

**St. John's Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2018**

Members Present: Vice President Kathi Bokano, Secretary Jamie Inman (late), Appointed Treasurer Kelly Barhorst, Alison White, Joe Tinson Sr., Paul Meteyer, Christine Snooks, Pastor Roger Facione, Licensed Lay Minister (LLM) Enoch Carlton

Members Absent: President Melissa Westrick

Guests: Roger Bokano, Krista Teschler, and Deborah Carlton,

AGENDA ITEMS

Call to Order: 7:07PM, by Council Vice-President Kathi Bokano. Kathi informed the Council that Council President Melissa Westrick was sick with a migraine and would not be attending the meeting. Jamie Inman will be late for the meeting so Krista Teschler volunteered to take minutes.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Roger Facione started the meeting with "A Thanksgiving Prayer".

Minutes from the October 16, 2018 Church Council Meeting were reviewed.

Paul Meteyer made a motion to accept the September 18, 2018 Church Council minutes with support from Kelly Barhorst. Motion passed unanimously.

Pastor Report (written and verbal discussion) Pastor Roger Facione presented his report.

- **Visitations-** Pastor Roger made visitations to Russell Dussett (5 visits), Norb Hageman (5 visits), Clarence Huwe (7 visits), Shirley Tinson (2 visits), Jackson Kaltenbach (1 visit), Julie and Jim Lind (1 visit), Bob and Mina Abbey (1 visit), Marie Johansson (1 visit), Dee Inman (2 visits), Jim Penzien (1 visit), Marge Eick (1 visit).
- **Planned Weddings-**
Scott Lindsey/ Stephanie Hasenauer-Jones- Saturday 11/17/2018
Dave LaPointe/ Allison Meteyer- Saturday 11/24/2018
- **Special Services**
Pastor Roger reviewed the plans for Thanksgiving Eve Service and the Advent by Candlelight service.
 - **2018 Thanksgiving Eve Service**
The confirmation class planned to lead the Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday November 21st, 2018. The confirmands and teacher will meet for dinner before the service at Little Camille's.

- **2018 Advent By Candlelight Service**
The Sunday School children planned to lead the Advent by Candlelight service on Sunday, December 2nd, 2018.

- **2019 Winter Bible Study:**
Pastor Roger provided a calendar for the 2019 Winter Bible Study that presented the options for both morning and evening Bible Studies. The books that will be used are “Grace” and “Fearless” both written by Max Lucado. Joe Tinson made a motion to accept the winter bible study and purchase the new books, Paul Meteyer supported the motion and it passed unanimously.

- **Potential New Members:**
Dorothy (Dottie) Kolas from Salem Lutheran Church in Detroit desired to make her Affirmation of Faith for membership at St. John’s. Also, Jo Ann Wilkins, a former member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Macomb desires to make her affirmation of faith for membership at St. Johns. Irina and Michael Herschberger and their two children (Henry and Virginia) are members of Amazing Grace Lutheran Church but have been attending St. John’s for the last year on a somewhat regular basis. Alison White made a motion to accept the new members and transfer members, Joe Tinson supported the motion and it passed unanimously.

- **Child Baptism:**
Rob (spouse: Jenni) Earle, currently an inactive member of the congregation who was baptized and confirmed at St. John’s would like to have his son Quinn, baptized at St. John’s at the end of January or early February. Joe Tinson made a motion to allow the baptism, Chris Snooks supported the motion and it passed unanimously.

- **Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas:**
The Advent and Christmas materials that were ordered through Creative Communications have been received and were distributed at the December 2nd Advent service. This year a Thanksgiving/Advent/Christmas insert will be included in the weekly bulletins. This insert will be included each week until Christmas.

- **Ministerial Groups:**
 - Anchor Bay Ministerial Assoc.
The next meeting was scheduled to be held at St. John’s Church but has since been moved because the October meeting was canceled and the schedule was shifted. St. John’s would be tentatively scheduled to host the meeting on Wednesday, January 30th at noon. St. John’s will be providing lunch for the guests.

A motion was made by Joe Tinson Sr. to accept Pastor Roger’s report, as presented. Paul Meteyer supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Minister Enoch Carlton L.L.M. Report- Minister Enoch presented his report.

- **Visitations:** Minister Enoch went on visitations to Clarence Huwe (5 visits), Russell Dussett (4 visits), Norb Hageman (4 visits), Shirley Tinson (1 visit), Bob & Mina Abbey (1 visit), Jim & Julie Lind (1 visit), Marie Johanson (1 visit), Jim Penzien (1 visit), Marge Eick (1 visit), and Dee Inman (1 visit).

Minister Enoch reported the members he visited are doing well. He thanks Christine Snooks for the delicious cookies. The members visited extend their gratitude for the gift bags for keeping them informed of their church.

