

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH – COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020**

President Amanda Schueler (19)	X	Vice Pres. Bob Kreie (20)		Treasurer Kathy Silvernale (19)	X	Secretary Connie Stromseth (19)	X
Penny Stuber (20)	X	Cheryl Buboltz (19)	X	Monica Wehler (19)	X	Dan Moe (20)	X
John Olsen (19)	X	Maria Weikle (20)	X	Shelly Kirchoff (19)	X	Niki Pokornowski (20)	X
Gail Telecky (19)		Andrew Weckwerth (20)	X				
Pastor Scott	X	Pastor Paul	X	Kristen Matthews		Sara Wegner- Financial Coordinator	
Pastor Dave		Marsha Schmit	X	Will Holt	X		
Pastor Paulus	X	Wendy Magruder	X	Laura Weikle	X		

Call to order by President Amanda Schueler

Devotions led by Amanda: Faithfulness / Lamentations 3: 19-26

Secretary's Report: ACTION - M/S/P

Treasurer's Report: Year-end giving was awesome and Faith Lutheran has a strong cash balance to start 2020. We start the year with \$121, 876.56 which is up from 2019's beginning balance of about \$97,000. Pastor Scott stated, "Faith Lutheran had an ASTOUNDING response from the congregation in giving over the last few weeks of Dec. 2019". He stated that 23% of annual income came in Dec.

We want to continue to educate the importance of tithing and giving evenly throughout the year so we can make monthly bills with no shortages, rather than having large offerings all at once at the end of the year. Although we are very thankful, it is best practice to spread out the giving.

The Upon This Rock Campaign will conclude at the end of 2020. The mortgage loan balance will be \$418,400 after January's payment is made.

Simply Giving had a nice growth at years end.

ACTION- M/S/P to approve the Treasurer's Report

Pastor/Staff Reports: Will reports the 150th Anniversary Hymn is complete and will be presented and sung at the services on Sunday, January 12th.

Ministry Team Reports:

- Church in the World (Penny and John) - Worked on the budget report. The Committee approved additional benevolence gifts of \$2,000, in order to bring the church to a full tithe on 2019 General Fund offering. The proposal to the Council was to disperse them as follows: \$500 to Friends of Madagascar, \$500 to Eastern European Mission for Estonai, and \$1,000 to Common Cup. Motion was presented: **ACTION – M/S/P**
Signed up to serve the community meal on February 9.
- Congregational Life (Niki and Gail) - Lenten picnic will be in March -date TBD. Food shelf collection will be in March with a gardening box theme, "Watch Food Grow," in place of filling the boat.

This ministry team has six members other teams have eight. Due to the Anniversary year, they requested to add two more members. It was decided to have a subcommittee to help with the Anniversary year, but then go back to the six team members for the following year.

- Discipleship (Andrew and Cheryl)—Bibleopoly celebration will be on Jan. 14 @ 5:30pm with a meal. The deadline to sign up is Jan. 12.
- Management (Exec Committee)—reviewed the second draft of the 2020 budget. Repairs on the roof are done. There will be a bid to lower the ceiling in the gathering space outside the sanctuary to cover the damage from the leak. The small elevator is fixed.
- Worship (Maria and Shelly) – New 150th Anniversary hymn will debut on Sunday, Jan. 12. The team discussed the removal of the pews in the balcony and the work it would entail. They have signed up to serve the community meal on May 3.
- Children, Youth, and Family (Dan and Monica) – Faith Family Fun bowling to take place on Jan. 12 @ 12:30-2:00 pm. A congregational picnic is being planned for June. The team will serve the Aug. 2 community meal.

Old Business

The Nominating committee reports that the Worship team has one opening and Church in the World has one or maybe two openings yet to fill.

New Business

The bicycle group from the University of Illinois has asked to stay at Faith Lutheran again this summer. It has stayed at Faith the last two years.

Preparations are being made for the Annual meeting.

We reviewed the 2020 budget and recommended presenting it to the Annual Meeting. Revenue and expense lines were added for the 150th Anniversary. Sara spent much time combining line items to organize and simplify the presentation of the budget.

A motion was made to recommend the 2020 budget as presented. **ACTION–M/S/P**

The Augustana District annual convention will be held at Faith on the first weekend of May. Anyone who is interested may attend. Pastor Freund will preach here on the Sunday after the convention.

Wendy is working on a date to plan for the CPR training. It will probably be held in March.

Correspondence

A thank you was received from the Board of New Hope Mission Society and from ILT for our support.

Closing Prayer by Pastor Paulus.

Devotions for next month: Penny Stuber

Next regular Church Council Meeting will be on February 18 @ 6:00 PM

Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, January 26 @ 12:00. Lunch will be served prior from 11:15-11:45 by the youth.

Connie Stromseth – Council Secretary