

# Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 13, 2020 7:00PM via Zoom

## Purpose

*Together in Christ Empowered to Be and Make Disciples*

**Attending:** Pastor Dean, Nikki Erickson, Holly Ulrich, Pastor Naomi, Jena Berget, John Kappers, Jeanne Ashburn, Tim Malek, Elissa Nelson, Craig Holmgren, Sandy Hanson, Karen Loge, Janel Skindelin, Michael Newberg, Britta Willenbring, Sara Bennett, Shane Baker, David Severtson, Jeremy Schmidt, Charles Ulrich, Kevin Hanson

Devotion: Shane Baker

**Call meeting to order** – Sara Bennett noted that Mike Haugsby was absent due to an evacuation of his apartment for a fire alarm. All was well in the end.

**Icebreaker** – Pastor Naomi

**Approval of September, 2020 Council Minutes** – Holly Ulrich motions to accept the minutes of September. September 27<sup>th</sup>, Britta second. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report** – Craig Holmgren states income \$49,475 and expenses over \$63,000. This is tailing off some. PPP forgiveness has not come through yet as the system is overloaded. Bankers say just wait. Craig moved to accept. This was seconded by Mike Newberg. Motion passes.

## Staff Reports

1. Pastor Tim – Thanks for prayers and support during surgery etc. Staff was quick and covered all bases.
2. Pastor Naomi – Confirmation started with an indoor meeting. The Fall Conference had ideas on youth coming to church. Moving forward and trying new things – Schoology.
4. Pastor Dean – Grief care had 20 folks last night. Phone calls afterwards. Support for the church vital at this time. Checking on hospital patients by phone. Wedding in chapel next weekend.
3. Pastor David – Launching programming in surreal environment with helpful colleagues. He feels grateful and supported
5. Janel – Attended the Fall Conference virtually. Kicked off Sunday school Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> with a blessing of animals. It was chilly and sunny. First confirmation in person. This Wednesday is 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Connection which will be every 2 weeks. Faith Circles are this Sunday. Family friendly and worship in Bethany Hall. Families grouped by table. Brainstorming with the boards.

## Board Reports –

1. Children and Family – Elissa, they discussed how to deal with not being in person and stay connected. What will Christmas look like and how can it be special for the children?
2. Board of Finance – Met at 6 tonight. A new power scrubber was purchased for the church. It was \$3,000 with the trade in. Discussed funding for sanctuary cameras. Perhaps a fundraiser with money in special funds to make up the rest. Will run around \$17,000.
3. Board of Outreach – John Touching base with board of stewardship for fall campaign. Possibly one or two minute devotional on what they are thankful for. And from those who

have gone above and beyond. Since we can't break bread together, let's collect bread for others with a food drive. "A pound, 5 bucks and a prayer." Tent in Church parking lot 8:30 to 10:30 on November 8, 15, 22<sup>nd</sup>.

4. Board of Stewardship – Video for Calvary website to guide to electronic giving. Traditionally hoping we can meet every Sunday. Letter to congregation will be written this weekend. Commitment Cards go out November 1st. Minimum Distribution has changed this year. Supporting the food drive for the Kandiyohi county food shelf. Some acknowledgement of people going above and beyond. Commitment Sunday is November 22nd.
5. Board of Worship – Jeanne stated guidance is needed from the task force. They are doing due diligence with questions on financing for changes (cameras). No pie at Thanksgiving. Advent right after Thanksgiving. This year will be different, but they want it special to each/financing ideas changed.
6. Board of Youth and Family Ministry – Mike Newberg. What will we do for Christmas? We propose outdoor advent drive through. They need help from any board, any member. Suggest come from Olena through Bethesda property, through parking lot, set up vignettes. Sara mentioned live animals. Leave it up for a while? Gifts? Tim asked about singing Christmas carols. Sara suggested talented families singing while people drive through. Would the sound system work in 10 degrees? Possible radio transmitter.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Anderson Farm** – Rent \$225 per ACRE. Renter agreed to continue at that rate. Board of Finance agreed to this. Craig motioned approval at \$225 per acre same as this year seconded by Kevin. This was approved by council.

### **Topic of the month - Intersection of Vision, Focus, Budget**

**Budget** - Work needs to be done to have a budget ready to present to the congregation in January. Vote must be in December. Can we grow? What do we need for 2021? Finance committee will need to run the numbers so that the congregation knows the return on investment. How do we work in the necessary marketing/branding part? Finance looked at moving back to in house accounting by Teri from Anfinson/Thompson, but that would mostly be moving pieces around. We will need money for music - \$14,000 as Pastor David steps away. Each board is responsible for its budget. Pastor Dean brought up legacy planning as important with life insurance, wills and trusts all playing a role. Sara thinks budget worksheets should be out to the boards in approximately a week. Craig will follow up with Teri.

**Dean closed in prayer.**