

The Messenger

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CHRIST EVALGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



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A New Year's Prayer

DEAR LORD

As a new year begins, We come to You and ask for Your blessing.

We pray that you would give us joy to fill our days, peace to fill our hearts, and love to fill our lives.

Thank You for the plans You have for us in this new year.

We wait in anticipation to see all You will do!

Thanking God for you and praying your new year is blessed in every way.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

AMEN

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregation Council Meeting Minutes December 5, 2022
*Draft version. Minutes not officially approved until the following Congregation
Council meeting.*

Present: Pastor Laura Kuntz, Amy Lodge, Chuck Heindricks, Tim Gottshall and Katie Koch

Absent: Ryan Smarsh and Eric Mohney

Guest: Loretta Heindricks

Quorum was met.

The in person meeting was called to order by Council Vice President Amy Lodge at 6:34 p.m. and opened with prayer.

At this time, Loretta Heindricks presented Council with a hymn list and explained during a recent service there were no hymns that she recognized. She asked if more familiar hymns could be sung during services. Council explained that Worship and Music picks the songs, and her list was forwarded on to the committee.

Review and officially accept minutes from previous Council meeting

Motion: Accept minutes of the November 7, 2022 Congregation Council Meeting

Motion: Tim Gottshall

Second: Chuck Heindricks

Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Financials for November 30, 2022 (Total)

| | November | YTD | |
|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| Income | \$17,571 | \$237,420 | |
| Expenses | \$9,427 | \$259,253 | |
| Net Income | \$10,180 | -\$2,062 | |
| Organ Loan | \$23,117 (\$475/month) | Pledges as of 11/30/2022 | \$1,894 |
| External Funds | \$769,083 | | |
| Internal Funds | \$49,141 | | |

Chuck Heindricks noted that monthly pledges on the Organ Loan are steadily decreasing. Amy would inquire about how the organ pledges are being tracked. Chuck also noted that all the grants for 2023 are in, and \$5500 for the Lutheran West High School Association has been applied for. \$2800 is still needed for the Mission Partner. Chuck suggested redesigning the monies from the special giving envelopes (currently deposited in Benevolence) to Mission Partner, starting with Thanksgiving and carrying into 2023. Council decided to seek additional information before making a decision.

Property

Tim Gotshall reported that additional shelving was installed behind the altar, minor roof repair was completed, and the fall leaf clean up was completed. Property committee is meeting in December to develop their plans for 2023.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Laura reported that she has started Confirmation and has seven youth. They will all be assigned mentors. The confirmation date has not yet been determined. Pastor Laura is to meet with the Preschool Board in January. The purpose of this meeting is to determine how it is best to get the church involved with the preschool again. Finally, Pastor Laura has been in contact with the Synod office in regards to the church's constitution. The constitution was not ratified in 2010 and has not been updated then. Council will discuss this further in January.

New Business

Council decided to table the Social Hall Rental Agreement until the January meeting, when more details could be provided.

Council discussed the pros and cons of using hymnals versus having the hymns printed in the bulletins. Council collectively decided to continue to print the hymns in the bulletins.

Contribution Envelopes are currently on backorder and no estimated date for arrival has been given. Chuck agreed to call to inquire if more information could be given, or if council should seek alternatives for giving envelopes.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Amy Lodge

Second: Chuck Heindrichs

Motion passed.

Amy Lodge adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Date for the next council meeting will be Monday, January, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Koch Secretary



| <u>Name</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|-------------|-------------|
| Gretchen V | 1 |
| Owen B | 1 |
| Evelyn S | 2 |
| Sue J | 4 |
| Steve S | 4 |
| Kevin W | 6 |
| Tim M | 7 |
| Bob P | 7 |
| Lindsey P | 14 |
| Phillip R | 14 |
| Marlene P | 15 |
| Ernie S | 17 |
| Lane P | 18 |
| RoAnne F | 20 |
| Jon P | 20 |
| Reegan K | 21 |
| Beth K | 24 |
| Lillian R | 25 |
| Mark P | 28 |
| Aaron B | 29 |

Congregation News

✚ **The Property Committee** is looking for volunteers to lend their time and talents to assist with small maintenance items around the church and grounds. If you would like to assist with minor painting projects, plumbing, electrical, or mechanical repairs, or want to help beautify our exterior areas, so please contact Tim Gottshall at 216-214-4895 (call or text).

✚ **Please consider volunteering your time** to help in a variety of ways during the service and around the church. Little to no training needed. Your time and talents could help in many areas. Please contact the church office for more information. You will find some open spots on the back of this sheet looking to be filled. But there are more areas that could use your help around the church.

✚ **2023 Giving envelopes** are ready to be picked up. Please find them along the back wall in the Gathering Area.

✚ **Social Hall and Kitchen floors** will be closed Saturday, January 14 thru Monday, January 16 at 9 a.m. If you need to have access to that area, please plan accordingly. Thank you.

**CHURCH
NEWS**

January 2023 Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|----------------------------|--|--|
| 1 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Holy Worship | 2 Office Closed | 3 | 4 6:15 p.m. Bell choir Preschool resumes | 5 | 6 Pastor's day off | 7 |
| 8 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Holy Worship | 9 | 10 | 11 6:15 p.m. Bell choir | 12 | 13 Pastor's day off | 14 Social Hall and Kitchen closed until Monday, January 16 at 8:00 a.m (floors are being waxed) |
| 15 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Holy Worship | 16 <i>Preschool closed</i> | 17 | 18 6:15 p.m. Bell choir | 19 | 20 Pastor's day off | 21 |
| 22 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Holy Worship | 23 | 24 | 25 6:15 p.m. Bell choir | 26 | 27 Pastor's day off | 28 |
| 29 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Holy Worship | 30 Preschool conferences | 31 Preschool conferences | 1 6:15 p.m. Bell choir Preschool conferences | 2 Preschool conferences | 3 Pastor's day off Preschool conferences | 4 |

January 1

Usher: Betsy Floyd
Lector: Beth Lecorchick
Cantor: Julie Pressnell
Live Stream: Bill Higgins
Altar Care: Jan Wunderle
Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

January 8

Usher: Eric Mohney
Lector: Bob Olds
Cantor:
Live Stream: Barb McCain
Counter: Eric Klenz
Altar Care: Jan Wunderle
Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

January 15

Usher: Ryan Smarsh
Lector: Laura Knight
Cantor: Anita Hlava
Live Stream: Tim Gottshall
Altar Care: Jan Wunderle
Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

2023

January 22

Usher: Eric Mohney
Lector: Cathy Mohney
Cantor: Julie Pressnell
Live Stream: Tim Gottshall
Altar Care: Jan Wunderle
Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

January 29

Usher: Bob Olds
Lector: Bob Olds
Cantor:
Live Stream: Bill Higgins
Counter: Chuck Heindricks
Altar Care: Jan Wunderle
Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler



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Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School
Sunday 9:15 a.m.
For All Ages

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CHRIST IN THE
NEW YEAR!

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