

**Christ Lutheran Church
 Congregational Council Agenda
 October 3, 2016
 7:00 PM**

Eric Moehring <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jim Ingraham <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carol Jones <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cathleen Jacobson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Darren D'Ateno <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jim Schnellenberger
Jim Pickels	Judy Garnett	
Absent:	Sandra Bocclair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Non-voting:	Paul Quel	Diane Kellogg
Guests:	Bill Mottett (new council member)	

Indicates vote to approve minutes via email indicates abstain

Call to Order (Jim I)

Devotions (Jim P)

Congregation Comments

Approval of Minutes 2 approvals via email, minutes approved. Minutes of the congregational meeting. Congregational meeting 9/25 accepted as circulated

Financial Report (Paul) Awaiting final numbers from Cindy. Expenses are correct, offerings and cash on hand balances are within \$25 (but still an estimate). September finished ~\$7,000 in the red. First Sunday in October had significant contributions and will be in the black. Memorial fund \$13,786 is accurate representation of the amount in the fund. Jim 2-3 months ago, we started trying to determine exactly what makes up the memorial fund (contributions made in memory of certain people), looked at information as far back as 2010 and were able to reasonably approximate the total. Process to help people remember to pay for their altar flowers. One idea: take a box of offering envelopes, remove all the special weeks, etc, and put near the flower signup sheet. Reminders in the newsletter is a less labor-intensive way to remind people.

Pastor's Report:

Shared the Family Life and Faith Formation Ministries, youth gathering schedule

Forming our faith on Sunday (formerly Sunday School), not held weekly.

10/16 @ St. Luke Lutheran on Chippenham 3-4:30, forwarding faith campaign, and update on selection process for electing a new bishop

New serving ministry: Quilting ministry. Carol Jones and Silvia Lewis are heading this ministry.

Pastor will be away 10/17-10/19 and 10/23-10/24

President's Report: No formal report. An observation: The special congregational meeting we had last Sunday barely made quorum. This has happened at least one other time. The 10:00 am meeting was presented as a compromise for early and late service people. Considering other times to meet will inconvenience at least one group. We should think about alternative options. Suggestion: youth group or mission trip does a fund raiser (like serve breakfast).

Ministry Updates

- Faith Formation (Pastor) Presented in pastor's report. Dates for Christmas pageant, 12/11/16, after 2nd service.
- Finance (Jim I) Paul has already discussed September. Finance committee will meet later this week, on Thursday. We welcome Bill Mottett, a council-elect member to the meeting.
- IT & Communications (Carol) Verizon upgraded our router to a higher speed router, with a broader service area. Decided to hold off on upgrading phones to further decide on our specific needs., and then bring Verizon back out. Router signal extends down the educational hall. We still need a signal extender. Verizon thinks we should cable the extenders, which will be more reliable. There are wireless extenders available as well. Carol is also setting up a public wifi account. Jennifer John will be sending off the quilts this week to Latino countries. Google Docs, Carol will send Cathleen and Diane the information.
- Evangelism (Sandra) Jim Schnellenberger. Coffee ministry has been successful in having new volunteers bring in pastries and make coffee. Re-establishing greeters, including one usher. The number of ushers is also dwindling.
- Stewardship (Cathleen) Meeting tomorrow, will discuss the calendar, to be distributed to members for 2017. Getting ready for stewardship month, starting on 10/16, continuing the next 3 Sundays. Letter written, working on commitment cards, will be finalized tomorrow.
- Property (Paul) Big flood in the choir room with the heavy rains last Wednesday. We have a new small wet-vac. Jim Schnellenberger has spent a lot of time in the crawl space, and understand how the water is getting in. Installed new downspouts behind the building. Have 2 estimates with two different approaches. B-dry system (JES) use a sump pump to pump out water. VA basement suggested adding water barriers outside. Want to try keeping water away from the library and the Sunday school walls, and flowing into the 24" existing drain. Additional bids from JES and Harris for industrial strength dehumidifiers. Harris \$8000+, JES \$5200, but for a smaller unit, for the same size would increase the estimate to ~\$6,200. These dehumidifiers would be tied

into the ductwork. The humidity has caused issues with the piano and organ (sticking keys, etc). Requesting to do the external protection outside the library, and the dehumidifier systems. We would essentially install something like a French drain. Jim Schnellenberger: We are looking at barrier methods. Sealed rubber attached to the outside walls in the portico, library, and Sunday school wing. Most of the runoff is from the roof and sidewalks. Some of the gutter downspout drains are clogged, and don't meet the 24" drain. Water comes off the Sunday school wing, over the gutter, and flows out through the cinder blocks. We need something to carry water better (PVC pipe with silt screens). We need to better direct the flow of water away from the building, as well as to address cracks and large openings (punched out holes) in the cinder blocks under the library. The men's group will also help with this project. Right now, expenses are \$6,200 for dehumidifiers, plus another \$1,000 for other repair items. Motion to approve up to \$6500 for the dehumidifiers, motion made, seconded.

