

Trinity Lutheran Church Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 13, 2020 – 7 p.m.

DEVOTIONS – Pastor Fred

I. Call to Order & Devotion – 7 pm- Meeting held via Zoom Meeting technology

- A. Council Roster: All 12 council members were present + Pastor Fred, John Sienkiewicz and Bev Dominkowitz.
 - 1. Roundtable check in from Council Members

II. Reports for Approval

- A. Minutes from March 2020 Council Meeting- Minutes were approved by all council members
- B. Financial Reports from March 2020
 - 1. Financial Secretary- Pledge vs giving YTD is at 126%
 - 2. Treasurer- March income on target about \$400 below projected income and expenses were as budgeted. The better YTD deficit is better as a result of large contribution in January and lower expenses. March 2020 giving is on target. Motion was passed by council to accept the Financial reports.
- C. Pastor Report- Worship during Holy Week was higher than normal. Joan Frick's family had a small service at church with a planned memorial TBD. Pastor is looking at additional technology to continue online church services. The County of Morris donated \$7,000 for the Food Pantry use with no stipulations on this money on where it's spent. A discussion was held if some of this money should be directed to the Faith Kitchen. A motion was passed by council that this money should be designated to local hunger TLC Food Pantry. If the Faith Kitchen gets billed from Hillside food pantry for food that TLC Food Pantry picked up, TLC will reimburse the Faith Kitchen.

III. Status Report on Church operations and Ministries

- A. Church- Covid 19 Payroll Protection Act- houses of worship are eligible to apply for these loans to continue paying employees. The church has applied for this loan. Status is TBD. Parish Nurse, Lynne Sienkiewicz, medical leave has been postponed and she continues to work. Kathy McFarland, church administrator, is continuing working from home. A motion was passed by council to reimburse Kathy an additional \$25 a month for using her personal cell phone for church business while she's working remotely. During this time, regular cleaning of the church was cut back. Ralph Gonzalez will be instructed to come back and begin a regular schedule of cleaning of the church
- B. Faith Kitchen- Continue to feed guests bagged lunches from the door. Joanne, the director, is continuing working from home. A discussion was held regarding the monthly Faith Kitchen report that Joanne submitted to board and to Council President. Erin DeKorte, council liaison to Faith Kitchen, will discuss this report with Joanne.
- C. Food Pantry- Continuing with distributing food at the door.
- D. Church Staffing-covered under "Church" above.

IV. Reports and Updates

- A. Congregation Care Team Updates- This team sent cards to TLC members working in the health care field. Council members are urged to continue to reach out to TLC members who live alone so they know that church is with them.
- B. What does return to normal church operations look like- Discussion on utilizing the Zoom technology for church services into the summer as some congregates may not feel safe being in a large setting. The Worship & Music team will monitor the utilization of this technology and make recommendations if another technology is better suited for our needs.

V. Pastoral Concerns- addressed above

VI. Additional Business – A motion was passed by council to fly the Gay Pride Flag during the month of June for Pride Month. The congregation will be informed that the flag will be displayed during this month. Addition discussion was had on enhancing our Web Site to include more information on RIC. The RIC team will explore a more permanent outside signage that TLC is a RIC compliant congregation

VII. Correspondence - None

VIII. Closing Prayers

IX. Adjournment- Meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM

Next Executive Team: Meeting: Sunday April 26th after 9:30 AM service
Next Council Meeting: Monday May 11th @ 7:00 PM