



LHELC COUNCIL MINUTES; August 20, 2019

Attendees;

Pastor Matt Pfeifer
Dave Froehlich, President
Steve Winecke, Elder (via phone)
Fred Jensen, Treasurer
Tom Oswald, Secretary

Opening devotions: Proportional Giving, and a prayer
Pastor's Report Pastor's Report

August 2019

July Statistics

Worship

Summer attendance continued to be as strong as it has been in recent years. May the Lord continue to make us hunger and thirst for his life giving Gospel.

Christian Education

The focus for August will be: Vacation Bible School, Recruiting a few more Sunday School teachers, Completing Sunday School materials for the 5th-6th grade "Growing in the Word" course, Preparing Bible studies for Sunday and Wednesday, and promoting a new home Bible study group in Ankeny. The home Bible study will read and discuss the book, "Prepared to Answer." They will meet every other Monday at 7 pm.

Evangelism

Vacation Bible School had 21 children attend one or more days. An adult class was also offered and six adults participated (usually 2-3 each night). We had many volunteers that made the week of Bible learning go smoothly. Two of the children were not members. They came because a member invited them (not from advertising on Facebook or outdoor sign or website). The Basic Bible Christianity course will finish in August. A new class will be offered in the fall (dates TBD). The DSM Open Street (9th Street Festival) will be September 8. We have not set a date for the Fall Festival event. We may combine it with the "Welcome Home" event on October 27.

Sudanese Ministry (Nuer Language)

No services held in July.

Eritrean Ministry (Kunama Language)

Simon Kamaty went with me to Grace, Oskaloosa to tell them about the Kunama people and the cross cultural ministry we are privileged to share in at Lincoln Heights.

Other

Tom Oswald and I were delegates to the WELS synod convention.

I received a call to serve as pastor of Zion Lutheran Church and School in Chesaning, Michigan on August 11.

2019 Membership Changes

Gains

By Profession of Faith – Jill Rasmussen

By Adult Confirmation – Dave Rasmussen

By Youth Confirmation – Sembetu Dalay, Frederick Jensen, Kobrom Mikele, Yohannes Mehertab, Aliyah Pippett, Cameron Virden

By Transfer – Peter and Emily Nolte (Jon and Samantha) from St. Pauls, Jordan, MN; Darren Papka from St Martin's, Watertown, SD; David and Ashley Covell from Mt. Olive (ELS), Mankato, MN

Losses

By Release – Jon Hadler, Jesse Herzog, Jared Herzog (Jameson)

Communicants: 179

Baptized: 252

Pastoral Actions

Funerals

Brian Kokke (7/27/19)

Weddings

Brandon Otto and Ashley Dierking (3/9/19)

A. Finance

- a. See attached report

B. Trustees

- a. Cleaning contract - In-process of getting bids
 - i. Recent missed weeks (one in April, one in July, one in August)
- b. Railing update - Have prints for railings and need quote from fabricator
- c. Cross steeple - getting quote – no update
- d. Roof leak - Still leaking. Review water flow to determine if need to improve flow away from building; larger gutters and downspouts were installed
- e. HVAC Service Agreement - Changed service contract from 72 Degrees to Roberts Heating.
- f. Ceiling tiles - hold
- g. Church cross lighting - waiting for results of sign repair, and bifold door
- h. Television - hold
- i. Parking lot - Pre-planning meeting completed
- j. Sidewalks - hold
- k. Accordion divider - Received information on fabric divider, will compare with wooden unit
- l. Walnut tree - complete, and need to sell wood

Fred made a motion to contract with Stratus Building Solutions for cleaning services, Tom seconded, motion carried

Tom made a motion to install a new wooden room divider, Fred seconded, motion carried

C. Elder Report – a written report on visits was given

D. Evangelism Report see Pastor's report

E. Fellowship no report

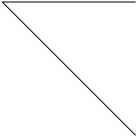
F. Education there will be 8 or 9 students in catechism

G. Old business

- a. Tech committee update – facility wide Wi-Fi
- b. HR committee – position description prepared for November Open Forum
- c. Early childhood development center committee

H. New Business

- a. St Croix Choir (Minneapolis) – April 26th, 2020

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- i. Will provide service and preacher for both services
 - b. April 2020 Communion Dates. Easter is April 12
 - i. Propose April 5th and 19 (Moved, seconded and approved)
 - c. Luke Lu will be applying for the seminary which tuition costs \$2,400 for 2 years. Tom motioned the congregation to use the CEF interest to help as with other ministerial education students, Fred seconded, motion carried

I. Identify communication items for Monthly Newsletter and special recognition

J. Next Meeting Dates

- a. Council meeting September 12 at 6:30

K. Closing Prayer

Adjournment