Discussion: Is this putting the cart before the horse? Should we try and make the repairs to the foundation first, thus eliminating the need for dehumidifiers. There are certainly other issues, such as needing a fan to circulate the air. Cost of waterproofing, digging, etc. NTE \$2,000, hopefully closer to \$1,000. This assumes ZERO labor costs. Suggestion for a compromise: buy one for the choir room, fix the circulation fan. Amended motion that we purchase one for the choir area. Motion seconded. If we get them one at a time, the labor costs will increase, but not significantly ($p < 0.05$). More discussion: What is the rationale for just one? For many, many years, it has been musty, even before the huge leaks started. What is the rationale? Answer, we may not need two. Not much liquid coming into the youth area crawl space. New caulk and the fan may help eliminate the humidity. The humidity in the youth area is not due to flowing water. Other options were discussed. The building is surrounded by earth on 3 sides, in addition to the floor, allowing for condensation to occur most of the year. Vote on the amended motion (one humidifier, located in the choir side up to ~\$3,500). Vote: in favor 3, Opposed 4, 1 abstain. Motion **fails**. Vote on original motion, \$6500 for 2 dehumidifiers 5 in favor, opposed 2, abstain 1. Motion **carries**. Motion: Approve ~\$2,000 for waterproofing, including the fan, engineered by Schnellenberger. Motion made, seconded: discussion: vote 7 in favor, 1 abstain. Motion carries.

- Linda Keener has told Paul about the piano tuner said it would be \$250 to retune and unstick the piano keys, a second issue is to examine the pipes on the organ for signs of water/humidity damage, 3—piano in the sanctuary only has a humidifier, the piano in the choir room has a humidifier/dehumidifier. We may choose to acquire one that does both for the sanctuary. Currently, we only know about the \$250 for unsticking the keys. Motion made to spend \$250 for retuning. Motion approved unanimously.

New Business

- Conflict Resolution Process—information introduced for council to review.
- Judy Garnett: 2 members have approached Judy regarding the small room at the end of the hall with large wooden cabinets with dishes, cutlery, drapes for tables. This is used for receptions by the reception committee. Recently, 3 vacuum cleaners were against the windows (since removed). Silver shelving unit with things like fungicide, window cleaner, toilet cleaner. A utility cart is also in that room. There is also a slop bucket. There are brooms, mops and other cleaning items. The reception committee has to move all this out in order to get to the cabinets. Judy would like to request that the cleaning supplies closet be moved to a different location. Judy is suggesting that we use the first classroom for cleaning supplies, or perhaps the space outside the fellowship hall, which has been more room now that the YMCA has removed their equipment. The property committee knows we need to evaluate the space utilization in the building. The committee should make a plan for use of the building. Motion to charge the property committee to evaluation issues, seconded motion, vote unanimous to approve.
- Council retreat will be in February, Jim Schnellenberger will present potential topics next months. He suggests we make it working retreat, where we lay out a 5-year plan for the church, for what we expect needs to happen, and that we come to a consensus at to what those activities might be. Council needs input in order for the vision committee to help work on this.
- Article in the RTD that CARITAS is in desperate need for housing during the week of Christmas. We would like a “sense of the council” decision. They would arrive Christmas eve, then leaving New Year’s day. Motion to provide “sense of council” that we would be agreeable to hosting CARITAS, provided we can work out the logistics. Ultimate decision would be with Jane Dry, Shannon Fleming, and Diane Kellogg. We could also check with Lakeside churches. Motion second and approved unanimously.

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Upcoming Events

- Doorkeepers November (Open: Ushers Close: Darren)
- Devotions Nov (Darren)
- Next Council Meeting: November 14

Closing Comments for the Good of the Church

Adjourned 9:15