



# St. Luke's Lutheran Church & School

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## Church Council Minutes

January 20, 2011

President Rick Reehl called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Pastor Goelzer opened with a prayer and devotion on Lesson Six, Change Requires Patience and Love.

MSP: To accept the minutes as corrected (\*see **Old Business**) for the December Church Council Meeting Minutes.

### **Pastor's Report:**

Pastor Goelzer reported on his Ministry Activity from December 1-31, 2010.

Transfers in (0)

Transfers out (3) – Bruce Zuelke & Adam Zuelke to Martin Luther, Oshkosh & Danny Perry to Grace, Pickett.

Release (0)

Baptisms (0)

Profession of Faith (0)

Funerals (0)

St. Luke's Church Family – 395 comm., 458 souls.

**Christian Growth Committee:** Tom Laich reported the Young Mother's Group (Cradle Roll) meeting has been scheduled for Friday, January 28, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Luke's. The meeting will be held at the church, possibly in homes in the future.

Tom also reported that the Christian Men's Conference is scheduled to be held February 26, 2011 in Appleton, WI. Anyone interested is asked to register online @ [www.menofhisword.org](http://www.menofhisword.org); there is a small fee for attending.

The Teen Bible Study Group did not get the funding for a substitute pastor so that Pastor Goelzer could lead their Bible study. A letter was then sent to Pastor Tom Schmidt's father-in-law to see if he would be interested in leading the Bible study for gratis. If he is willing, there would be a single door offering and a free will plate in the Sunday morning classes he leads.

The next Christian Growth Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 3, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

**Outreach Committee:** Gary Seyfert reported on the initial planning for the next 'Spring Blast' event. The group's next meeting will be Tuesday, January 25th at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the possibility of having the event even though its funds were cut from the church budget.

**Lutheran School Committee:** Dennis Loduha reported that the school checkbook balance is \$1,978.54; outstanding book fees still remain.

Friday, March 4, 2011, as part of St. Luke's "Christian Education Week" celebration, we will host students from St. John's, Lomira, St. Paul's, Brownsville, & Waucousta; they will join us for a day of activities. St. Luke's will be serving lunch to our visitors. St. Luke's will also be hosting the WASSAC co-ed softball tournament in Eden on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. St. Luke's be in charge of game management, concessions & trophies.

The next Lutheran School Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, February 9, 2011 @ 6:00 p.m.

**Shepherding Committee:** Barry Zuelke reported on contacts to delinquent communicant members; this contact remains ongoing and a new letter is being drafted to send to those members.

Barry also reported that the WELS video will be shown the first Sunday in February, March & April. Barry is to contact Kurt Parduhn as it was asked that a sound crew member be available in early service on WELS video Sundays.

**Properties Committee:** Paul Rhode reported on a list of small projects that have been completed and some upcoming projects for 2011 were discussed.

**Secretary Committee:** Dean Geisthardt reported that the committee is currently looking for additional people to assist in the weekly folding of church bulletins.

Dean also reported that the revisions to St. Luke's Policy Manual are complete; the committee is in the process of adding them to the books.

The next secretary meeting is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

**WLA:** No report.

**Ladies Aid:** No report.

**Joint Ministries Committee:** This committee consists of John Panzer & Jerry Huth and a meeting will be scheduled for sometime in February.

**Finance Committee:** Tim Panzer reported on January 20, 2011 total income is \$13,654.44.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dave Tetzlaff

Total General Fund deposits for the year are \$13,654.44 with expenditures of \$18,490.96. The checkbook balance is \$4,029.48.

The mortgage balance with the Baehler Trust is \$39,001.51. Our operating loan balance is \$45,905.65; interest only paid again in the month of January.

General Fund balance for the year is a negative balance of -\$4,845.52.

General Fund Deficit - reflects the overall deficit of -\$79,694.62. (\*\*New line item added so that, when principal is paid off of the operating loans, they have a way to balance the books.)

Outstanding Membership Loan balance is \$15,000.00.

The 2010 Communion Fund of \$4,149.00 was distributed as follows: \$1,612.00 to WLCFS – Lutheran Child & Family, \$1,612.00 to WLIM – Wisconsin Lutheran Institutional Ministries and the remainder of \$925.00 to WELS Christian Aid & Relief.

MSP: To approve both financial reports.

**Old Business:** \*Correction to December meeting minutes...

MSP: to, in the event of a weather related Sunday church cancellation, hold a 6:30 p.m. evening service on Monday.

**New Business:**

MSP: to appoint Dan Flood as our WLA representative and, in the April Voter's meeting, ratify the vote.

Rick Reehl advised that the subcommittee's chair person make sure their committee is obtaining prior approval for their expenditures & tracking what is being spent.

It was reported that St. Luke's received a \$600.00 check from the Oakfield Rec. Dept. for half of the gym fee for 2011.

**Communion Helpers**

January 30<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 a.m.: Rick Reehl

10:15 a.m.: Paul Rhode

February 13<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 a.m.: Dave Tetzlaff

10:15 a.m.: Barry Zuelke

**Next Meeting:**

MSP: to change the start of the council meetings from 7:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

MSP: next council meeting - Thursday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. at Bublitz's Restaurant – Lomira, WI

**A meeting reminder,** that all council members make copies of their reports for the Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> meeting as no copy machine will be available for use.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

MSP: To adjourn – 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean Geisthardt  
Church Council Secretary

**Present:** Rick Reehl, Barry Zuelke, Tim Panzer, Dave Tetzlaff, Brian Miller, Dennis Loduha, Pastor Goelzer, Tom Laich, Gary Seyfert, Paul Rhode and Dean Geisthardt.

**Absent:** None

Copies of all reports are available from the church council secretary and from St. Luke's report website. [reports.stlukesoakfield.com](http://reports.stlukesoakfield.com)