**Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting**

March 20, 2025 – 6:30 PM

Conference Room

**Members present**: Matt McMerty (President), Colleen Peterson, Denise Wetzel, Phil Murdoff, Mitch Becker, Bob Baumann, Dean Natwick, Effie Carr, Lucas Teigen, Barb Pfeifer, Julie Leer, Pastor Martha HarriSon and Pastor Mark Narum.

President McMerty called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Devotions were given by Pastor Mark and the council served each other communion.

**Approval of Agenda**: It was moved by Barb Pfeifer and seconded by Colleen Peterson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**Acceptance of Consent Agenda**: It was moved by Julie Leer and seconded by Colleen Peterson to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

**Financial Report**: Denise Wetzel presented the Financial Report. See Attachment A. Council discussed changes attributable to the work Brent has done refactoring the financials over the past few months; i.e., ensuring funds are properly identified and placed in appropriate accounts. It was moved by Colleen Peterson and seconded by Julie Leer to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried.

**Dwelling in the World:** Council divided into small groups to discuss how to support families in their faith formation, interactions, and relationship development. Council discussed the ideas presented by each small group.

**Introductions:** This was the first meeting for the new Council members. Once all members were present introductions were made.

**Old Business**:

*Projects updates*:

--Pastor Mark reported the work on replacing the outdated and dangerous electrical panels has begun.

--Additionally, Scott has been fixing the steps in the front of the sanctuary in anticipation of replacing the carpet.

*Annual Meeting:*

The annual meeting went well. As suggested as the meeting, having the meeting between services next year is under consideration. Much will depend on the length of the Agenda for the meeting.

*Palm Sunday Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt:*

Council will be preparing and serving the Palm Sunday breakfast. Breakfast will be served from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**New Business**:

*Committee Assignments*:

The following Council members will continue on the committees to which they were assigned prior to elections:

Property: Mitch Becker

Worship, Music & Arts: Bob Baumann

Community Builders: Phil Murdoff  
Faith Formation: Barb Pfeifer

Mental Health/Substance Abuse: Dean Natwick

The new assignments are:

Trust Fund: Colleen Peterson

Stewardship: Effie Carr

Mission: Lucas Teigen

*Devotion assignments:*

Devotions for the coming months will be as follows:

April – Effie Carr

May – Colleen Peterson

June – Mitch Becker

July – Denise Wetzel

August – Julie Leer

September – Matt McMerty

October – Bob Baumann

November – Lucas Teigen

December – Dean Natwick

January – Phil Murdock

February – Barb Pfeifer

March – Pastor Mark

*Council Retreat:*

The Council retreat was tentatively set for Saturday, May 3, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. This is an opportunity for new Council members to learn more about Trinity and for all of Council to gather to focus on the mission and priorities for Trinity.

*Personnel Policy Task Force*:

Pastor Mark said the time has come to reassess the personnel policies for Trinity staff. It was moved by Julie Leer and seconded by Barb Pfeifer that Pastor Mark proceed with organizing the task force. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be WEDNESDAY, April 16, 2025 – moved to Wednesday because it’s Holy Week.

Devotions next month: Effie Carr

The meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer at 8:00-ish p.m.

Submitted,

Julie Leer, Secretary