

**NOTES of the CLC COUNCIL MEETING
October 18, 2016**

The council meeting commenced at 18:03

PRESENT: Pastor Karen, Casey Church, Beth Stephens, Paula Steinert, Josh Krenz , Mark Dunham, Peggy Krenz, Pastor Joene

OPENING AND GOD SIGHTINGS: *identify an effective ministry that occurred since our last gathering – prayer.* Lots of comments on sunsets and fall colors. Pastor Joene noted that Emily who came to the pet blessing, will probably be joining CLC. There were many strong connections made as she explored joining here. Then Pastor Karen reflected on visiting Anne Frank's house while in Europe, in this time of division in the USA.

CELEBRATION OF AN ALIVE CHURCH: We discussed Giving to God book Chapters 4 and 5. Beth said she felt she was being lectured by the book. Karen noted that the book discusses whole life experience, and that some who focus only on money in life, seem to spend their gains on equally bad choices. What kind of work is life-affirming? Casey focused on the use of money in congruence with a person's principles. Joene talked about consumption, and how it drives waste, and how people need to carefully consider how they consume. Josh noted a quote on page 88 that giving to the church is not the same as giving to God.

For November Joene assigned us Chapters 6&7.

- **Council Minutes for September 20 were approved by motion of Peggy with Josh's second, with no corrections noted on Version 3.**
- Funding for Josh Krenz: Josh requested another \$355 or 8 x \$75 of the PCL scholarship funds, in addition to the \$870 that were dispersed to Josh for his continuing education prior to entering seminary. The sense of council was that this should be a special solicitation for directed giving, allowing Josh to have a larger ceiling on donations. **Mark moved and Beth seconded, that a new budget line be authorized, collecting funds for Josh's preparation for seminary. Karen moved to provide another \$130 to Josh from PCL, which was seconded by Paula. Both motions were approved unanimously, with Peggy's and Josh's abstentions.**
- Constitutional Revisions: ELCA is changing from Ordained and non-Ordained ministers; to Ministers of Word and Sacrament and Ministers of Word and Service. Another proposed action acknowledges that ELCA is a member of Lutheran World Federation. CLC Constitution, Sections C10.02, C10.04, C12.04, C12.12, and C13.04, are where we must modify to suit the ELCA changes. Note that any CLC constitutional changes must be postal mailed at least 30 days before the annual meeting, which will be January 15.

REPORTS FROM MINISTRY GROUPS OR TEAMS

Emphasize what is exciting and being planned to meet your mission goals, including recommendation of new ventures for council approval. Include:

Faith Formation : Pastor Karen reported that Tuesday night meetings will move to Wednesday mornings as winter onsets, and be focused on mutual prayer. **See Pastor's Report for more info.**

InReach: Paula noted that Judy Ewart has sent email regarding Ladies' Lunch funding, to cover driver costs among other items. Judy would like an annual budget of \$180 in CY2017 to cover these costs. Peggy moved that we refer this to the Budget Team, and Paula seconded, with a positive recommendation. This passed unanimously. In addition, we will solicit donations to cover the \$15/month for the remainder of 2016. **See Pastor's Report for more info.**

OutReach: No report, but Allyson is working hard on Oktoberfest. **See Pastor's Report for more info.**

Parish Nurse and Health Ministry: Paula reported on a great turnout of ~35 persons to hear Christine explain differences between Hospice and Palliative Care. The series will conclude with a November 4 Financial Planning discussion with Fletcher Catron. Planning for 2017 Conversation Project program has now commenced.

Stewardship: No separate report. In the Pastor's report it is noted they are working on a Pledge Campaign for Time and Talent plus financial pledges.

Welcoming & Aesthetics: No report. Comments noted on rock work, and new lights in the Zaguán. Last Saturday was the last Outside Workday.

Worship & Music: No separate report. Included in Pastor's report that she and Scott are meeting and considering responses to the survey. Noted that 6 PM Christmas Eve, and 1000 on New Year's AM, were the survey requests. Also adding a Blue Christmas service on December 21, for those feeling oppressed by the holidays. There will also be an Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve service on November 23.

