

Central Lutheran Church Council Meeting February 13, 2017

Brandon Hanson declared a quorum, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and acknowledged two empty chairs representing the presence of Christ and the one for the stranger and began with prayer. Council members present were: Brett Ahrens, Ken Glover, Brandon Hanson, Paul Johansson, Cheryl Johnson, Jackie Kritzeck, Leanne Musgjerd, Cindy Novotny, Rachel Pederson, Jill Pouliot, Keith Terlinden and J.C. Thieke. Council members absent: Brian Budahn, Donelle King and Ed Studniski.

Miracle of Mercy Discussion: Pastor Johansson shared the list of 800+ concerns that congregational members shared as to What do you See? And What do you Hear? in the context of Mercy. Observations included:

Compassion, Vulnerability, Lord is near to the broken hearted, People aren't alone in their storm, People are hurting
Everyone wants to be heard/crying out to be heard

Business Meeting:

Keith Terlinden moved approval of the January 9, 2017, council minutes. Jackie Kritzeck seconded and the motion carried.

Financial Report:

Ken Glover made a motion to approve the December, 2016, Financial Report as presented. J C Theike seconded and the motion carried. December preliminary were presented. We are current with our bills and have not had to use our reserve funds. The Finance Committee will prepare a preliminary 2017-18 Spending Plan and present it at the April council meeting. Council will make recommendations at the May Meeting and the proposed plan will be presented to the congregation at the Congregational Meeting on June 4, 2017.

Congregational Meeting:

Proposed date for the Congregational Meeting is June 4, 2017. Donelle King made a motion to approve this date. Leanne Musgjerd seconded. Motion carried.

Personnel Report:

Pastor Johansson shared the following staff updates: Lindsey Beard is on maternity leave until March, 2017; Cherie Tobias is on a leave of absence due to a family crisis, she will be working Sunday mornings only; Joy Goodwin will be on maternity leave starting sometime in June. Currently looking for an intern that could cover the summer months while she is out. Pastor Braley is on his sabbatical leave for January and February, 2017. Plans are developing to begin the process of hiring a full-time Student Director to work along-side Kaycee Stanley as she transitions from full time to half time.

20/20 Vision:

Pastor Johansson shared how the Personnel committee has committed to three years to help guide us as we anticipate pastoral transitions. We want to do it well. House Churches and Journey Groups are our future. Goal would be 50% of our people would be in one of these groups by summer of 2018. Fall 2018 begin a nine-month transition. Please consider what we need from Pastor Johansson to make this go as seamlessly as possible. We need to be wise in looking at who would balance the pastoral leadership.

As we anticipate the mortgage being paid off in the spring of 2019, need to start visioning how we will celebrate and continue to use our gifts for property improvements, personnel, etc.

Old Business:

Lifetree Café is now meeting at the Elk River YMCA.

Great River Family Promise will again be open to help homeless families. We will again be a host church. Nikki Nordmeier and Russ Ericson have stepped forward as our new coordinators.

New Business: None

Prayer and Spiritual Formation

Council members drew a new staff person name to pray for this month. We shared prayers for each of us.

Meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting will be Monday, April 10, 2017.

Brandon Hanson adjourned the meeting at 8:06 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Pederson
Council Secretary