

**Christ Lutheran Church  
Congregational Council  
Agenda  
April 10, 2017**

<b>Eric Moehring</b>	<b>Jim Ingraham</b>	<b>Jim Schnellenberger</b>
<b>Sandra Bocclair</b>		<b>Carol Jones</b>
<b>Cathlenn Jacobson</b>	<b>Bill Mottet</b>	<b>Matt Lewis</b>
<b>Lucas Cochran</b>	<b>Darren D'Ateno</b>	
<b>Paul Quel</b>	<b>Church Treasurer</b>	
<b>Cindy Williamson</b>	<b>Financial Secretary</b>	
<b>Nancy Lavier</b>	<b>council Secretary</b>	

Call to Order (Jim I) at 7:01p.m.

Devotions (Carol)

Congregation Comments - no members came forward.

Review of Minutes (March) – A motion was made by Jim Ingraham to approve the minutes, it was seconded and passed.

Financial Report (Paul) - Paul distributed the Financial Statement for March of 2017. We are still behind in financial goal for the year. We are falling short in the area of contributions. March of 2017 was very low. It is cause for concern, and we may need to address it in the next meeting if Easter does not improve our financial situation. Jim I. reminded us that last March had Easter and Palm Sunday and therefore was higher last year when compared to this March. Jim stated that Paul tends to be more conservative in reporting than his method. Paul's report for the balance sheet reflects the reserve fund and an investment in ELCA accounts and the Thrivent interest bearing account. Both financials are accurate but have a difference in the format and accounting methods. Generally the end of June is a better gauge for determining our financial situation. The May meeting may be an opportunity to revisit the budget. June is the beginning of our budget process with the intent of proposing the budget to the congregation in September. Jim noted that two things are apparent – A web master who can make an effective web site to attract the community and to keep it current is needed. Heather does not have time to continue this task. An internal web master would be great and save us money; however, if we cannot find one, we may need to make it a paid position. The second consideration is to hire a part-time sexton. Relying on volunteers is stretching our resources thin. The facility still needs the attention.

Carol made a motion and it was seconded to authorize Thrivent to move money electronically in the Mission Investment Funds.

Pastor's Report – There were three baptisms over the past two weeks; Robert Carroll Slingerland, Harper Elisabeth Peterson, and Jason R. Samuel.

Be mindful of your responsibilities as the Congregational Council and to be the liaison ministry to which you were assigned.. A motion was made by Jim I. and seconded to form a committee to be voting members for the Assembly Synod. This committee will be made up of Jim Schnellenberger, and ????? and ?????.

President's Report – Pastor Lou Florio will be our Vice-Pastor effective on May 1. Supply guest pastors begin April 23 – June 11(Laity Sunday) Lucas Cochran has volunteered to preach the two sermons that day.( there will be no communion that Sunday) Contact Cindy in the office if anyone needs pastoral care and she will contact Pastor Florio. . May14- Labor day – there will be a program between services or after the service. There are 17 Sunday's to fill, so far eight people have volunteered to conduct an activity. Acts class members are encouraged to come up with topics to lead a session during sometime during those 17 Sundays. Themes from the Old Testament could be very appropriate. To fill the void in the adult class the adult members could do something for the young. The form this tutorial could take is not clear, but any suggestions are appreciated. An e-mail will go out from me with a notification for a meeting during the last week in April to talk, brainstorm and share ideas going forward.

### **Ministry Updates**

- Faith Formation- village night will continue under the direction of Lucas Cochran. Confirmation classes will be taught by Nancy ??? and Carol Jones. Pastor Delandy will confirm our eligible candidates.
- Finance
- Steardship-
- Evangelism - New member contact and assimilation process are being initiated. A search for missing members is taking place. Events are being planned for the annual "night out" community action. There is continuing interest in reaching out to Moody Middle School for tutoring. There is also interest in possibly offering English as a second language class. The committee has a goal of adding 5 new Lakeside families to join out church each year.
- IT/ Communications- Signal is back and students were able to get on in the basement, which was progress. Adam ???? was approached to update our website.
- Property- no report
- Vision – Jim Sch. Reported that there were 101 responses to the survey which gives a fairly good picture of our congregation.

Most responses were from baby boomers and that group influences the church the most. More women responded than men. The survey found that the Congregation uses the mail, the weekly newsletter and the welcome in the bulletin for information about the church and activities. Not as many are using the web site.

Based on the survey the Sunday worship times are pretty locked in for most people. The response for Congregational meeting was split between 9:30 or 11:30. Very few people are using the nursery. The survey found that most people agree that the congregation loves God and our neighbor. Our congregation is welcoming and accepting of everyone. Most agreed we were spending about the right amount of money. Some did not understand that the mortgage was covered in administration costs. All agreed we should invest any surplus funds. 83% said they gave what they pledged. A wide range of characteristics were listed as those a pastor should exhibit. Most rate the council favorably. There was no opinion given on decoupling the budget.

There were many responses as to what people were willing to get involved in doing.

There were random responses given that represented challenges.

There were random responses to the question of what three things people really liked about the church.

There were random responses to the question concerning items for council action.

An analysis of the survey will take place over the next several months which can give the council valuable feedback and help the council prioritize items as well as give an indication to which characteristics our future pastor should possess. We need to categorize the age groups from the survey in order to be able to serve the various groups. This survey helps us determine where we are currently as a congregation which is a necessary beginning to vision planning.

**New Business - dispense with this tonight.**

### **Upcoming Events**

- Doorkeepers (Open: Close: Jim S currently)
- Devotions (Cathleen)
- Next Council Meeting: May 8

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – a motion was made by Jim Ingraham and seconded to go into executive session – The motion carried**

Executive Session minutes.

At the conclusion of the regular business meeting, council went into executive session to discuss personnel matters relating to the departure of Pastor Moehring. Pastor Price, Assistant to the Bishop, conducted this portion of the meeting. Only Council Members and Council Officers are permitted to attend the executive session.