

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 25, 2021
7:00 PM - EVERYONE'S LIVING ROOM

Members Present: Ken Varland, Nancy Wichmann, Joey Warta, Kathy Lund, Susan Krogstrand, Bob Gruenhagen, Chip Rasche, Maxine Remme
Pastor Kathy Ulland-Klinkner and Pastor Dave Nissen.

1. **Call to Order:** Ken Varland, Council President
2. **Devotions:** Pastor Kathy - Genesis 12 - Change/Transition
Next Month: Ken Varland Devotions
May: Maxine Remme - Devotions
3. **Additions to Agenda:** None
4. **Approval of 2/25/21 minutes:** Motion to accept, Seconded by Chip. MSP
5. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. **Pastor Report** - Pastor Kathy
 - i. **Baptisms** scheduled through April
 - ii. **Planning** taking place for Easter Week - Lent wrapping up
 - iii. **Pastor Kathy** has been asked to be Pastor in Residence at Green Lake Bible Camp the same week OSLC children will be there. Pastor Dave will be on vacation however there would be a 3 day overlap and Council agreed that she should be at Green Lake bible Camp. She can be called back if necessary.
 - iv. **Report by Pastor Dave:** Working with 5th graders preparing for 1st Communion, Preparations for Easter week.
 - b. **Staff Report:** Also involved in Lent/Easter planning
 - c. **Updates to the Council:**
 - i. SW Synod Contribution Statement and Thank you "Certificate" for Mission Support: Thank you for \$15,000.00 gift
 - ii. Bereavement Policy: Update: Is now in the Personnel Manual reported by Ken,
6. **Financial Report:** Bret Johnson Absent
7. **New Business:**
 - a. **Church Business Administrator** Update: Pastor Kathy reported that Mary Lu definitely wants to retire. An ad will be placed on Sidelites and in New Ulm Journal. Also having the job Outsourced has been looked at. Decisions to be made as soon as possible. Update from Pastor Kathy
 - b. **Health Team Update: Pastor Kathy.** Have not had a meeting but have corresponded via e mails.
 - i. Increased number attending to 150 using the balcony as well.
 - ii. Still NO food policy
 - iii. Continue to follow guidelines from Synod and Public Health Doctrines

- c. **Furnace Estimates - Pastor Kathy**
 - i. **Fodness preferred**
 - ii. **Invite Scott Kathman to attend April meeting**
 - iii. **More financial information in April from Bret.**
 - d. **New Ulm Chamber of Commerce Membership - Pastor Kathy**
Motion by Bob and seconded by Joey to continue membership and pay what we did last year. (Maxine and Mary Lu reported dues last year were \$233.00)
 - e. **Synod Assembly - June 6 - Pastor Kathy**
 - i. Will be done by ZOOM this summer.
 - ii. Need delegates
 - iii. New names for Bishop candidates will be pre-identified for voting purposes.
 - iv. Pastor Kathy will be officiating at a wedding that weekend.
 - f. **Building Fund Committee:** Looking for volunteers,. Deb Kaehler considering becoming a member. Bob Gruenhagen to contact Harold Remme. We will need a volunteer from the Church Council as well.
 - g. **"Post Covid 10" Celebration Committee:** Ken contacted Darlene Meyer and she will help. Pastor Kathy will be contacting others.
- 8. Unfinished Business**
- a. **Watsonwan Conference Assembly (Feb, 28) Pastor Kathy**
Pastor Dave is now a member of the Synod Council
Bishop John Retiring
A lot of transition coming up
 - b, **SW Synod Lay Leader Zoom Meetings - Ken** was unable to attend the conference has watched videos,
KEN'S E MAIL IS kenvarland@gmail.com
 - c, **75th Anniversary Celebration Committee:** Annette Haynes will be chairperson
 - d. **Technology Committee Update.** Ken wrote a plan, (Draft). He is going to have Pastor Dave look it over for input. Also Ken has read the new and very helpful book "BECOMING A HYBRED CHURCH",
- 9. Ken to prepare Communication to Congregation, Sidelites and other electronic communications
 - 10. Next Meeting will be April 22, 2021 - 7:00 PM. Zoom meeting
 - 11. Closing Prayer by Pastor Dave,
 - 12. Motion by Joey and seconded by Kathy to adjourn the meeting. MSP

Respectfully Submitted by Maxine Remme: Church Council Secretary