

# Salem Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes-November 18, 2024

Attending: Phil Barker, Rebekah Elling, Deb Hofbauer, Rev. Aaron Holmgren, Artie Lemke, Jack Schlukebier, Janet Sell, and Nancy Wyatt.

Meeting convened at 07:02 PM.

Question of the month from Jack: What's your favorite holiday?

Meeting opened by Pastor Aaron reflecting on the story of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever". God works in mysterious ways and the job of Christmas. He recommended the book and the movies.

Covenant was read by the Council members.

Minutes from October-last Council meeting: Minutes were approved as corrected.

Education: Report received.

Evangelism: Phil verbally reported. Trunk or Treat had about 12 trunks and about 100-150 treaters.

Missions: Report received. Have made email contact with the new pastor in Magome-Casper Chavala. The scholarship drive was successful for our students in Guatemala and Tanzania.

Properties: Report received. Working on the solar power project. Working on outside pole lights.

Stewardship: Report received. Recycling bins aren't placed yet. Stewardship pledges are looking good, about the same as last year.

Worship & Music: Report received. Worship is set through Thanksgiving and Advent.

Youth & Family: Not a lot to report yet. Christmas program has been selected. Looking through collected suggestions from the congregation on future events. Everyone likes Sunday afternoons after church. Beer, Burgers & Carols will be December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Pastor's report: Pastor has been very busy.

Financial: Reports received. Doing well on our intake but are spending more. Meeting with Dave from the Synod to get the computer reports cleaned up.

Parish Nurse: Wellness event will be held on November 26<sup>th</sup>.

Riverside Innovation Hub: Function held on discernment. Working on Salem and St. Stephen's and how we are connected to the community. That would include things that go on in the building. Rebekah said it often feels like nothing is happening. The Salem-St. Stephen's group will start meeting over a meal.

Minutes of Special Meeting 10-27: No additions or corrections. Accepted and approved as published.

Key entry system: Having some problems. He has provided two options; a new panel or a Wi-Fi-based app system. Neither Michelle nor Pastor Aaron liked the latter option. Possibly use a lock box for the master key until the system is fixed.

Thanksgiving: Pie Social will be ready.

Advent: Decorating Friday after Thanksgiving.

Christmas program: Will need volunteers.

Budget: Only budgets missing Music and Personnel. Budget group will meet right after Thanksgiving.

Annual Meeting: Prepare committee reports.

Calendar: There will be a Longest Night/Blue Christmas worship service on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm. Include date of financial closeout which is December 31<sup>st</sup>. All pledges should be turned in.

Arts & Crafts sale made \$822.

Janet made a motion to close the meeting after prayer. Phil closed the meeting with prayer. Phil seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 08:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Nancy Wyatt, Secretary