

## **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

### **Council Minutes**

**Sept. 19, 2023**

Present: Chad Smith, Fred Kirchenwitz, Diane Flouro, Chris Feutz, Kevin Konrad, Pastor Koepsell, Daniel Weiss, Keith Casey, Heather Freiberg, Craig Dreger, Kristie Zellner, Leslie Mason.

Excused: Sharon Leinweber

Chad Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pastor opened with a devotion from Lutheran Hour Ministries.

Ishiah 55 Higher Than My Thoughts

August meeting minutes approved M/S/Approved

Board report M/S/Approved

#### **Announcements**

**Chad:** Introduced Kristie Zellner Appointed to Board of Education

Motion to appoint Kristie as the Chairman of the Board of Education. M/S/Approved.

#### **Discussion:**

#### **Thrivent Choice Dollars**

Take a pause on Thrivent action teams until Thrivent has addressed the issue with the recent email blast. Invite Noah Hinrichs to attend October Council meeting to provide an update.

#### **Advent meals are:**

Dec 6 – Confirmation

Dec13 – Fellowship

Dec 20 - Board of Education (Sunday School and Youth)

Initial \$250 will be provided from budget.

**Snow Blower storage:** Craig will look into long term solutions for storage and come up with a plan and budget.

#### **Sanctuary painting**

The sanctuary will be painted in January.

#### **Lighting**

Testing was done on the lights. With 1 bulb change the lumens increased 40% at the pew.

14 bulbs at \$70 each and a lift will be needed.

Motion to update the bulbs in the Sanctuary. M/S/Approved

**Facility use policy:** Discussion about the policy. Changes were discussed and documented. Daniel will update and present at the next Council meeting.

### **2024 Budget**

There will be a budget meeting in October. Approval for the Council in November and present to Congregation in December.

### **Food Pantry**

Meetings were held with the four congregations, including Good Shepherd, supporting the food pantry. A letter is being drafted to provide directions to the pantry. Once the letter is drafted by the attorneys Chad will sign for Good Sheperd.

### **Savings Accounts**

Diane will move some of the savings to CDs.

### **Congregation Constitution**

Constitution review will begin in January.

### **Bibles for Sunday School and Youth**

Board of Education: NIV Bibles will be ordered for Sunday School use.

ESV will be ordered for Confirmands.

### **Action Items:**

Daniel: update and send out the time and talents form.

Daniel: Update Facility Use Policy

Chad: Constitution review.

Chad: Invite Noah Hinrichs to October Council meeting.

All: Submit Constitution suggestions to Chad.

Motion to adjourn the meeting 8:25 pm. M/S/Approved

Pastor closed with Prayer.

Respectfully submitted.

Leslie Mason

