

St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Voters' Meeting

October 11, 2009

President Rick Reehl called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. Pastor Goelzer opened with a prayer and devotion on Genesis 3:1. (Copies of all reports and handouts are available from the church secretary and on the church's website.) 20 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 presented a membership activity summary. There were 17 new members through baptism, transfer, confirmation, and application. 9 members left by transfer, release, or death. There were two weddings.

30% of our members have not attended worship services in the last two months. 32% have not communed during the last three months.

Membership – Ratification of Council Actions

MSP: To accept Breanna and Jessica Hanson as baptized members by application.

MSP: To accept Cindy Boelk, Daniel Rhodes, and David Kobilic as members by confirmation.

Christian Growth Committee: Ben Grunewald

Pastor reported that Sunday School had about 26 students with 6 – 8 adults serving as teachers and assistants. The teen group is lead by Gus Mielkie. Fellowship activities for the teen group are being planned.

Outreach Committee: Bruce Rhode

St. Luke's Mission Festival will be on Sunday, Oct. 25. Rev. Daniel Schmidt will be preaching in both services. He will give a presentation at 9:15 about his ministry in Detroit. A free will offering will be taken to help support this mission work. A potluck will follow the 10:15 service. A sign-up sheet for hot dishes is in the narthex.

Lutheran School Committee: Dan Flood

- Pastor and Mr. Miller are leading a Friday chapel service each week.
- The school's Big Buddy/Little Buddy program is underway.
- 7 students participated in the WLA grade school cross-country meet.
- Standardized testing for grades 3 through 8 has been completed.
- 2 students are playing volleyball on a team combined with St. Paul's, North Fond du Lac.
- Mrs. Tetzlaff is teaching kindergarten through third grades. Mr. Miller has fourth through eighth. The volunteer help has been greatly appreciated.
- The School Committee will be reassessing our preschool program. This year's class had to be canceled because of low enrollment. These parents have spoken favorably about sending their children to St. Luke's for kindergarten next year.

Shepherding Committee: Dale Hinze

The committee is in the process of contacting those members that haven't been attending. Sometimes it's just a matter of explaining the attendance procedure.

The worship team has been working to implement a new order of worship, Divine Service II. There are printed copies in the pews. Their next project will be to plan for the Christmas services.

Properties Committee: Dave Holz

- One air-conditioning unit was repaired at a cost of \$1264.
- The broken glass in the school door was replaced. The cost was \$465.
- Dave Tetzlaff painted eleven exterior doors on the church and school. The cost was \$275.

WLA Representatives

Mr. Miller said that a call would be going out for a chairman for the Development Committee.

Finance Committee: Dean Perlick

Total receipts for the General Fund are \$212,378.27. The total of all offerings is \$220,842.15. We're \$36,840.62 behind budget at this time. General Fund offerings need to average \$9,224.00 per week to meet our budget.

Treasurer's Report: Dan Rosenau

The 2009 General Fund deposits are \$212,378.27 with expenditures of \$236,609.21. The balance (including the carryover from 2008) is a negative \$86,312.18. The checkbook balance is \$10,710.42. Payments to WELS & WLA are two months behind or about \$10,000 total.

Our mortgage balance with the Baehler Trust is \$53,608.51. Our bank and member loans total \$65,000.

MSP: To accept both financial reports.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Rick Reehl presented the names of the four nominees for the church council. There were no additions from the floor. MSP: To close nominations. Jim Bilitz and Dale Hinze were appointed as the ballot committee. After the first ballot three men had received the required number of votes. Those elected were Don Patchett, Paul Rhode, and Dave Tetzlaff. They will attend the next council meeting to reorganize the council for 2010. (It was pointed out that nominees are to be reported in the church bulletin the first two Sundays in September.)

Dan Rosenau presented the tentative church budget for 2010. The total budget was \$305,715.00. This is 92% of last year's budget or \$26,576.85 less. It does not contain an increase for WLA or WELS. There is an increase for paying back our operating loan at the Bank of Oakfield. We will start paying interest and principal after the first of the year. The payments are calculated over 15 years. MSP: To accept the tentative budget for 2010 as presented. The final budget will be set by the voters in January after all the giving plans and 2009 offerings have been tabulated.

Sunday, November 8, will be Stewardship Sunday. Rick Reehl is developing a council presentation for an open congregational meeting. This will either be after each service or between them. Giving plans will be handed out at this time. Members are asked to return the completed forms within two weeks.

It was reported that some members were having difficulty hearing when sitting in the balcony. The system will be checked to see if adjustments are needed.

Furnishings Allowance:

MSP: To set Pastor Goelzer's furnishings allowance at \$10,000.

MSP: To set Mr. Miller's furnishings allowance at \$12,000.

MSP: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

John Sankey
Church Secretary