

**Concordia Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
July 13, 2021**

President Kenn Pettit called the meeting to order at 6:58 pm.

Pastor Brown opened with prayer.

Present were Pastor Brad Brown, Kenn Pettit, Mark Stauffer, Fred Mittan, Lu Anne Reifschneider, Laura Furne, and Pam Glandorf

Secretary Report

Minutes from the June 8, 2021, council meeting were reviewed. Motion Fred Mittan to approve. Second Lu Anne Reifschneider. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Letter of thanks from Faith Comes by Hearing for our gift of \$550.00

Treasurer Report

Total Receipts 2021	as reported
Total Disbursements 2021	as reported
Total Cash & Equiv. 2021	as reported

Reports

A. Pastors Report

Since my last report to the Council, I have been involved in the typical aspects of ministry at Concordia – as they are taking place during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

I have been delivering sermon and bulletins weekly along with video saved to USB to be played on DVD players. Apparently, there were some audio issues that I believe have been worked through. Also, each week sending copies of the weekly sermon by e-mail to several members who have requested it. Added Marilyn Junge to the list last week.

We continue to watch and deliberate how best to serve the congregation through in person services and streaming services. Will want to continue to watch issues with COVID Delta Variant – it is causing some issues. Have read of multiple churches and VBS camps with outbreaks even among vaccinated.

Repairs and outdoor work continue post Derecho. Lots of projects and work coming up in the next months. Trustees are putting together some kind of “work to be done list” as far as I know – workday may be scheduled.

All the worship plans for July and August are done.

Looking toward Sunday School and Adult Bible classes resuming in the Fall.

Elders have decided to NOT move hymnals up to sanctuary yet – we will continue to print each week full bulletins. Also, it is likely that we will continue with one service into the fall.

B. Elders Report

Elders Meeting – July 9, 2021

Chairman John Hohnstein called the meeting to order.

Elders Present: Todd Armstrong, Gary Crow, Fred Mittan, John Hohnstein, Jon Jaschen, Steve Seltrecht, and Dave Nelson

Elders Absent: Steve Setter

Opening Prayer: Pastor Brown

Approval of June Minutes

Pastors Report

Elder Assignments –

July: Dave Nelson and Fred Mittan

August: Jon Jaschen and Steve Setter

Old Business:

- Summer cookout will be September 12th
- Resuming two services is tabled until next month
- Printed Bulletins will continue
- TV monitors in the Sanctuary was voted upon and carried 7-0

New Business:

- Elders will do candle duties. Voted upon and carried 7-0
- Usher duties and assignments was tabled until August meeting
- Concordia newsletter will start again in September
- John Hohnstein will not be able to attend the July 13th council meeting. Fred Mittan will graciously attend for him.

Meeting was adjourned by John Hohnstein and concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

C. Board of Education Report

Verbal Report

- Share and Care Preschool

Sarah is planning to continue with drive thru pickup and drop off in 2021-2022. Would we consider a sidewalk in the grass area along the west side of the church fellowship hall?

Sarah is checking on a cost estimate for the project.

We discussed the air conditioning unit that sits on that side of the church and if that would cause any problem with sidewalk specs.

D. Evangelism/Missions

No Report

E. Stewardship Report

No Report

F. Trustees Report

Verbal Report

Completed since last meeting:

- Fence Repairs (Derecho)
- Gutter and fascia work (Derecho)
- Bid for siding on the rental has been approved (Hailstorm and Derecho)
- New sign/electrical (Derecho)
- Dehumidifiers purchased
- Mark has been trimming down stumps and watering trees

Pending – in Process

- Hole under window in church
- Parsonage and rental gutters (Derecho)
- Parsonage storm door
- Bid for new windows in parsonage basement
- Replace picture window in the rental
- Working on lifts to make sure they are working properly
- Mowing is going well
- Compost for new and old playground areas
- Patio area – bricks to be fixed
- Ceiling tiles – Narthex (Possible August workday)
- Clean above Altar, lights

- Carpet cleaning Sanctuary and offices
- Outdoor banners need updating
- East entrance – a big crack in concrete, checking on repair options

Unfinished Business

New Business

- Altar flowers
 - We will ask Kathy to check with the vendor and confirm that pricing and delivery service remain the same
 - Agreed to post a sign-up sheet
- Gluten Free Wafers
 - Requested by member – Elders and Pastor are looking into
- TV Monitors in the Sanctuary – Fred Mittan (on behalf of the Elders)

Motion Fred Mittan – the Elders are asking approval to install two 65-inch commercial grade televisions in the Sanctuary. Second Laura Furne

Discussed the following presented by the Elders:

The Board of Elders at our July 6th meeting approved asking the council to approve installing two 65-inch commercial grade televisions in the Sanctuary. These would be installed on swivel mounts near where we have the Hymn page numbers.

The Televisions would be used to display our church bulletins and eliminate the need for Hymnals and printed bulletins. This would be a cost saving of paper and copier costs.

The music will not be shown on the screen only the Lyrics.

Pastor Brown will show council on the Television in the fellowship hall the font size required and how the display will look to the congregation.

The Televisions can also be used for Pastor's sermons showing slide pictures pertaining to the topic of the sermon as well as for the children's message.

We will still have printed bulletins for people with the portable DVD players and email the bulletins so people watching service streaming can follow along. The Televisions will not be used for streaming as the camera does not have the capabilities.

I do not have a firm price to install but I feel it can be done for around \$3500.00. I would like

to take the funds from the Thrivent account to pay for it and then have a fund raiser once it is installed and working to replenish the Thrivent account. My goal is to have the system up and working by September 12th service or before.

Also discussed:

- Person who will run.
- Printed Bulletins/sermons will still need to be available for some.
- How will announcements be handled?

Motion carried.

- Newsletter (Chronicle) to start in September
- Congregation outdoor cookout 9-12-21

Discussed how this might look due to the Pandemic. Suggestion that members bring their own picnic lunch that day.

- Judy Oehlerich is requesting to resume Holy Yoga in the fellowship hall on Tuesday mornings at 9 am beginning in September

Motion by Lu Anne Reifschneider to approve the request for Holy Yoga classes to resume in September. Second Laura Furne. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

In His Service,
Pam Glandorf, Secretary

Next Council Meeting – August 10, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Quarterly Reports for the Voters' meeting packets are due September 1st

Next Voter's Meeting – September 19, 2021, TBD