

Minutes of council meeting

The monthly council meeting of Trinity Lutheran Church was held March 26, 2017 at 4pm. Those present were: Roger Manges, Paul and Carolyn Haubenschild, Pastor Stephanie Wood, Gary Hansen, Craig Nelson, and Judy Thimsen.

Pastor Stephanie opened with prayer.

Secretary's report read and approved.

Treasurer's report read and approved.

Checking account-\$6,536.00

Memorial Fund-\$14,957.60

Discussion of bills and setting up new bank account. Two people will continue counting offering and sign in with amount on ledger.

OLD BUSINESS

Noisy Offering from March 5 was \$38.45 and donated to Steele County Food Shelf.

Siding of church front will be done when weather is warmer.

Updated church constitution will be presented at May 21 congregational meeting. Constitution committee will meet Sunday, April 23, 4pm at the church.

PASTOR'S REPORT

MOMS Night Out 2/24 cancelled due to bad weather. Attended Renew 2/26, Synod meeting about difficult conversations. Continuing Education at Wartburg College on rural ministry. Attended Mental Health 101 class. Aurora council retreat. Fat Sunday. Aurora has confirmation May 7 with class of four. Trinity has no one for first communion or confirmation this year.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on Passing of Peace during worship. Don't do during flu season? Not every Sunday? Just do as preparation before communion? Think and talk about, decide on later.

Pastor Stephanie agreed to wear pastoral gown on communion Sundays. She requested the heat to be turned down lower.

Pastor Stephanie said Aurora Sunday School has concerns with times set for worship and Sunday School. May be discussed at joint council meeting.

Bakery Bunch is April 5, 10:00 am at Blooming Prairie Bakery.

Blooming Prairie Backpack Program is now sending food home with 43 students for weekend nourishment.

Discussion on BP Ministerial Assoc. Pastor Stephanie preaches at Prairie Manor Chapel first Wednesday every month.

Gary Hansen thanked everyone for concern, prayers and support after recent surgery. Thanks also to Pastor Stephanie for visit.

Southeast MN Synod Assembly is May 6 and 7 in Rochester. Representatives from both Trinity and Aurora are needed.

One pew needs repair. Roger will fix.

Gary extended thanks to Roger for all the work he does for Trinity. Mange tousand tak, Roger Manges!

Thank you to Carolyn and Paul Haubenschild and Roger and Shari Manages who did much of the cooking and work for the two joint worship suppers Trinity hosted.

Joint Council meeting is April 19, 6:00 pm at Aurora.

Trinity's next council meeting is April 19, 5:30 pm before the Joint Council meeting at Aurora.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Thimsen, secretary