

## Lost Island Lutheran Church Council Meeting

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Present: Pastor Peter, Vicar Sara, Charles, Tim, Craig and Troy

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. in the church basement.

Devotions were given by Pastor Peter on Mark Chapter 3, based on the parable of the sower. Pastor wants us to think what type of soil we are, how covered are our fields with seed and do we let God germinate the seed and help it grow or do we think we are in control?

Treasurer's Report was given by Tim. So far we are in the black, see attached. Tim is asking Pastor to make sure his January truck payment has been cashed.

Secretary's report was read from the December council meeting. Motion by Tim to approve as read, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charles. Motion passed.

**Pastor's Report:** Been busy with 3 funerals in Bethany and one at Lost Island. Vacation in Hawaii was fantastic. Bethany is setting up a foundation fund for special projects and he is encouraging Lost Island to consider setting up one as well. He also encouraged us to think of some new goals to shoot for over the next 3 to 5 years. So far, the feedback on the Lenten services are good and the Confirmation class is making progress and students are now meeting with mentors. An Easter Vigil service is in the works for March 31<sup>st</sup> that will start at 4 p.m. and conclude at 9 p.m. More details to come later.

**Vicar Sara** reported that she made two nursing home visits, four hospital visits, had one funeral, has had her 6 month evaluations and is working on a worship survey. She also attended the Rural Ministry Conference and said it was a great learning and sharing experience for her.

Old Business:

**Window Update:** \$26,324 has been collected with deposits made on the next set of side windows that need restored. Larson's of Kountry Glass have not made contact with us yet, so Karyn will send them an email to see when they plan on starting on our next windows.

**Float update:** Some work needs to be done before the Flagfest parade in June. The roof is badly warped and Craig some damage was done to the cross on top of the steeple. Tim will let

us know when he has time to fix the problems so the council can give him a helping hand. Pastor suggests we make the repairs a Thrivent Action project. Troy will apply for the funds.

**Summer plans at Don Spencer's Chapel on the Lake:** Pastor Peter will talk to Peter Hart and see what can be done this year after the Catholic's held Mass their last year. Pastor will print 40 new brochures for us to place at Redwood, The Country Store and Lakeland EZ Stoppe.

New Business:

**Goals for the next 3 to 5 years:** These can for just Lost Island or joint goals for Lost Island and Bethany. 1-Establish an after care team for Church of the Damascus Road in Emmetsburg. 2- Attract more lake residents to attend worship. 3- Better communications between Bethany and Lost Island. 4-Start up Cottage Meetings to enhance Bible study and visioning for the congregations?

**Lakeside Lutheran update:** Pastor says the finances are not as tight as the census is up and payments are catching up from the government and Medicaid. More building improvements are needed and donations are appreciated.

**Electronic Giving:** Tim will look into what documentation is needed to start this option at Lost Island through Iowa State Bank in Ruthven.

**Spring work day:** Cleaning the siding and gutters is needed. We will wait until later to do these projects and see if Hunter or Gannett Swan can help with the gutters when they return from Wyoming.

**Start to examine the ELCA social statement on Women and Justice.** Many do not like the non-gender use for God that is proposed. A response is encouraged from the congregation to the ELCA.

**Building Insurance:** Tim says an increase in coverage to \$498,000 is encouraged by the insurance agent due to the improvements made to the stained-glass windows. The increase in premium is expected to not be much more than \$50 per year. Motion by Craig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pastor to increase the premium to the level recommended by the insurance agent. Also after significant

hail damage in the area around the church last summer, Tim will see if someone can inspect the roof and will check to see if it is too late to report the damage found in a claim.

**Ice Cream Social/Organ Recital:** Need to contact Glenn H. to see if he wants to do it again so we can get it in the 2018 Bully Bullhead Weekend brochure.

**VBS update:** Will be at Lost Island this Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>- Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> using the Babylon curriculum. Store keepers and tents will be needed. Watch for more details later with a planning meeting likely in Emmetsburg.

**Next meeting:** Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>-Joint Council at Bethany in Emmetsburg from 9 a.m. to noon with Pastor Jeff Unga from the Western Iowa Synod office to talk about stewardship and funding the church of the future.

Craig moved to adjourn, Pastor 2<sup>nd</sup>. The meeting ended at 10:22 a.m. by praying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Pro-Tem,

Troy Leininger