- **Youth Ministry Representative-** Kyle Larsen, St. John's Youth Ministry Representative, was not present for the Council meeting but prepared the following report for the Council:

Youth Fun Day- On Wednesday October 24th, our youth group met at ABC Magic Shop in Mt. Clemens, and enjoyed 2 hours of Magic, Pizza and Pop.

Due to limited scheduling, the youth group will not meet the month of November. For December, we are hoping to do possible caroling.

- **For the Good of the Church from Minister Enoch-** Minister Enoch reported that on November 20th he and Pastor Roger attended the Blue Water Cluster Monthly Meeting. The meeting was held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Port Huron. They enjoyed the opportunity to worship and get to know the local cluster clergy.

A motion was made by Alison White to accept Minister Enoch's report and Youth Representative Kyle Larsen's reports. Kelly Barhorst supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

- Kelly presented the council with the budget so far for 2018. The council members reviewed the budget in a few specific areas and Kelly suggested that we look into investment opportunities. She said that she would look into efficient ways to invest the monies but still have it be accessible to us. She informed the council that we had received \$40 from Kroger as part of their reward program. We discussed finding additional businesses that would give back to St. John's as well.

Kelly also clarified how much was collected for the Hurricane Relief fund: Good Samaritan Fund = \$1,000.00, MCREST Fund = \$500.00, early donation = \$120.00, and Congregation drive = \$895.00 for a total of \$2515.00.

Chris Snooks motioned to accept the Financial Report. Joe Tinson supported the motion and it passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

- **Worship and Music Committee:**

Lay leader schedule working well. There are 5 upcoming services that were discussed and planned. The altar guild will be asking the congregation to donate wine from Thanksgiving through Advent. The communion bread schedule is set up through May. New choir folders were purchased and distributed. Worship Technology is moving forward. They received two pricing bids and are discussing what the best options are for the church.

For the good of the committee: Discussion of implementing contemporary songs for the Hymn of The Day. They discussed a possible Saturday night service that could possibly model after Thursday night summer services.

- **Christian Education Committee:**

The confirmation students are preparing to lead the Thanksgiving Eve service. The Sunday School Children will lead the Advent by Candlelight service. College Care packages will send to college students on Monday December 3, 2018. The Children's Christmas Program practice is schedule for Saturday December 8, and 15th at 10 AM. The practice will take place at the church. The Christmas Program is December 24 and 4PM. Materials for God's Global Barnyard.

- **Member Care Committee:**

Prayer Chain requests are going out timely by computer and phone. The prayer Shawl Group will coordinate with the Prayer Chain to check on the need for a Prayer Shawl. Sunday Coffee hour is going well, signups cover through November. Church Member Directory- Krista will coordinate with Melissa Westrick. Committee is considering creating a book with just contact information. Active/Inactive Membership status- Progress is being made. New Member Orientation/Shepherding- Pamphlets will be updated. Progress is continuing with historical information. Member to Member Outreach- Five cards and two phone calls were made, one resulted in Pastoral visit. Member Care Bulletin Board- New Thank-You notes added, older info will begin to be archived. Funeral Luncheons- Martha will take over planning the luncheons starting in 2019 with Nancy Steffens assisting. December 2 Advent meal will be soup, salad, bread and relishes, desserts and beverages. The meal will be served at 4:45PM.

- **Service and Outreach Committee**

Discussed the Thanksgiving dinner and the giving tree. The giving tree is located in the Ed Building during the Thanksgiving dinner but then will be moved to the church. They discussed Bay-a-Rama and possible ways to include a float for St. John's church. They discussed Mardi Gras (March 3rd 11am-2pm).

New Business

- **Piano:** A new Piano needs to be purchased for the church. An electric piano was decided on and will be presented to the congregation for purchase. The total for the piano was \$701.04. The council made the following motions: Motion of intent

to purchase, motion to announce to congregation and in the December meeting to finalize the purchase. Kelly Barhorst motioned to accept the piano information, Chris Snooks supported the motion and it passed unanimously.

- **POD partnership**

Point Of Dispensing in Macomb County – St. John’s has been asked to be a POD for Macomb County in case of an outbreak where vaccinations are needed. This would be close to St. John’s members only. Macomb County would still supply and administer the vaccinations. Motion was made by Joe Tinson to accept, Alison White supported the motion and it passed unanimously.

- **New Council Member installation:**

New Council Members will be installed on January 13th at both services.

- **December Spaghetti Dinner:** No baskets will be set out at the December Spaghetti Dinner in order to thank the community for their support over the last three years. Motion made by Joe Tinson and supported by Alison White. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by Kelly Barhorst and supported by Alison White. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Krista Teschler and Jamie Inman