

BETHLEHEM CHURCH COUNCIL

February 13, 2018 - 5:30pm

Jill Fazio, Stefanie Gerhardson, Val Johnson, Darcy Koeckeritz, Glen Noyes, Tom Rasmusson, Judy Bradow, Adrienne Miller, Mark Petersen, Jeff Hatlewick, Lynn Johnson, Joyce Peterson
Also attending: Amy Fronning, Pastor Tom, Pastor Jake

Call to Order: Darcy Koeckeritz

Open Forum Time: n/a

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve by Glen - 2nd Tom R, passed

Treasurer's Report: presented by Amy. We started 2018 with \$5,445.07. January offerings received to expenses paid was -\$1,149.71.

Devotions: led by Pastor Tom

Comments from Pastors: Pastor Tom is thankful to the Bethlehem staff for their quality work, he has been a part of the planning for a joint Hymn Fest on Pentecost Sunday with the five ELCA congregations and OLV, he is talking a few continuing education classes over the next month, he is beginning talks for a 1-3 month study sabbatical. Pastor Jake offered a word of thanks to Bethlehem and the Church council for their support of his family time and for the warm welcome back, he is serving as the Fergus Falls ELCA conference dean and will be leading the conference assembly to nominate leaders to attend the Churchwide Assembly in August 2019, Bethlehem is serving as the host site for the Northwest Minnesota synod Equipping Congregations training on February 24th.

Items for Business:

- Election of Council Officers
Stefanie Gerhardson made a motion to accept a unanimous ballot of the following council members: Glen Noyes, president - Mark Petersen, vice president - Kim Langbehn, treasurer - Val Johnson, secretary. 2nd Tom R, passed
- Delegates for NW MN Synod "Equipping Congregations" Event February 24 here at Bethlehem
- Property & Management Update: Security system is up and running with automatic locking, areas are functional with great picture quality
Tom R made a motion to pay for needed elevator repairs estimated to be \$3,444.55 from the Building Fund - 2nd Mark, passed
- Emergency Management Plan for Bethlehem: Pastor Tom, Pastor Jake, Jill, Jeff, Amy and Mark will look into getting a consult
- DATE CHANGE for the Council Retreat - NEW DATE is Tuesday, April 10 from 5:30-8:30pm

Announcements:

- Ash Wednesday Worship Services Wednesday, February 14th at 12:10pm and 6:30pm. Potato bar to follow noon service and at 5:30pm
- No Sunday School February 18th
- Swimming Party at the AmericInn, Sunday, February 18th from 5-8pm. All are welcome, bring a snack to share if you would like
- Wednesday Lent services will be February 21-March 21. Worship at 12:10pm and 6:30pm, soup lunch to follow noon service and soup supper at 5:30pm
- NW MN Synod "Equipping Congregations" Event, Saturday, February 24th from 10:30am-2:30pm here at Bethlehem
- 4th & 5th Grade First Communion, Sunday, March 18th at the 10:15am worship service
- Council Strategic Planning Retreat, Tuesday, April 10th from 5:30-8:30pm. Supper will be provided

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, March 13th at 5:30pm

Adjournment: Motion by Keith - 2nd Kim

Prayers for our congregation as our ministry unfolds in 2018

Lord's Prayer