



The Messenger

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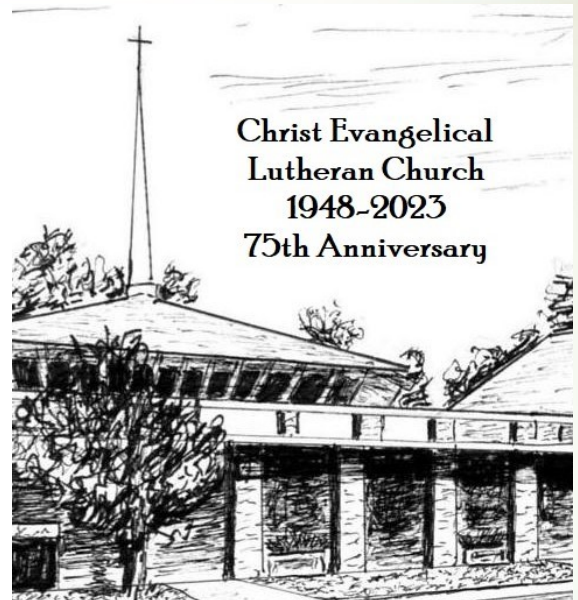
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75th Celebration on Sunday, April 30.
Please invite family and friends to this
memorable event.

For any questions please contact
Ryan Smarsh, council president.



Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes February 6, 2023
*Draft version. Minutes not officially approved until the following
Congregation Council meeting.*

Present: Pastor Laura Kuntz, Ryan Smarsh, Amy Lodge, Chuck Heindrichs, Eric Mohney, Tim Gottshall and Katie Koch

Guest: Laura Musat (CELC Preschool Board President)

Quorum was met.

The in person meeting was called to order by Council President Ryan Smarsh at 6:30 p.m. and opened with prayer.

Guest Report

Laura Musat reported that she met with Council Vice President Amy Lodge, Pastor Laura, and Preschool Director Teri Pienoski to discuss the current relationship of the church and the preschool. With Teri retiring in 2024, everyone is in agreement the church and preschool need to get back on track. Discussions of the open roles within the preschool board, the financial report of the preschool, and how to fill the director role took place.

Review and officially accept minutes from previous Council meeting

Motion: Accept minutes of the January 9, 2022 Congregation Council Meeting

Motion: Chuck Heindrichs

Second: Amy Lodge

Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Financials for January 31, 2022 (Total)

| | January | YTD | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------|
| Income | \$19,842 | \$19,842 | |
| Expenses | \$22,704 | \$22,704 | |
| Net Income | -\$2,862 | -\$2,862 | |
| Organ Loan | \$22,029 | Pledges of 1/31/2023 | \$2,239 |
| External Funds | \$790,571 | | |
| Internal Funds | \$36,727 | | |

As organ pledges have steadily been decreasing, Amy Lodge reached out to Don and Sue Franz; they will be pulling information on pledges and reviewing if a fundraiser will be needed.

Property

Tim Gottshall provided a report from the January Property Committee Meeting, detailing property improvement ideas, who will be responsible for which tasks, and the status of the tasks.

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Pastor's Report

Pastor Laura provided a handout on technical vs. adaptive changes. As suggested by the synod, Pastor Laura encouraged council to review our media and make sure all information is up to date and links are working.

Children's sermons will no longer have a video portion on livestream, only audio. Pastor Laura also provided her plans for Lent; small group sessions, worship services, and 1st communion instruction. Confirmation mentors and mentees have received guidelines and will begin meeting. Pastor Laura also provided potential goals for council during the interim.

Previous Business

Council discussed Call Committee formation.

New Business

The 75th Recognition of the Church is planned for Sunday, April 30, 2023.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Amy Lodge

Second: Chuck Heindrichs

Motion passed.

Ryan Smarsh adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Date for the next council meeting will be Monday, March 6, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Koch, council secretary

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|-------------|-------------|
| Stacy F | 2 |
| Stephanie P | 2 |
| Lisa S | 3 |
| Hazel I | 4 |
| Elizabeth M | 6 |
| Julia K | 6 |
| Connor K | 6 |
| Angela P | 6 |
| Jonelle C | 6 |
| Joshua T | 8 |
| Chuck H | 10 |
| Angie G | 10 |
| Karen K | 11 |

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|-----------|----|
| Cheryl H | 14 |
| Joan R | 14 |
| Bob O | 15 |
| Julie P | 16 |
| Armgard H | 19 |
| Soren F | 21 |
| Kate Y | 22 |
| Audrey P | 23 |
| Daniel I | 27 |
| Scott C | 28 |
| Jerry M | 29 |

April
BIRTHDAYS



**Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2023**

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Present: Pastor Laura Kuntz, Ryan Smarsh, Amy Lodge, Chuck Heindrichs, Tim Gottshall and Katie Koch

Absent: Eric Mohny

Quorum was met.

The in person meeting was called to order by Council President Ryan Smarsh at 6:30 p.m. and opened with prayer.

