. All of the volunteer help was greatly appreciated.

The committee will be working on plans for Mission Festival and a church picnic.

#### Lutheran School Committee: Dan Flood

Christian Education Week was very successful. All of the events were well attended and everyone had a good time.

A special reception will be held between services on Sunday, May 17, to show our appreciation to Mrs. Callaway for her 11 years of service in our school. A door collection will be taken on May 3 and 10.

The school committee has been working on the preschool program and will be interviewing teacher candidates.

Mr. Miller's class will be visiting WLA on Friday, April 24.

Because there are no eighth graders this year, there will not be a graduation service. The last day of school is May 21.

Litter around the ball diamond is a problem during spring and summer. Dan is going to look into putting out cans for trash, plastic, and aluminum. Procedures for emptying them will need to be developed.

Rick officially thanked Mr. Miller and Mrs. Tetzlaff for accepting their new calls. We are truly blessed through their ministry at St. Luke's.

#### Shepherding Committee: Dale Hinze

The sound system committee is up and running. Contact Kurt Parduhn with your questions or concerns.

The Shepherding Committee is investigating different methods for tracking worship service attendance.

Volunteers are needed to form a Worship Team. These men, women, and teens would help to plan the order of service, hymns, choir songs, decorations, and anything else that would enhance our worship experience.

A question was raised about the possibility of putting Pastor's sermons on our website. It might text, audio, or video. The committee will investigate.

**Properties Committee:** Dave Holz

- The gym furnace had to be restarted after a power outage.
- The parsonage has new paint, carpet, locks, bathroom fan, and a dishwasher.
- Dave is getting an estimate on sealing the spots where water leaks into the basement below the garage at the parsonage. Dean will be repairing the fascia on the east gable.

Our roof continues to leak above the south wall of the gym. A redesign of the flashing would probably end the problem. There's also leakage along the east block wall of the gym. The fire alarm switch is shorting out and mold is growing. Bruce and Dean feel that it's time to send another letter to C.D. Smith. They've been very helpful in the past. MSP: To authorize Bruce, Dean, and Rick to send a letter to C.D. Smith asking for their help in reaching a final solution.

**WLA Representatives**

The work is proceeding to build a new track, baseball fence, concession stand, etc.

**Pastor's Report**

Pastor just wanted to let everyone know how honored and privileged he feels to be our pastor. His family appreciates everything that was done to welcome them into our church and new home.

**Finance Committee:** Dean Perlick

Total receipts for the General Fund are \$84,337.79. The total of all offerings is \$88,231.49. We're \$11,515.63 behind budget at this time. We're closing the gap because that was over \$15,000 just a few weeks ago. General Fund offerings need to average \$6,390.23 per week to meet our budget.

The Student Aid Fund has a balance of \$870.21.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dan Rosenau

The 2009 General Fund deposits are \$67,304.28 with expenditures of \$88,106.60. The balance (including the carryover from 2008) is a negative \$82,883.56. The checkbook balance is \$9,926.78.

Our mortgage balance with the Baehler Trust is \$59,188.56. Our bank and member loans total \$65,000.

MSP: To accept both financial reports.

**Unfinished Business**

Rick reported that Art Pahnke and Dave Tetzlaff had found no problems when they audited the treasurer's records.

**New Business**

The church council had recommended that the voters approve spending of up to \$200 to replace the bathroom fans at the parsonage. It turned out that one just needed cleaning, and Dean generously replaced the other on his own.

The council also recommended that our afternoon Lenten services begin at 3:30 p.m. instead of 1:00. A number of valid points, both pro and con, were discussed. A motion to approve the recommendation was made and seconded. The motion passed by a show of hands.

The summer schedule of worship services will start after Memorial Day.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

John Sankey  
Church Secretary