

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017**

Call to Order: President Ken Will called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Council Members Present:

Ken Will, Jon Hanson, Brian Johnson, Kylie Blanchard, Tom Harris and Kim Humann.

Council Members Absent:

Jeff Thomas

Staff Present:

Pastor Lisa Ahlness, Tim Newman, Connie Werner and Art Wheeler

Devotions:

Pastor Lisa led the group in devotions.

Additions to the Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes from November 22, 2016:

Jon Hanson moved to approve the minutes. Tom Harris seconded the motion.

Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Art Wheeler presented the Treasurer's Report.

Tom Harris moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Jon Hanson seconded the motion.

Motion approved.

Art Wheeler presented the General Fund Revenue and Building Fund contributions report.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Lisa gave her report.

Pastoral Assistant Report:

Tim's report is attached to the minutes.

Committee Reports:

Buildings & Grounds – Jon Hanson and Tom Harris

Jon provided an overview of the proposed building projects and cost estimates. Discussion followed. The council requested a conclusive estimate for the parking lot repair and concrete work for the front entrance.

Brian Johnson moved approval for A1 Window Cleaning to clean all interior and exterior windows. Kylie Blanchard seconded the motion.

Motion approved.

Mission Support – Brian Johnson

Brian indicated this group would be assisting with a Banquet meal at Trinity Lutheran on Saturday, May 13 at noon. Brian also conveyed Pastor Gary Heaton met with this group and requested assistance for the Kogodus program. This is a Christian gathering for prison inmates and is conducted twice per year at each of the 3 ND prisons. Pastor Gary has requested that the free will offerings from the summer picnics be given to the Kogodus program. He also indicated he will be applying for Thrivent funds which may help offset some of the costs as well. He has also solicited donations from businesses for meat at the picnics.

By general consensus the council agreed to support the Kogodus program.

Worship and Music – Kylie Blanchard

Kylie indicated the committee met and discussed the Wednesday services. The Wednesday services will continue through the summer. However, there will not be services during Vacation Bible School on June 7 as the children will be using the entire church.

Christian Education – Jeff Thomas

Tim Newman highlighted the Sunday School and youth events in his report.

Congregational Nurturing – Kim Humann

Kim indicated the Helping Hands Spring Fling was well attended. They continue to provide meals to church families in need. They visit members who are at home or in various facilities in town. They will be delivering favors to the members in late June.

Summer picnics will be held the 2nd Wednesday of the month and will be June 14, July 12 and August 9.

Unfinished Business:

Summer Staff and Office Hours will be changed from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The office will be open Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 1:00pm. The council requested this to be published in the Crossword newsletter, the bulletin, church website and the answering machine message for the church be changed to reflect this as well.

Change of email address for church – BTI will be done providing services the end of September. It will be necessary to get the new church email address publicized in the Crossword newsletter, the bulletin and church website as soon as it is available.

Member review and church directory update – Connie indicated she is waiting to hear back from Pam Hanson on the project.

Meeting adjourned.