

Hope Lutheran Church Council
January 11, 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: sun today, frosty mornings last week, warm weather, unexpected El Salvador donations from French River Lutheran, mention of stained glass window in Joan Wolf’s obit.

Opening Devotions: Excerpt from Martin Luther King, Jr’s 1964 Nobel Peace Prize speech.

Call to Order: at 5:31PM by President Mark Larson

Roll Call: Pr. Mary Erickson, Deb Adams, Mark Larson, Leanne O’Bryan, Terrie Hanke, Allen Mazuk, Sue Tietz, Jim Henke, Ericka Frueh

Approval of Minutes: Motion Allen, 2nd Sue. Passed

Additions to the Agenda: None

Old Business:

- Sleep in Heavenly Peace: Mark: Meeting early Feb to decide what delivery will look like. Donated trailer being licensed for use. Les doing supply inventory for headquarters.
- Sanctuary lights: Mark met with Butch Martin re renting a lift to work on lights.
- Building and Grounds: Terrie: Boiler bladder has been replaced. Boiler tune up to be done (annual tune up). Need to be diligent on maintenance schedules. Small conference room (Room 209) needs blinds, as sun is very bright. Leanne: Fire alarms being serviced this week.
- 2021 Budget planning: Jim handed out proposed budget worksheet. Discussed monthly donation to ELCA. Will increase to \$1000/month (from \$750). Move to recommend proposed budget to the congregation: Sue, 2nd Terrie. Passed.
- New members for boards for 2021: Most board positions are filled. Leanne said members are still needed for Rachel’s Place board.
- Annual meeting plans: Pr. Mary reviewed agenda for meeting. Annual report will be available starting this Sunday, 1/17. Meeting will be via Zoom per Synod recommendation. Synod did a tutorial on how to run a Zoom meeting. People without an electronic device can dial in. Discussed how to get roll call and do voting. Annual meeting is usually after church, so it will start at 10:15 on January 31. Pr. Mary will arrange a practice run with select people.

New Business: None

Reports:

- Pastor’s Report: Couple of updates: allotment for camera equipment for video worship: Jim Newman and Jody Christian have been researching and visited Central Lutheran to see their set up. Still working on it. December luminary display was successful. Christmas worship and

joint service were nice. Confirmation ended 2020 with Zoom, which was challenging. Now they are meeting in Olson Hall. Handed out report of Subsplash offerings, which increased in 2020. Super Bowl of Caring is raising money to purchase a computer for our 2 young friends in Ghana, Africa. A reserve account will be established for the administration of funds to this ministry. Money is wired to them.

- **Treasurer's Report:** Ericka and Jim: Our financial picture is good, especially considering we have not met in person since March. Motion to accept: Deb, 2nd Terrie. Passed.

- **Board of Education:** (*Bringing the word to life for kids, getting them to open their Bibles and talk about Jesus*) No report

- **Rachel's Place Board:** Met last week and finalized 2021 financials. Will be in annual report. Getting rid of curtain on stage in gym and will replace with wall soon. Met with school district re 4K. Increase will be \$32/student, and they will pay for technology and professional development. Waiting to see if the contract will be for half days or full days. Will meet again next week to review new 4K contract. No tuition increase in 2021. Enrollment down a little due to COVID. Some staff changes.

- **Board of Outreach:** (*Continue supporting the ongoing Outreach programs and Be flexible and open to other needs of the church and our community*): Weekend Kids' Meals delivery schedule done for Jan.

-**Board of Trustees:** (*Maintain a balanced budget, Promote financial transparency with the congregation, Communicate financial report to congregation on a regular basis, Increase the number of electronic givers from 30 to 40*)

-**Executive Committee:** (*Being involved and supporting people in the ministries of Hope Lutheran*)

Jim Henke thanked us for the gift, and he was thanked by everyone for his years of service as Hope's treasurer.

Adjournment and Lord's Prayer @ 6:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debrah Adams, executive board secretary