

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
May 26, 2022 – 7:00 PM
CHURCH SOCIAL HALL

Members Present: Nancy Wichmann, Becky O'Neill, Ken Varland, Jessica Olson, Shawn Wilfahrt, Kathy Lund, Susan Krogstrand, Chip Rasche, Bob Gruenhagen, Pastor Kathleen Ulland-Klinkner and Pastor Dave Nissen.

Guests: Maxine Remme representing the 75th Anniversary Committee

1. **Call to Order:**
2. **Devotions:** Kathy Lund
3. **Additions to the Agenda:**
 - a. Watonwan River Conference Dues- asked to give \$0.15 per baptized member for a total of \$250.00. Motion to accept by Bob and seconded by Ken. MSP
4. **Approval of 04/28/22 Minutes** – Motion by Bob to approve and seconded by Susan . MSP
5. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Pastor report- Wednesday activities are finished for the year; we are already busy planning for next year. Lindsay is busy preparing for VBS. There are many weddings planned for the year, and pastoral care continues to be busy.
 - b. Pastor Dave gives a big “thanks” for his paternity leave.
6. **Financial Report:** Jessica Olson.
 - a. Finances are well with income 39% ahead of Budget. We are ahead of last year by \$11,000.00.
7. **New Business**
 - a. Grace Lutheran Church has asked if our members would be interested in joining a church softball league. We would need a member to volunteer to be in charge of the team. If we do enter a team, council suggests we draw up a waiver for the team to sign.
 - b. The Boy Scouts have asked if we would be willing to allow them to hold their regional Leader monthly meeting at Our Saviors on Thursday evenings. The group is not from New Ulm and the consensus is that we do not feel comfortable allowing this.
 - c. A large packet was received from the law firm representing the Edward M. Ozias Trust. The recipient named was United Church of Christ which has since dissolved. Therefore the trust would be split amongst any New Ulm churches open at the time Edward was living, which would include Our Saviors.
8. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. The Synod Assembly has been cancelled. There were not enough members for a Quorum therefore voting will be by Council and not members.
 - b. There has been a preliminary draft of Partnership documents between Zion Lutheran and Our Saviors presented. The document outlined a provision for Our Saviors to provide a pastor with pay/benefits of \$70,000 annually of which Zion would be required to reimburse \$50,000. The big benefit to our congregation would be gaining a third pastor to help with Wednesday Linct program and Youth programming. This pastor would be geared towards Youth Ministry. In good faith it was discussed that our next step would be to inform Zion that we would not be ready to move on anything until maybe January of 2023. This would give our congregation to hold more in depth conversations after the 75th Anniversary celebration is behind us as it will be a busy time.
 - c. 1) The 75th Anniversary Celebration update was given by committee member, Maxine Remme. Along with Maxine there are four other core committee members; they are Sue Hunstad, Corrine Enck, Annette Haynes and Pastor Kathy. The committee is asking for \$5,000 startup money to be used for banners, the meal and mailings. These funds should hopefully be recouped at the celebration. Motion for startup funds by Kathy L. and seconded by Ken. MSP
2) The schedule will be as follows: 8:30-10 coffee & doughnuts, 10:00 program and worship service, followed by a meal.
The festivities will include a building fundraiser and the theme for the day will be “All are Welcome”.
3) The church Social Hall is in need of some sprucing up and we will be looking to have new

estimates for painting that will include painting the Social Hall. Estimates are due by June 3rd and will be voted on by council via email with a deadline of June 8th. The painting companies that we will be reaching out to for estimates are B&B Painting, Steve Eichberger and Glaser Painting which is the company recommended by council. Motion to reach out for bids by Susan and seconded by Ken. MSP. There is a pending motion for painting bids.

9. Next meeting will be on June 23, 2022 at 7:00 PM

10. Closing Prayer: Lord's Prayer – Motion to adjourn by Ken and seconded by Becky. MSP

Respectfully submitted by Shawn Wilfahrt, Church Council Secretary.