

## **Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting**

April 16, 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 Effie Carr.

**Approval of Agenda:** Pastor Martha requested the addition of two items to the agenda:

Mission and Outreach Committee request

Easter Worship Assistance

It was moved by Colleen Peterson and seconded by Barb Pfeifer to approve the agenda.

Motion carried.

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

**Financial Report:** Denise Wetzel presented the Financial Report. See Attachment A. It was moved by Barb Pfeifer and seconded by Julie Leer to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried.

**Dwelling in the World:** Council members reported back on the brief conversations they had with two people. If possible, one was a person not associated with Trinity, the other a Trinity member. Council members were asked to pose the following questions:

1) What causes you to worry or are the major stressors in your life?

2) In the face of stress or worries where do you turn for support?

3) What do you see as the church's role in the midst of stress or worry?

Council discussed the various responses and what direction or ideas we might receive from those responses.

### **Old Business:**

*Palm Sunday Breakfast:*

Palm Sunday Breakfast was declared a success with over 200 plates served! Thank you to all who assisted.

*Personnel Policy Taskforce:*

The taskforce had their first meeting. As they begin the process of updating the personal policies, they asked some questions, seeking direction on a few of their ideas. The policy will meet again in early May and is hoping to provide a draft sometime this summer.

*Council Retreat:*

The Council retreat will be held on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 9:00 a.m.

### **New Business:**

*Mission and outreach Committee requests:*

The committee was seeking Council's feedback on potentially participating in a community event. Agreeing to pursue this participation led to discussion on other events or opportunities for additional outreach to various groups.

*Worship Assistance:*

Pastors routed a sign-up sheet for assistance at Easter Sunday services.

*Music Committee:*

Discussion on appointing Sheldon Weltz to the music committee. It was moved by Julie Leer and seconded by Denise Wetzel to appoint Sheldon Weltz to the committee. Motion carried.

*Trust Grants:*

The following trust grant requests were discussed:

Request to purchase pew Bibles for children.

Request to purchase an altar covering to replace one damaged by an intruder earlier this year.

Request to remove fluorescent lighting and replace it with LED lighting. This would finish the inside florescent lighting project in the music room and the upstairs education wing.

It was moved by Mitch Becker and seconded by Effie Carr to recommend the grants to Trust. Motion carried.

Next meeting is Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Devotions next month: Colleen Peterson

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted,  
Julie Leer, Secretary