

St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Voters' Meeting

July 26, 2009

President Rick Reehl called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. Pastor Goelzer opened with a prayer and devotion on John 13. (Copies of all reports and handouts are available from the church secretary and on the church's website.) 24 voters were present.

Secretary's Report

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

Pastor's Report

Pastor shared three reports. Membership Activity showed information on weddings, baptisms, confirmation, etc. in the last six months. Worship Attendance shows that 68% attended since the attendance sheets were started seven weeks ago. Accuracy should improve, as our members become more comfortable checking in each Sunday. 78% of our members attended communion in the last six months.

Pastor presented a proposal from the Worship Team that asks that St. Luke's celebrate Holy Communion on both the second and last Sundays each month. Pastor would give a series of three sermons on communion before adding the second Sunday services. After discussing all concerns, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to add the second Sunday communion services starting in October.

Membership – Ratification of Council Actions

MSP: To accept Megan Rost as a communicant member by rite of confirmation.

MSP: To accept Lexis Ritlow as a communicant member by rite of confirmation.

MSP: To release Jane Brink to her own spiritual care as she had requested.

Christian Growth Committee: Ben Grunewald

The committee is working on beginning a teen Bible study on Sunday mornings starting this fall.

Outreach Committee: Bruce Rhode

About 200 people attended our outdoor worship service and picnic. Many positive comments were heard. The committee really appreciates all those that helped out that day.

Lutheran School Committee: Dan Flood

- Mr. Miller and Mrs. Tetzlaff attended an art workshop at WLA.
- The PACK executive committee met on July 20 to set the agenda for the upcoming year.
- August 12 at 6:00 p.m. is the first PACK meeting, potluck, and school registration.
- Mr. Miller and Mrs. Tetzlaff will go to WLA on August 17 for in-service.
- The first day of school is August 24.
- The cleaning, painting, and landscaping around the church and school were really appreciated.

Shepherding Committee: Dale Hinze

The new worship attendance sheets were discussed. It was suggested that printing last names first would make it easier and faster.

Properties Committee: Dave Holz

The dormers on the north side of the church were cleaned by Sparkle Wash at a cost of \$390.

CD Smith repaired the roof as we had asked. If the leaks remain permanently sealed then replacing the damaged sheetrock will have to be addressed. The water damaged ceiling tiles in the stairwell should be replaced also.

One of the church A/C units isn't working. Dave will arrange repair.

Dave expressed the thanks of the committee for all the volunteers that helped with our special cleaning day at St. Luke's. Rick Reehl's help with organization and refreshments were noted.

WLA Representatives

The new budget is set. Tuition for St. Luke's students will be \$4580.

Baehler Trust

Dave Kenyon handed out his report and explained the figures. Checkbook balance is \$147.21. Total assets are \$59,382.66.

Finance Committee: Dean Perlick

330 boxes of offering envelopes were ordered for 2010.

Total receipts for the General Fund are \$131,590.95. The total of all offerings is \$163,917.51. We're \$28,274.98 behind budget at this time. General Fund offerings need to average \$7,619.00 per week to meet our budget.

The Student Aid Fund has a balance of \$1,139.21.

Treasurer's Report: Dan Rosenau

The 2009 General Fund deposits are \$143,417.38 with expenditures of \$171,789.98. The balance (including the carryover from 2008) is a negative \$90,453.84. The checkbook balance is \$5,067.18. WELS & WLA were not paid in June. The savings from reducing our school staff will start to show up in the remainder of the year.

Our mortgage balance with the Baehler Trust is \$56,416.16. Our bank and member loans total \$65,000.

MSP: To accept both financial reports.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Our church now has a "new & improved" web site. It has lots of information about our church and school. Reports, bulletins, meeting minutes, calendars, and historical photographs are available. Thanks go to Tim Panzer for all the improvements. Check it out and let us know what you think. Your suggestions and ideas are always welcome. <http://stlukesokfield.com/>

Rick reported that the council would be looking for ways to get others involved with some of our technology to reduce Tim's workload. Opportunities will be announced as they become available.

Pastor shared a new WELS program for congregations called *Heart in FOCUS*. These materials guide Christians in their struggles with their family finances. www.heartinfocus.com

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

John Sankey
Church Secretary