Review and officially accept minutes from previous Council meeting

Motion: Accept minutes of the February 6, 2022 Congregation Council Meeting

Motion: Tim Gottshall

Second: Chuck Heindrichs

Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Financials for February 2023 (Total)

| | February | YTD | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------|
| Income | \$17,099 | \$36,861 | |
| Expenses | \$21,972 | \$43,329 | |
| Net Income | -\$4,873 | -\$6,468 | |
| Organ Loan | \$22,029 | Pledges of 2/28/2023 | \$1,694 |
| External Funds | \$807,890 | | |
| Internal Funds | \$37,155 | | |

Chuck Heindrichs noted for the month of February, contributions were less than \$15,000, \$2,500 less than our projected budget of \$17,500. Secondly, the Organ Fund contributions have been steadily decreasing over the past two months. Instead of \$475/month, we are currently at \$365/month

Property

Tim Gottshall reported there was no Property Committee meeting in February. Sue Frantz has contacted tree companies, and Tim will have that information available soon. One HVAC unit has stopped working, and are awaiting recommendations. It is one of the remaining that needs to be replaced.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Laura met with all the preschool teachers individually. She wanted to get to know them a little better and hear their thoughts regarding the preschool. The biggest take away she got was their admiration for the director, Teri Pienoski.

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Previous Business

Council updated about members who expressed their interest in being part of the call committee.

New Business

Ryan Smarsh updated on which previous pastors will be attending the 75th Recognition.

Chuck Heindrichs provided an outline of the preschool's financials and monies received from the government for the past two years. Council reviewed the preschool's board and is looking to fulfill any vacant positions. Currently, there is no one to replace Teri Pienoski when she retires in 2024.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Amy Lodge

Second: Katie Koch

Motion passed.

Ryan Smarsh adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Date for the next council meeting will be Tuesday, April 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

*Council meeting later than usual due to Holy Week and Spring Break

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Koch

Secretary



Easter Sunday Service

April 9 at 10:00 a.m.

All are invited to come and worship!

☩ Everyone is invited to bring fresh cut flowering cross for Easter Sunday. On Sunday morning we will have a special cross to adorn with flowers at the beginning of the service. Everyone is invited to bring fresh cut flowers from their yard, or a store, and we will decorate the cross together.

April 2023 Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| 2 Palm Sunday 10:00 a.m. Holy Worship | 3 | 4 | 5 6:15 p.m. Bell Choir | 6 7:00 p.m. Maun- dy Thursday | 7 7:00 p.m. Good Friday <i>Office closed</i> <i>Preschool closed</i> | 1 8 |
| 9 Easter 10:00 a.m. Holy Worship | 10 <i>Preschool closed</i> | 11 <i>Preschool closed</i> | 12 <i>Preschool closed</i> | 13 <i>Preschool closed</i> | 14 <i>Preschool closed</i> Pastor's day off | 15 <i>Newsletter deadline</i> |
| 16 10:00 a.m. Holy Worship | 17 | 18 6:30 p.m. Council | 19 6:15 p.m. Bell Choir | 20 | 21 Pastor's day off | 22 <i>Halls closed for waxing</i> |
| 23 10:00 a.m. Holy Worship | 24 | 25 6 p.m. Small Group with Pastor Laura | 26 6:15 p.m. Bell Choir | 27 | 28 Pastor's day off | 29 |
| 30 75 th Celebration 10:00 a.m. Holy Worship | 1 6:30 p.m. Council | 2 | 3 6:15 p.m. Bell Choir | 4 | 5 Pastor's day off | 6 |

April 2, Palm Sunday

Usher: Chip Crout
Lector: Marilyn Culler
Cantor: Julie Pressnell
Live Stream: Ryan Smarsh
Altar Care: Marilyn Culler
Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

April 6, Maundy Thursday

Usher: Bob Olds
Lector: Laura Knight
Cantor: Michelle Young
Live Stream: Bill Higgins
Altar Care: Marilyn Culler
Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

April 7, Good Friday

Usher: Ryan Smarsh
Live Stream: Bill Higgins
Altar Care: Marilyn Culler
Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

April 9, Easter

Usher: Ryan Smarsh
Lector: Ron Jantz
Cantor: Rob Pedersen
Counter: Chuck Heindrichs
Live Stream: Bill Higgins
Altar Care: Marilyn Culler
Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

April 16

Usher: Brian Knip
Lector: Tim Gottshall
Cantor: Julie Pressnell
Live Stream: Bill Higgins
Altar Care: Marilyn Culler
Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

April 23

Usher: Betsy Floyd
Lector: Laura Knight
Cantor: Michelle Young
Live Stream: Barb McCain
Altar Care: Marilyn Culler
Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

April 30

Usher: Eric Mohny
Lector: Beth Lecorchick
Cantor: Sue Frantz
Counter: Eric Mohny
Live Stream: Bill Higgins
Altar Care: Marilyn Culler
Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

May 7

Usher: Bob Olds
Lector: Laura Knight
Cantor: Julie Pressnell
Live Stream: Bill Higgins
Altar Care: Carol Meiners
Bulletin Folding: Nadine Carlson

May 14

Usher: Brian Knip
Lector: Eric Klenz
Cantor: Rob Pedersen
Live Stream: Tim Gottshall
Counter: Eric Klenz
Altar Care: Carol Meiners
Bulletin Folding: Nadine Carlson

May 21

Usher: Ryan Smarsh
Lector: Marilyn Culler
Cantor: Michelle Young
Live Stream: Ryan Smarsh
Altar Care: Carol Meiners
Bulletin Folding: Nadine Carlson

May 29

Usher: Eric Mohny
Lector:
Cantor: Johanna Markko
Live Stream: Bill Higgins
Counter: Brenda Crout
Altar Care: Carol Meiners
Bulletin Folding: Nadine Carlson

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Worship
Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Sunday school for all ages
9:15 a.m.

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



It's as easy as
1 2 3

You can help CELC as easy as 1,2,3...

Do you have some spring cleanup around your home or yard? You can help update your home while helping the church at the same time. If you purchase items from The Rock Pile, in Avon, ask the clerk to add our church to your profile. There is no additional cost to do so. Each time you make a purchase, a percentage of your purchase will be donated to the church.

