

**The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
Council Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: May 19, 2020

Meeting Location: Virtual Zoom Supplemental Meeting

In Attendance: Pastor Teal Anderson, Deb Anthony, Connie Charitonuk, Pastor Greg Fetzer, Glenn Garbinski, Lindsay Guckert, Missy Leppo, Ken Lorentzen, Gina MillerLaura Runyeon, Paul Smeton, Lisa Steel, Ruthann Sutherland, John Verbillis, Stuart Goemmer, Roxanne Barrow, and Owen Ashbrook

Excused: Dan Williams

Topic	Details	Action/Follow-up
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Ken Lorentzen.	
Prayer	Lindsay Guckert led the Council in prayer.	
Minutes	Pastor Greg Fetzer moved to approve the April Council meeting minutes. Laura Runyeon seconded the motion and the motion passed.	Motion approved
Treasurer's Report	Lindsay informed Council that expenses are staying low and the church is in good financial shape. She added that she can work with any Council members who would like more information about using dedicated accounts. Rocky Barrow updated Council that giving is continuing.	
Pastor's Report	Pastor Greg informed Council that Mar Lu Ridge will not have camp this summer. He added that he and Pastor Teal Anderson will be leading worship by live videos from the sanctuary through May 31, 2020. They are working on improving the sound and video. Pastor Greg noted that the June 7 th service will have some special events including a sermon from Bishop Eaton and will be pre-recorded. The summer sermons will incorporate the VBS lessons and then explore the history behind some beloved hymns.	
Family Fund	Lindsay reported that the Family Fund has a balance of just over \$6,000. Gina will put a note in the Epistle that members should contact the Pastors or the Church office for help with any needs.	
Youth	Connie Charitonuk updated Council that the Youth group has been meeting virtually each week discussing topics and playing games online. She has been	Informational

	<p>congratulating the high school and college seniors. Connie added that she is planning to get together virtually with the Young Adults.</p> <p>Laura Runyeon reported that the GAX trip is postponed until next year.</p>	
CLAS	<p>Deb Anthony reported that Owen Ashbrook would like the Leadership opportunity to occur as soon as it is possible.</p>	Informational
Worship and Music	<p>Missy Leppo informed Council that the Pastors and Angela Kromm are leading worship through a livestream from the sanctuary. She added that they are beginning to assess the steps needed to allow people to return to in-person worship.</p>	Informational
Facilities	<p>Glenn Garbinski informed Council that he has been working with Constellation on repairs for the three HVAC units which are all experiencing problems. The cost to repair the units is \$17,000. Constellation recommends replacing the units which are over 20 years old and use an older refrigerant. It will cost \$85,000 to replace all the units and have them under one controller. Glenn is negotiating with Constellation to try to get a lower price. Glenn recommends at least replacing the two units in the Education wing for \$63,000.</p> <p>Paul Smeton updated Council that the management company thinks they will be able to rent the parsonage once the repairs are completed. Glenn recommended that the management company complete the repairs so they will be done sooner.</p>	Informational
Christian Ed	<p>Pastor Teal Anderson reported that the Vacation Bible School team is planning a virtual VBS this summer with some pre-recorded video segments to be completed over 5 weeks. They would like to have a day for participants to pick up supply packets and drop off donations in the parking lot. Pastor Teal added that she is sending a survey to recent VBS parents to determine whether they are interested in a virtual VBS experience for their families.</p>	Informational
Outreach	<p>John Verbillis reported to Council the Social Justice will have a virtual movie discussion of two films this summer.</p> <p>He added that Servanthood will have a Father's Day appeal to benefit the Maryland Food Bank.</p>	Informational
FLO	<p>Paul Smeton informed Council that the Endowment is held at Morgan Stanley and managed by them.</p> <p>Connie Charitonuk moved to approve Lisa Steel, Paul Smeton, Larry Burkhardt, Rosemary Poling, Lauren Rein, Karen Nordman, Dave Stark, and Lindsay Guckert as members of the Endowment Committee. Missy Leppo seconded the motion and the motion passed.</p>	<p>Informational</p> <p>Motion Passed.</p>
Quilting Group	<p>John Verbillis informed Council that the quilting group is no longer selling masks and have been making them for local needs as well as Lutheran World Relief.</p>	

Re-Opening	<p>Council discussed how to move toward in person worship based on updates from the ELCA and the Maryland State guidance which currently allows only 50% of maximum capacity for worship and a maximum of 10 people in a meeting. Council members reported that most ministry groups are fine continuing through virtual means as long as needed. Deb Anthony suggested surveying the congregation to get some estimate of how many people would be interested in returning to the building for worship at this time. All agreed that when we return to the building, the church should continue the online services.</p> <p>Gina Miller added that in order to go back to the church building we will need hand sanitizer stations, disposable face masks, a way of keeping attendance for contact tracing, and other items that she is looking into.</p> <p>Pastor Greg suggested a subcommittee to look at the details of what is necessary to return to in-person worship. He added that online worship is here to stay and we should have a committee to work on improving that experience as well. All agreed to the formation of the two subcommittees.</p> <p>Pastor Greg moved that LCGS will not have in-person worship services through June 28, 2020 and will reevaluate the possibility at that time. Glenn Garbinski seconded the motion and the motion passed.</p>	Motion passed.
Adjournment	Pastor Greg led the Council in prayer and the meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.	Meeting adjourned
Next Meeting	Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 7 pm.	