

**EZEKIEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES  
ROOM 190**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 16th, 2024 6:30 – 8:30 PM**

ALL MEETING ITEMS ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS EXCEPT ITEMS DESIGNATED AS CLOSED

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1. CALL TO ORDER (6:30) – Jim - Attendance-Jim, Teri, Scot, Vicki, Doug, Dick, Steve DJ, Pastor Steve, Megan
2. DWELLING IN THE WORD/DEVOTIONS/PRAYER (6:30-6:40) - Vicki
3. APPROVE THE AGENDA (6:40-6:45) – Jim – M-Scot, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Doug, Motion carried.
4. SECRETARY'S REPORT - approve minutes (6:45 - 6:50) – Teri
5. TREASURER'S REPORT - (6:50-7:00) – Scot/Steve DJ -
6. PASTOR'S REPORT - (7:00) - P. Steve – Visits before Christmas, Stewardship Letter, New Bishop Elections, possibly drop off Directories (esp. to neighbors)
7. STAFF REPORT - (7:05) - Steve DJ – define hierarchy of staff to clarify organizational chart.
8. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Discuss/Approve Technology materials purchase for upgrades (7:05-7:10) – Jim – Upgrades in room 100, Fellowship Hall, and the Sanctuary. Not to exceed \$8000 to come from remaining endowment. M-Scot, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Teri, motion carried.
  - b. Discuss/Approve Butter Braid fundraiser for Jacob's Ladder - (7:10-7:15) – Teri Motion to approve fundraisers b, c, d and e - M-Scot, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Doug, Motion carried.
  - c. Discuss/Approve Relay for Life fundraisers - (7:15-7:20) - Megan
  - d. Discuss/Approve Youth letter fundraiser - (7:20-7:25) - Vicki
  - e. Discuss/Approve Starfish Giving - (7:25-7:30) Jim/Megan
  - f. Discuss/Approve Annual Meeting Agenda - (7:30-7:40) Jim – M-Scot, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Vicki, motion carried.
  - g. Discuss Stewardship drive update - (7:40-7:55) Dick – proposal to not collect the 2024 pledge cards.
  - h. Discuss Lenten Soup Suppers - (7:55-8:00) Jim/Megan – Megan sent sign-up to the current council members.
  - i. Discuss/Approve designation for recent bequest - (8:00-8:20) Jim/Scot - \$140,000 from a bequest has been received. Will put money in a CD until advised on how to spend. Council will circle back to this discussion in February.
- A. Faith Ministry Team
  - a. Grow - Need report
  - b. Worship - Received
- B. Generosity Ministry Team
  - a. Stewardship - Need report
- C. Discipleship Ministry Team
  - a. Service & Mission - Received
  - b. Connect - Need report
- D. Resources
  - a. Property - Need report
  - b. Personnel - Need report

10. CLOSING PRAYER (8:20) - P Steve
11. MOTION TO ADJOURN – M-Megan, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Dick, meeting adjourned @ 8:28pm  
NEXT MONTHS COUNCIL MEETING: February 19th @ 6:30 pm

***Following Jesus, while growing in Faith, Generosity, and Discipleship***

Worship Committee Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 2024

Attendees: Dot Seebach, Ellie Richards, Rich Kuss, Joyce Breen, Pastor Steve

Absent: Vicki Olsen, Matthew Mitchell

Old Business: Reviewed process of Dec the Halls: set-up have the youth bring up decoration boxes on Wednesday night. Decorating day have leaders assigned to stations: trees, garland, wreaths, outside lights, indoor JOY sign, chapel, Swedish tree, and decorative pots in two entrances. Take-down assign a few people in advance to bring up boxes from storage a few days before designated undecorating. The decorating leaders will direct the congregation on undecorating.

New Business: Annual meeting on January 28th will be one service at 9:30, followed by annual meeting and a pot-luck luncheon. A luncheon crew has been designated.:

Lenten services: Ash Wednesday is February 14<sup>th</sup>. Wednesday night services will have the following format, dinner 5:30 – 6:30, service at 7PM. Choir will meet from 6 -7PM. Ministry teams will be assigned a week for the Lenten meal preparation.

There will be a graduate blessing on May 19<sup>th</sup> .

Wish list item to replace Advent wreath candles with oil candles. Prices will be investigated, final cost determined and submitted to Endowment Committee for purchase funds.

Summer congregational picnic will be held at Glen Park on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30. Details to follow.

New schedule format for readers, cantors, prayer team, etc is found on Ezekiel's website under worship, then serve. You will be directed to the Church builder site.

Next meeting February 5th at 5:30 room 190.

Respectfully submitted, Dot Seebach

Monday January 8 2024

## Service and Mission Committee notes

Present: Terri Falkner, Leah Gavin, Randi Walen, Tom Anderson, Marnie Haugen, Curt Larson, Shirley DeMotts and Pastor Steve

- Opening Prayer call to order by Committee Chair Terri Falkner
- Terri expressed her thanks for a good year in 2023. Special appreciation to Curt for the support and notes in leadership transition. Thanks for the contributions to the December pot luck.
- Approval of December 4 2023 minutes Shirley/Curt ☺
- Review of the 2023 S&M Annual report prepared by Curt.
  - Need some number reflecting the financial status. Terri and Tom will reach out to Steve DJ to have these for the report and provide to Leslie. Report was well written and informative.
  - Terri asked about the need for presentation of the report at the annual meeting. Not normal necessary, in most cases be prepared to field a question or two about it.
- **Motion.... Request the church council allocate \$6000 at the rate of \$500 for each of the next 12 months to the Service and Mission Committee .** Shirley/Leah ☺
  - This continues the process used in the past and delegates the monthly mission selection to the S&M Committee. Funds to support mission above \$500 in any given month will be specially requested of the council.
- Plans are underway to extend special recognition to Lois Michaelson for her many years of devotion to the church. She has several avenues of service that will be shared with the congregation after Easter. Terri will contact Lois, assemble details and present the award in April (when Lois is available) at Sunday services.
- Volunteer of the year will be presented to Rich Kuss, Delane Caflin and Jeanette Juetten Randi/Marnie ☺
  - Tom will make the contact, find a time in February and make the presentation at Sunday Services. We will update the plaque to 2023 prior to the presentation.

- Mission project for February will be discussed at our next meeting.
  
- Curt provided an update on Haiti. Very dangerous conditions in-country make for difficult time for the people there. Funds continue to flow from Haitian Relief Services each month to support the school, orphanage and the clinic.
  - It Takes a Village concert is planned for February 25, 2024 at Ezekiel with community choirs and vocal groups.
  - Operation Starfish will proceed next year during the season of Lent. Support directly funds Haiti.
  
- Grace Place meal support. Ezekiel volunteered to supply evening meal the 4th Tuesday of Jan, March, May, Aug, Oct and Dec. Lois had been coordinating this for many years. At present Dee Larson has stepped in to bridge the coordination until a long term volunteer coordination person or team is identified. Randi will contact Nicky Thompson who had expressed interest in the project. We were reminded to thank Allison Klein for delivering the food to Grace Place. We do appreciate her willingness to help.
  
- Devotions for February Tom
  
- Motion to adjourn Curt/Leah ©

Submitted by Tom Anderson