

Church Council Meeting

Date of Meeting: August 21, 2017

Topic	Discussion Points to Note	Actions, Decisions, Recommendations
Attendance	In attendance:, Vice President Kevin Rizzo, Secretary Denise Steele, Jennifer Bailey, Lois Boyer, Tammy Crawford, Lisa Hagenbuch, Wynn Leppert , Betsy Littlefield, Don Replogle, Jeremy Vent, Pastor Short, and Pastor Weinhold Absent: Sue Prescott and Jay Cessna	Noted
Gathering, Call to Order, Welcome, and Prayer	Vice President Kevin Rizzo called the meeting to order. Pastor Short offered welcome and opened with prayer.	Noted
Secretary's Report	Review of the May 22, 2017 meeting minutes submitted by Denise Steele. Correspondence – No correspondence was received during the last three months.	Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented, and approved unanimously by council. Noted.
Treasurer's Report	The 2 nd quarter 2017 financial reports were available for council along with the year-to-date 2017 budget. Pastor Short reported that there was a growth in regular offerings of 7.48% and growth in total income of 7.32%. Expenses are up 1.16% from 2016 but are less than anticipated. The stained glass window appeal exceeded the goal amount, and excess will remain in the building fund. Special accounts and funds were reviewed for the first half of 2017	Motion made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion approved unanimously. The work should be completed in September 2017, and the entire project should may come in a little under budget.
Ministry Teams Reports & Updates **Please see individual committee reports for specific details and dates.	<i>Worship and Music</i> – Jennifer Bailey & Lois Boyer	The team met on August 7, 2017. Ongoing ministries are going well and are set for the fall. The 8:30am/11:00am liturgy and 9:45 Sunday School schedule will resume on September 10 th , and Vespers on September 13 th . A celebration of the 500 th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation will be held on October 29 th with a special reception. Planning continues for Family Festival/Christmas Cantata on December 17 th .

<p>Ministry Teams Reports & Updates</p> <p>**Please see individual committee reports for specific details and dates.</p>	<p><i>Children and Youth</i> – Tammy Crawford & Lisa Hagenbuch</p>	<p>The team met on July 17, 2017. Review of recent activities showed that they went well, and record numbers attended VBS. Upcoming events include the Sunday School kick-off on September 10th along with the Youth and Families lunch. The all parish hayride and Kids Sing are scheduled for October 22nd, Reformation Sunday celebration on October 29th, Movie/popcorn/pizza night on November 5th, and the 50th Anniversary Family Festival on December 17th. Faith ‘n Fun and youth activities will resume in September also.</p>
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<p>Ministry Teams Reports & Updates</p> <p>**Please see individual committee reports for specific</p>	<p><i>Property</i> – Wynn Leppert & Jeremy Vent</p>	<p>The team met on August 1, 2017. The stained glass window project is progressing, and a new piece will be made to replace a broken window piece. There was an issue with a faulty</p>

<p>details and dates.</p>		<p>AC unit, and Knisely's is taking care of replacing the unit and any leaking damages. The team has spent under 50% of budget for the year, and is in good shape heading into cooler weather. Upcoming projects include the handrail around the Garden of Resurrection and clean up in the area.</p>
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<p>Ministry Teams Reports & Updates</p> <p>**Please see individual committee reports for specific details and dates.</p>	<p><i>Executive Team – Sue Prescott, Kevin Rizzo, Denise Steele & Jay Cessna</i></p>	<p>A meeting was held on August 8, 2017. Trinity's Constitution and By-Laws need reviewed and revised in light of recent ELCA revisions. Discussion was centered on Kathie Crist's retirement in 2018 and the process of hiring a replacement and defining duties. A retirement reception for spring 2018 was talked about as well.</p>
<p>Ad Hoc Teams Reports and Updates</p>	<p><i>Garden of the Resurrection Parish Musicians</i></p> <p><i>Liturgical Deacons</i></p> <p><i>Altar & Nave Renovation Team</i></p> <p><i>Stained Glass Window Coverings</i></p>	<p>No internments in last quarter. Plans with Greater Bedford Lutheran Parish churches for the Family Festival this year. We still have seven deacons with the addition of Kevin Rizzo and the move of Doug Miller.</p> <p>The team continues to flesh out ideas. The artist hopes to have some visuals ready in September/October for review.</p> <p>Painting is done and looks wonderful. They will start with the window coverings on September 11, and will be done</p>

