

## Hope Lutheran Church Council

July 12, 2021

**“As God’s people, abounding in hope, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we invite all to share in the unfolding experience of Jesus Christ”**

**Glimpses of God:** Good to be back in church and with choir, staff had a great Christmas party- great people to work with and be with, very nice weather – not too hot

**Opening Devotions:** The hymn, “Well with my soul”, was composed by Horatio G. Spafford. He endured many trials: the great Chicago fire as a realtor, son died from disease, he planned a vacation to Europe with his wife and 4 daughters to Europe, he was unable to travel with them due to a situation, the steamer collided with a freighter and there were 226 fatalities, his 4 daughters died, wife near death but survived. As he passed over the site where the ships collided, he wrote this well know hymn going to meet his wife.

**Call to Order:** 6:33 pm

**Roll Call:** Leanne O’Bryan, Mary Luhman Turner, Sue Tietz, Alice Bates, Mark Larson, Erica Frueh, Pastor Mary Erickson, and Terrie Hanke

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion: Pastor Mary Erickson, 2nd Mary Luhman Turner, Motion approved

### **Additions to the Agenda:**

Under New Business:

Usher training

Bountiful Harvest update

Lidixe update

### **Old Business:**

- Youth Director Position update –Applications at this time but no follow through. Advertising on multiple media advertisements.
- Sanctuary lights update: All donations will be put into a lighting project fund. It will cost \$300 to sponsor 3 upper and 1 lower light for each fixture. Multiple people/families can fund a light. Bob Klimpke created a 36 light bulb display to let the congregation know how we are doing in fund raising. Sanctuary lighting project donations will begin the first of August. Pastor Mary will create a poster to explain the donation process. Mark Larson will speak to the congregation regarding the sanctuary lighting on July 25. People have donated to this project in the past and those funds were used to purchase testing light bulbs, etc.
- Priorities from SWOT Analysis
  - Growing Young
    - Pastor Mary brought a Book – “Growing Young” that has 6 Aspects to help grow young and will be discussed at next Council Meeting
    - Bring your family to church day: children, grandchildren, grandparents, etc. or bring a friend

- Active Outreach to the Community
  - Let The Airport Neighborhood Association know they are welcome to use our parking lot for their events
  - Dilly bars/Gift bag to distribute to the neighborhood with Hope's worship schedule, etc.
  - Halloween is on Sunday for 2021. Have parking lot activities for the neighborhood families, perhaps a mobile meal of hotdogs, etc.

### **New Business**

- Usher Training: July 25, Mark will make an announcement in church that this is for active shooter and active threat and what to do with the offering that is currently in the Gathering Area during worship.
- Bountiful Harvest update: No formal planning has begun yet as concerned with the Delta variant of Covid-19.  
Discussion with how things were done last year and the funds raised for the mortgage. Looking to pull a small group together to discuss.
- Lidixe update: Letter from the Synod received on July 7. Information was sent out to the Northwest Synod churches. Looking for support as Lidixe is unable to work or accept a salary while her Visa is pending. Anticipate the Visa to be addressed in 2022. Gifts to Hope to pass on to the Synod for Lidixe. Information will be placed in the August newsletter and Sunday Parish Paper. Outreach will discuss possible fund raisers.

### **Reports:**

- **Pastor's Report:** Started visiting a few shut-ins, very nice to reconnect with people.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Reviewed Treasurer's Report. Motion to Approve, Carol Mohr Second by Terrie Hanke Approved
- **Board of Education:** (*Bringing the word to life for kids, getting them to open their Bibles and talk about Jesus*) None
- **Rachel's Place Board:** Did not meet tonight. Financials distributed and reviewed. Doing fine with the State Grants received. Increase in summer enrollment has helped with meeting needs.
- **Board of Outreach:** (*Continue supporting the ongoing Outreach programs and Be flexible and open to other needs of the church and our community*) None
- **Board of Trustees:** (*Maintain a balanced budget, Prepare and present a stewardship program, Communicate financial report to congregation on a regular basis, Increase the number of electronic givers by 50% - from 20 to 30*) As per new business and the financials
- **Executive Committee:** (*Being involved and supporting people in the ministries of Hope Lutheran*) : None
- **Building & Grounds:** -
  - One of this year's goals was to paint the front sanctuary doors. Hardware on the doors is changed every 2 years and is due to be changed next year. Will look to change the hardware next year and will do the painting next year.
  - Heating units for the rooms in the east wing. Looking into putting in a roof heating unit with duct work to each of the rooms and not need the boiler. Mark Larson will look to get a new bid from Bartingale that will include duct work.
  - Trees abrading the roof and side of the building, Arial Tree Service will address multiple tree issues near the church. Will cost about \$700.

- Rain pours down in sheets front of Leanne's office and again on Starr Avenue with a heavy rain. Looking at adding down spout that had been eliminated and would be routed away from the building.

- **Sleep in Heavenly Peace:** Have a delivery going out tomorrow. Not getting the applications for beds as expected. Had a call of a bed had broken, issue with a shorter screw. The bed was repaired and others in storage were fixed. Will need to look at repairing 15 beds that had been delivered in the past. Have plenty of beds ready for delivery and with the cost of lumbar, no need to schedule a bed build in the near future

**Adjournment and Lord's Prayer @ 7:46 pm**

Respectfully submitted by Carol Mohr, Executive Board Secretary