

**Cross of Christ  
Lutheran**

**Church Council Agenda  
June 20, 2023  
6:00 pm**

**Mission Statement: “As a fellowship of believers, it is our mission to joyfully proclaim the gospel of Christ in word and deed, inviting people to worship together, nurturing them in the Christian faith, loving one another and serving a world in need.”**

1. Call to order – 6:00 pm

President: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Council: Amen.

2. Devotions-Pastor Dana Jackson
3. Review of the Agenda

4. Reports

- a. Pastor's Report

**Vacation**

I had been on vacation Monday, June 12 through Monday, June 19. Presiding at worship on Sunday, June 18 was Pastor Beth Stempinski.

Covering any funerals during that time was Pastor Jeff Franko from Cedar Valley Lutheran Church.

Pastor Dana's upcoming vacation July 3-10 and August 7-14. Pastor Beth will cover Sunday, July 9 and Sunday, August 13. Pastor Jeff Franko will cover funerals.

**Community Events**

I appreciated being able to participate in the Houston Memorial Day Service and Baccalaureate Service. It was fun to watch the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade band and choir concert and take in the MS & HS band concert.

**Confirmation**

I am working on creating our Confirmation Class Schedule and organizing the curriculum for this coming school year.

- b. President's Report

Huge thank you to all who worked on projects and completed.

- c. Secretary's Report

\* Council meeting minutes from May 16, 2023

A motion given by Kathy Olson to approve the May secretary's report, and Jessica Brand seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

- d. Financial Administrator's Report

Finished ahead of budget. \$8500 ahead for year. May giving up \$6700.

A motion to approve the financial report given by Ron Evenson and Mike Berg seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

5. Cabinet Reports

- a. Education

Working on VBS planning. We have a contact at Good Earth Village that Diane will be working with. We met as a team and have a list of questions we need answered. We have been in contact with the Hurricane Watch coordinator to ensure we are following their policies and making the transitions as smooth as possible. We currently have 21 children enrolled in VBS. We plan to email parents

with another reminder to enroll their children and encourage them to invite their friends and neighbors. We have created a list of reminders to send parents of enrolled children one week prior to VBS. Respectfully submitted, Diane Larson

- b. Evangelism

I will be volunteering @ the Food Shelf on Thursday. I have purchased some door numbers for doors and am looking for

approval on size. I will begin helping with Meals on Wheels.

- c. Finance

No report

- d. Personnel

I met with Krin and reviewed personnel file. Karen Christensen is due for her one-year review. I will arrange a meeting with Karen and personnel cabinet members, Ann Abraham and Dave Runnigen as soon as is convenient for all. Ron Evenson

## Personnel Cabinet

- e. CofC Grounds  
Tree stumps estimate of \$760 from Dan Reinhart which does not fill in holes. We can volunteer to fill the holes. Motion by Patti Runnigen to approve the stump removal, and Chuck Halverson seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously. Handicap parking plan is in place. Steve Westby and Ron Evenson will complete this project. Chuck is looking at the cable in tree in church parking lot. Will look at after meeting with Mike to see what this is.

## f. CofC Building

### **Completed Projects:**

1. Modified 2 pews to allow them to be more wheelchair accessible. The extra parts from the pews were disassembled and put up in the choir loft storage room. We'll want to get some molding installed over the carpet edges to protect them. Have them taped down for now.
2. Talked to Chris from Schroeder Heating and he'll be coming in to do preventative maintenance on all heating and cooling units.

3. The office computer is up and running. Jesse Kohnen will work with Karen to address any issues.

### **Current Projects:**

1. I've been in contact with Key Electric and P & T Electric about updating our lighting in the sanctuary. Scheduled meetings in early July for each of them to look at what we have and see what kind of solutions they can come up with.
2. Reworking the electrical wiring and the phone line in the Sunday school superintendent's office. Mike Lofenberg from Acentek will help us with the phone line, hopefully this week.
3. Heartland Security is scheduled to do their security upgrade/install on July 6-7. Still waiting on Hoskins Electric and American Lock to do their work before Heartland shows up.
4. Handicap pews installed and extra pieces are stacked upstairs for later use. ADD Keith's report as well. Waiting on Hoskins for set up

for electronic doors and Lock and Key.

Thank you, Keith Herek

- g. Stone Church/Cemetery Hayride July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Talking to Wayne Olson, the two of us and others will drive the tractors for the hayride. Will line this up at meeting this coming Sunday and finalize. The first Sunday event at the Stone Church went so well and so many showed up for service and lunch. Very happy with showing at the event. Amy Kulas suggested more time at each station on the history of the stone church. 115 people showed up for the first event. Will have civil war flags to be placed at gravesites for second event @ Stone Church in July. Tennesen Wall @ the St. Pete's cemetery is slowly tipping over. This is a family wall that is tipping on the lower side. Looking into this with family on how to get the stone fixed, and there is an issue with money. Would like to look @ paying for part of this. Timeline depends on how much church puts toward it.
- h. Stewardship & Mission The Fall Stewardship Drive will be looked at soon. Patrick Forsyth

and I will get together  
to discuss.

Elsie Olson and Rae  
Evenson  
Co-Presidents

- i. Worship & Music  
We will have a meeting  
in August with the  
Music dept. and decide  
on the bells, and choir.

- l. Youth Representative  
No report

- j. Youth & Family  
The worship services  
for 28 days online,  
church up 25 %.  
Followers and  
interactions are up on  
the Facebook page!
- k. W/ELCA  
June 12 & 13 Do Days  
24 quilts were  
completed for missions, a  
Sunday school quilt, and  
a quilt for the upcoming  
Valley View Nursing  
Home Foundation  
auction. In addition, a  
beautiful quilt will also be  
donated to Veterans  
Home in Preston.

June 15 Vesterheim  
Trip

A group of women and  
even a few men traveled  
to the Vesterheim  
Museum in Decorah to  
soak up some Norwegian  
heritage and have a day  
of fellowship. The group  
was able to view Marie  
Skiftens' doll collection  
which had been donated  
to Vesterheim by Marie's  
daughters.

Carpet in the works for  
fellowship hall. Waiting for  
bids to come in from various  
places.

Upcoming events:

Stone Church Pie and  
Ice Cream Social on Sunday  
July 9 from 3- 5 p.m. Jake  
and Sons will entertain us  
with their musical talents.

6. Old Business:

7. New Business:

- a. A motion given by Wayne Runningen to make Chuck Halverson the new C of C Grounds cabinet member, and Ron Evenson seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.
- b. Projection screen to be used at the History Museum this weekend. Larry will speak with Karen to see if this available for use.
- c. July meeting discussion  
Ron Evenson made a motion to cancel the July Church Council meeting, and Wayne Runningen seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

8. Open Discussion:

The Houston Chamber and Church will be working together on the breakfast for “Ride across America “BAM”. Clipboards will be passed around @ the church for preparation for this event. This will be held on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 a.m. at Fest Grounds.

Calendar –Up Coming events.....

- June 30 Hobby Huddle
- July 1 Hobby Huddle
- July 2 Stone Church Hotdog & Watermelon Feed
- July 9 Stone Church Ice Cream Social
- July 10 Ruth Circle – Carrie Herek
- July 17-20 Good Earth Day VBS Day Camp

Benediction President: Almighty God, Father, and Son and Holy Spirit order our days and our deeds in his peace. Amen

**Adjourned:** 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patti Runningen  
Church Council Secretary, Cross of Christ Congregation Council