

Calvary Lutheran Church Special Council Meeting

Thursday, January 14, 2021 7:00PM via Zoom

Purpose

Together in Christ Empowered to Be and Make Disciples

Attending: Michelle Kotrba, Craig Holmgren, Kevin Hanson, John Kappers, Holly Ulrich, Charles Ulrich, Kim Larson, Britta Willenbring, Jeanne Ashburn, Sandy Hanson, Sara Bennett, Karen Loge, Pastor Naomi, Pastor Tim, Pastor Dean, Pastor David, Janel Skindelien

Call meeting to order – Sara called the meeting to order.

Council Minutes from December – Holly Ulrich moved to accept the December minutes. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution to Reopen Calvary – The COVID-19 Safety Task Force for reopening Calvary met Monday January 11, 2021. They brought forth a resolution pursuant to Governor Walz's current guidance. Motion was made by Charles Ulrich and Holly Ulrich seconded. Discussion followed. Jeanne asked about the wording on weddings. It was agreed to change the wording, while understanding there will be limitations. The second concern was why wait so long to restart service. There is a lack of time for this weekend, then next weekend is the annual meeting and sanitation would be an issue if we tried to have service and annual meeting on the same day. This will also give time for the possible COVID-19 spikes from the holidays to declare themselves. Council discussed the limitations for different kinds of meetings and services. Council discussed how to make the annual meeting as inclusive as possible, with in sanctuary meeting, parking lot inclusion using FM broadcast with voting and a mechanism to include people via Zoom so they could broach questions to the congregation in an efficient manner to explore their opportunity to vote online in the absence of being in person. The motion (as follows) passed.

Whereas, the Calvary Lutheran Church Council voted to pause all in person activities on church grounds per the orders of Governor Walz and

Whereas, the Minnesota Stay Safe executive order now allows for addition socially distanced indoor gathering

Be it resolved that Calvary's church council in collaboration with Calvary's COVID-19 Safety Task Force recommends that Calvary Lutheran Church reopens to indoor funerals, baptisms, weddings (all with less than 130 participants), small group ministries (25% room capacity), and non-ministry small groups (10 or less) while following the guidance of the state of Minnesota on masks and distancing along with staff approval effective January 15, 2021.

Be it also resolved that Calvary's Annual Meeting may now take place in the church Sanctuary January 24, 2021, in accordance with the guidance of the state of Minnesota on masks and distancing, with FM transmission to the parking lot for drive in participation available and a broadcast on Zoom if possible.

And be it also resolved the resuming of indoor; sanctuary worship will occur January 31, 2021, while observing the state of Minnesota safety procedures.

Voting on putting the revised Calvary Constitution on the ballot - Kim Larson moved that we place the document that was emailed to council. Holly Ulrich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Voting on slate of proposed council members – The slate of potential council members was approved by roll call vote.

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