

Lost Island Lutheran Council met on Saturday, September 2nd, meeting called to order at 9:40 a.m. by President Troy Leininger. Pastor Peter Morlock, Karyn Leininger, Charles Henningsen, Alan Oppedal and Tim Nielsen were present. Pastor led devotions from Matthew 16: 21-26. This is a familiar passage so let's look at it in the light of how to bring ourselves in line with what God sees. Do we tend to do the opposite? Are we open to what God wants from us and what the cross calls us to do? God pushes us, stretches us so be open to hearing him. Devotion ended in prayer.

Treasurers Report: (see attached) nothing out of the ordinary to report. Minus the windows we are ahead \$3,000 for the year. We currently have spent \$16,246.69 on windows. We have \$4,400 in the mission account – motion by Alan to distribute the \$4,100 to the synod, 2nd by Charles. Motion carries. August/September payment has been paid to Bethany.

Secretary's Report: Karyn read the minutes from the June council meeting and the July 9th congregational meeting. Motion to approve both made by Tim, 2nd by Alan. Motion carries.

Pastor Report: (see attached) Granted a request for transfer to Bethel in Graettinger from David Henningsen, Baptism for Kalloway Cook is being planned. The Vicar has arrived and a good representation from both churches were on hand to welcome her to Ruthven. Sarah will be in Emmetsburg during September and at Lost Island in October, then she will travel to both churches as Pastor does. Confirmation begins on October 4th with a change to the schedule as requested by some of the confirmand's parents. (no supper will be served)

Old Business:

Windows: \$18,971 donated so far, 5 windows have been adopted.

Rent for the house in Ruthven for the Vicar is \$600 per month. Ruthven Methodist Church requests \$1,200 for deposit and 1st month rent. We will also be responsible for the water. Pastor paid the \$100 deposit on the water because of the short notice of transfer given by the city of Ruthven. Motion made by Karyn to pay rent/utilities from the general fund. 2nd by Pastor. Motion carries. Sarah and Dan will take care of all other utilities. Dan is planning to work at Wal-Mart in Spencer in order to keep his health insurance. Sarah will have Monday as her day off.

Summer: There was a miscommunication between Pastor and Peter Hart. Pastor thought he had confirmed the use of the Chapel for the summer and Hart was waiting to hear back that the plans were set. In the meantime, Hart rented the Chapel to Father Reis for the summer. We will put this on the calendar in February for planning the summer of 2018 and we will submit a plan in writing to Peter Hart shortly thereafter.

Christians Sheet Metal came out and checked our furnace and air conditioning and did not find any issues. Tim has received and paid the invoice.

Joann Schoning has requested the use of the church on Saturday, September 23rd for a family burial and lunch. Approved by consensus. Alan will let her know that she can use the church.

New Business:

Work day: We could use a day to clean up the outside of the church and to reconstruct the float. Consensus was to wait until spring to set a date for the float.

Mission Sunday: Discussion was held regarding having a “Day of Thanks” or the whole month of November for mission giving. Tim read the letter from the past year and the council decided to go with the whole month. Additions to the letter will be to remind people about Courtney’s mission work, windows and expenses associated with the Vicar. Tim will get the letter sent to the secretary for printing and mailing.

Alan reported that Lakeside Lutheran Home is in the midst of a state mandated refurbishing costing \$60,000. Be watching for ways to give to their fundraising campaign. The board has increased room rates, is expanding the Alzheimer Unit which will help the cash flow, but they are still having issues with occupancy and collecting past due invoices. Alan would like to be replaced on the board next October so we will need to get someone on the ballot in January to replace him.

Next meeting will be after church in October if needed. We host joint council and suggested dates are November 4 or 21.

Motion to adjourn made by Alan, 2nd by Karyn. Meeting adjourn by praying of the Lords Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Karyn Leininger