RESOURCE MINISTRY REPORTS

Address how the resource ministry groups can continue to support the congregation's mission and ministry in terms of facility, staffing, finances, and volunteers. Include:

- Administration - No report.
- Finance: Peggy reported that we sent the \$21K to Mission Investment Fund of ELCA for investment there, which removes the CD lines from the regular financial reports.
- Property & Maintenance – Josh reported that AAG is the winning bidder to replace the Common Room furnace, at a cost of \$1971.30, which is budgeted within the \$7000 set aside for property capital upgrades. Bathroom upgrades will be underway, and the Women's Bath will be shut down for several days October 30 through November 2, so that the sinks and fixtures can be replaced. Question to Council, "Does PMT need approval to do this action?" Answer is no, it was approved as a block of funds for PMT to execute.
- Treasurer— Spreadsheet submitted and corrections noted that Total Income = 148389.75, and delta is (4071.74), for January to September. Line 7255 for Bank Fees we are under by 771, while Office Supplies are over by \$2272, which need to be increased in 2017. Total expenses are over by \$16070, but this is a suspicious number and will be revisited by Peggy.
- Pastor's Report – Written report received and attached. Casey wonders what the CLC focus will be in the future, beyond feeding the needy. Joene noted that we are having regular visits now by younger folks, who know how to attend church, but seem not to be finding what they were looking for when they come to CLC.

SENDING OR BENEDICTION

Pastor Karen's good saying regarded, "Who are the Anne Franks for today? Mothers in Syria, and others being disregarded by the powers that be, need attention. God Bless everyone.

The October CLC Council Meeting was concluded at 7:58 PM by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mark E. Dunham
2016 CLC Council Secretary

Pastor's Report - October 2016

CLC Mission: "To preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to extend the message of God's welcome to all people throughout our community. To affirm our faith through service, worship, and music. To nurture relationships of trust and acceptance, and to build on our strong foundation a church that is poised for growth."

Baptisms: 0

Funerals: 1 (Gerrie MacCulloch, at National Cemetery on Oct 11)

Weddings: 0

Future:

- The Stewardship Team is preparing a "Giving to God: Ourselves, Our Time and Our Possessions" pledge campaign for both "time and talent" and monetary commitments. We will present information, and ask for the pledges to be turned in by the 2017 Annual Meeting in January.
- The Narrative Budget Team is meeting and will prepare a narrative budget for 2017.

Faith Formation

- Still considering a weekly small group for newly retired & those considering retirement, to meet in the evenings. There is interest, but we need a facilitator
- Adult Forum has begun; a schedule is planned through November. Dec (Advent) will be a study of Isaiah.
- Wednesday morning prayer time, beginning with creating Lutheran prayer beads (Swedish Pearl of Life) and contemplative Advent liturgies. Provide "take home" packages for people unable to attend.
- Tonie Dunham is, due to health and family issues, no longer teaching Confirmation. Josh Krenz, mentored by Peter Herr will teach confirmation.
- Contemplating a joint RCC/Lutheran series of "classes" on Luther, using a Great Course series. This is being done in Abq, and I'm beginning to ask for RCC contacts (priests) to discuss. Tentatively in March?

Inreach/Worship

- I have created a survey regarding Christmas Eve/Day and New Years Day service options, a # of responses received Oct 16th.
- Scott and I are planning worship services rather than Worship & Music Team, for a # of reasons
- Tentatively planning a "Blue Christmas" service for Wed, Dec 21st

Outreach

- Welcoming Santa Fe – Santa Fe has been approved by the State Dept as a refugee city. I have two meetings scheduled Oct 19 and 21st with LRIS staff to find out details.
- Envision Santa Fe (ministry to move homeless families into homes) needs 10 mentors.

Misc

- Wedding of Kay N and William T planned for Sunday, Dec 4th. Scott is the organist
- I will back out of the Administration Team by January 2017. Too many team meetings = less sermon prep time and less time for pastoral concerns
- Peter and I are leaving the USA April 17 (Easter Monday), returning May 2nd (back to work the 4th?) flying to Vietnam, for William and Sophie's wedding.
- Aug. 7-10, 2017, the ELCA will host its first ever Rostered Ministers Gathering in Atlanta. This will be an opportunity for Rostered Ministers to assemble for worship, education, and fellowship. I may use my continuing education monies for this event. There will be a RMS Bishop's Theological Conference in Sept, in Colorado Springs