

Calvary Lutheran Church-Together in Christ, Empowered to Be and Make Disciples

Church Council Meeting: August 13, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Present (Council Members): Mary Jo de Cathelineau, Shane Baker, Caleb Hanson, Lori Holmgren, Bob Dickerson, Harley Aalfs, John Dean

Present (Staff): Pastor Dwaine Sutherland, Pastor Wayne Kopitzke, Pastor Amy Juel, Naomi Powers-Baker, Paula Lueders

Absent: Bridget Pederson, Brian Henrickson, Marie Fett

Welcome: Mary Jo welcomed the council and Pastor Themba-ELCA Missionary, and Pastor Amy Juel.

Devotions and Prayer: Lori Holmgren lead devotions and prayer from Mark 10.

June 2024 Minutes: Caleb Hanson moved approval, John Dean seconded, minutes approved.

Staff Reports:

Paula Lueders: Paula reminded us of the ice cream social for Pastor Themba at 6:30 p.m. She is working on plans for the Robbins Island Service this summer. Looking forward to Pastor Amy Juel working at Calvary. Also working on the Constant Contact Program updating our members etc. Everything is going well.

Naomi Powers-Baker: Naomi reported collaborating with our partners for the Robbins Island Service this summer. She is also re-organizing and going through music in the choir room to update our music. Also working on "Gods Work, Our Hands." Also working with Social Kindness and Worship Committees.

Pastor Wayne Kopitzke: Pastor Wayne is keeping busy with visitation. He moved his office down the hall. He continues to visit the homebound and asked that the council let him know if anyone needs a home visit or moves to a different medical facility.

Pastor Dwaine Sutherland: Pastor Dwaine continues to visit members and encouraged us to let him know of anyone that might need a visit or assistance. He is spending time with Pastor Themba and working on the preaching schedule. He also thanked everyone for the cards and prayers regarding his mother. He will be gone for a weekend in October to go back to Tennessee for his mother's memorial service.

Pastor Amy Juel: Pastor Amy introduced herself and gave a personal history.

Financial Report: Mary Jo updated the council on the July financials. (See attached financial reports) Bob Dickerson questioned the fees being charged by Thrivent on the Jerry Anderson Funds. A discussion was held over the fees. John Dean stated the fees were not excessive. Shane made a motion to accept the financials and Calab seconded the motion, Bob Dickerson abstained from the motion until we hear of the results of the administrative fees. Motion approved.

Audio/Video Update: Audio and Video equipment will be installed before Christmas.

Strategic Planning: Mary Jo updated the council that the Strategic Planning Committee will be meeting with a consultant over zoom on August 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Bylaws: Bylaw Committee is still working on the bylaws.

Other:

Security: Brian is collaborating with vendors regarding security and updating our entrances.

Caleb Hanson volunteered to bring the meal for the September meeting. Pastor Amy will do devotions for the September meeting.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Shane, John seconded. Motion passed.

Adjourned with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Jo de Cathelineau, Council President