

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church

## Council Meeting

March 31, 2015

### ***Our Savior's Lutheran Church:***

- ***A welcoming community experiencing God, reaching out and raising up followers of Jesus Christ.***

**Members Present:** Staff: Pastor Deb Bergstrand, Pastor John Gabrielson, Zach Hansen, Becky Eikanger President: Brett Olsen, Treasurer: Scott Blumhoefer, Board of Trustees: Carl Enck, Board of Missions: Wally Sagmoen, Board of Youth: Melissa Sunderman WELCA; Judy Bastian Secretary: Maxine Remme

**Visitor:** Aaron Lambrecht, Board of Trustees

**Call to Order:** President: Brett Olsen

**Devotions:** Pastor Deb Bergstrand taken from a Holy Week Message by Bishop Jon Anderson

**Approval of Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> Council Minutes:** Motion by Wally Sagmoen, Seconded by Carl Enck MSP

**Trustee's President Aaron Lambrecht** gave an update on roof project and window leaks, furnaces and landscaping projects. These are the projects that the Trustees have set as priorities.

### **WINDOW/MOLD UPDATE:**

- Lower level window has been re installed correctly. Work was completed
- Mold has been remediated.
- Upper level window is still leaking. In order to fix correctly the window should be removed and rebuilt as well as the area around the window that is damaged. Estimating by Aaron to be in the \$5,000 to \$7,000 range
- There appears to be another leak on another of the flat roofs.

Motion made by Wally Sagmoen to support Aaron (Trustees) on the window projects and to be sure they are done correctly. Seconded by Carl Enck MSP

### **FURNACE UPDATE:**

- Many issues: When lower level is cold, upper level is very warm.
- Heat Exchangers are not working: Warranty is still good.

- Aaron and Treasurer Scott Blumhoefer took a tour of the furnace room and the furnaces. There are a number of furnaces, not all are working and it was obvious that one was just being used for parts
- Had a Mechanical Engineer come in and take a look and he gave an overview:
- Furnaces are currently residential furnaces
- Suggestion that we have a neutral professional come in and build us a design. (Preferably not a furnace selling company at this time.)

Motion by Wally Sagmoen and seconded by Carl Enck to support Aaron (Trustees) and to have Aaron get a report from a professional and have a plan drawn up. MSP

#### **LANDSCAPING:**

- Trustees suggesting that a plan for fundraising be developed as a possible way to get this project done.
- It was suggested that Trustees and Stewardship committees work on this together
- There are some funds available.
- This would be a 2016 project. At one time Tony Guggisberg designed a plan for landscaping
- Aaron Lambrecht has the necessary equipment that he is willing to donate for use for the project
- Irrigation estimate just short of \$10,000.

Motion by Wally Sagmoen to support Aaron (Trustees) on this project and to get further designs, quotes, etc. Seconded by Carl Enck. MSP

#### **FINANCIAL UPDATE:** Scott Blumhoefer. ***SEE ATTACHED\****

Discussion of finances: Question: should there be a Stewardship communication before summer?

Options could be: Mailing, Temple talks, e mail. Talk to specific people regarding doing a special contribution.

Other suggestions included making sure that all members are reminded that we need their help and support financially. Again several suggestions made.

A letter drafted by Pastor Deb will be included in the quarterly statements which will be mailed sometime after the end of March. Statement and letters to all households.

Pastor Deb will also keep the staff informed of all of the decisions made regarding the above situations and plans.

**Brett Olsen made the suggestions** that the Trustees be invited to attend all council meetings in 2015. Motion by Carl Enck to include Trustees at Council meetings, seconded by Melissa Sunderman. MSP

**Reminder from Brett** that we have to do something about the position of Vice President as it is not currently moving forward.

**Also noted that we** are lacking members on the Stewardship and Education Committee. Also these two committees do not have representation on the Church Council.

With that in mind Becky Eikanger was invited to present the proposal from the Education committee regarding representation on the Church Council.

The Education committee is proposing that they have an Ad Hoc member that would attend the Council Meetings and report back to the Education Committee. They do have a person that would be willing to do this. The person would not be a voting member but rather an information gathering person who would then make information available to the Education committee.

**Opinions/Reactions were invited:** One question/concern was would this open this type of structure to other boards. Could this set some type of precedent?

Becky reported that she had visited with someone who would be willing to be this person for the Education Committee.

General consensus was to give it a try. No formal action was taken.

#### **STAFF REPORTS:**

#### **PASTORIAL ACTS:**

Baptisms: Gavin Joseph Haynes – March 14, 2015  
Brenton Ryan Kimsey – March 22, 2015

Funerals: Lavonne Hoffmann – March 10, 2015  
James Blackstad – March 20, 2015

Weddings: Rachel Berndt & Jared Seery – March 14, 2015

#### **PASTOR DEB:**

- Seven attended Equipping Congregations day 2/28 in Willmar. Great Ideas!
- Board Retreat on March 7
- Lent Services well attended. Thank you for serving. Child care plan needed
- Holy Week: 17 – 5th graders receiving first communion: Good Friday at CKC
- Constitution task force in progress

#### **PASTOR JOHN:**

- JoEllen and Shannon's celebration a great success
- *Better Halves* couples' financial workshop on 3/21  
6 couples attended; 5 for small group; expect to repeat
- Separated, Divorced & Remarried Group cancelled regular mtgs. Will remain available.
- MN Wild Trip on 3/27 – Joint with Youth -20 attended and want to do it again.

## **ZACH**

- Acquire the Fire and Sr. High Gatherings great success
- Messy Game night: - 30 attended, High schoolers led, awesome night
- Basket Auction completed, great participation, will have totals next month
- Culture Keepers Training Continues
- Jr. High Lock In Coming up – Culture keepers will lead. Accept All Except None Theme

**Pastor Deb:** Distributed Our Savior's Lutheran Church Board Retreat summary prepared by Pastor John. A proposal is being prepared by Staff for a possible Wednesday night Program as per suggestions at Retreat.

Pastor Deb also informed us that Synod Assembly will be held June 12, 13, and 14 in St. Peter at Gustavus Adolphus College. We can send 5 people. Please let Pastor Deb or Pastor John know if you are interested in attending as a delegate.

Update on Equipping Congregation Retreat not covered at this meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Carl and seconded by Wally to adjourn. MSP

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING; TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2015 AT 7:00 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted by: Maxine Remme Church Council Secretary