	<p><i>250th Trinity Anniversary Planning Team</i></p> <p><i>50th Christmas Family Festival Planning Team</i></p> <p><i>Reformation Sunday – 500th Anniversary</i></p> <p><i>Congregational Constitution Update</i></p>	<p>in two weeks.</p> <p>Lots of work has been happening for this event with a year of activities. Retired Bishop Gregory will be kick-off the year, Bishop Michael will be involved in the middle of the year, and Pastor Riggle will be help to wind up activities.</p> <p>Plans are underway and will bring all the neighboring Lutheran congregations together.</p> <p>All the Lutheran parishes in our area will be participating in some fashion, and special music with the choir will be shared this Sunday.</p> <p>Proposed changes to Trinity's Constitution and Bylaws were reviewed. Most of the changes bring the our constitution into compliance with the ELCA constitution. Others update the constitution according to current and feasible practices. The proposals will be reviewed and voted upon at the upcoming congregational meeting</p>
<p>Pastoral Staff Reports and Updates</p> <p>**Many important upcoming dates - please see individual committee reports, bulletin, and website.</p>	<p>Pastor Weinhold & Pastor Short</p>	<p>Both pastors shared how their time has been devoted between regular and ongoing ministries of the congregation and community ministries. Pastor Weinhold presided over 3 funerals, one wedding and one baptism the summer. He serves on the board for Your Safe Haven and is the Sheetz for the Kidz coordinator for the Salvation Army Bedford Unit. He highlighted the painting of the high school rooms by the youth and the success of VBS. Looking ahead, Pastor Weinhold noted fall scheduling including Women of Trinity, Adult Forum, Youth group, and Bible Study. He also shared</p>

		<p>about the new year of Faith and Fun, activities for the 500th Reformation Sunday, and work with continuing resolutions, Trinity constitution and by-laws. Pastor Short led 4 funerals, 1 wedding, and 1 baptism during the summer. He noted the many ongoing ministries of our parish, and the community ministries including the Free Community Dinner, the Job Mann Trust and Homewood Ministries (with a 16 bed personal care/assisted living unit in the works). Looking back, Trinity hosted youth/leaders from Trinity Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids, MI, planning for Kathie's retirement, prepping for fall weddings, and the update of Trinity's constitution and by-laws. Looking ahead, regular Sunday schedule resumes on September 10th and regular Wednesday evening activities start on September 13th. Other upcoming items included God's Work/Our Hands on 9/17/17, completion of window coverings in September, Reformation Sunday on 10/29/17, upcoming round of ministry team meetings Altar/Nave Renovation team presentations and proposal to the congregation this fall, nominations for Council for 2018 and new ideas for 2018 parish budget.</p>
Other Business		
Adjourn Meeting Closed with Prayer	Vice President Kevin Rizzo asked for motion to adjourn. Pastor Short led The Lord's Prayer	Motion made to adjourn and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
Next Council Meeting		<p>Monday, 11/13/17, 6:30 P.M.</p> <p>Upcoming Deadlines: 2018 Council Nominations – November 6, 2017 Annual Ministry Team Reports – December 4, 2017 Annual Congregational Meeting-</p>

		December 17, 2017 2018 Council Installation – December 31, 2017 2018 Council Orientation & Dinner – January 7, 2018
Minutes Submitted by: Denise Steele, Council Secretary August 30, 2017		