

**Cross of Christ Lutheran  
Church Council Agenda  
December 19, 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

Ready for Christmas!

- b. President’s Report

- c. Secretary’s Report

Council meeting minutes from November 21, 2023

Jessica Brand approved the secretary report for November 21, and Mike Berg seconded the motion.  
Motion carries unanimously.

- d. Financial Administrator’s Report

Continue to do fine. Budget deficit this month. Timing has to do with the deficit.

Patrick passed out a budget packet for review

Motion to approve the church council budget was approved by Ron Evenson,  
and seconded by Kathy Olson. Motion carries unanimously.

5. Cabinet Reports

a. Education

Diane Larson submitted resignation from the Education position.

A motion to approve Diane Larson's dismissal from Education was given by Jessica Brand, and seconded by Wayne Runningen. Motion carries unanimously.

b. Evangelism

Brad Hungerholt and I had a pick up at Hunger Task Force, and continuing working at the Food Shelf and the delivering of Meals on Wheels. Working on goals for 2024 with Brad and Ellen Hungerholt.

c. Finance

d. Personnel

The Executive Committee requested a meeting with the Personnel Cabinet to consider changing the position of Sunday School director. Rotational Sunday School is beginning in January and the Executive Committee felt that a paid director will not be necessary since Sunday would be run by volunteer teachers. Therefore, the director position will be eliminated, and the current director will be compensated through the end of December. Non-paid volunteer teachers will begin in January to organize and teach the rotational classes.

Submitted by Ron Evenson

e. CofC Building

The lighting upgrade to LED lights in the sanctuary, altar and the choir loft is finally complete. Thanks to everyone for their patience.

The water line that was leaking in the sacristy has a valve installed on it to temporarily shut it off. Do we want to have Byron come back and install a cap on the line to make it a permanent solution? Will look at cost of replacing valve and come back with cost and we can decide from there.

Chuck and I have begun work on our project to locate and label the utilities in the church. When completed we plan to have binders with pictures and descriptions of the utilities in them. These binders will be available to anyone who needs to locate a specific utility.

Submitted by Keith Herek

f. CofC Grounds

Received a price of quote for a single wood post and lights to be placed in the church parking lot. Light pole to be placed by back of church (official parking lot light). Will add spotlight as well. Chuck recommended Hoskins with a price of \$4770.00 + \$378.00 for LED light. Will work on his project in the Spring. A motion was given by Jessica Brand to approve this project, and seconded by Ron Evenson. Motion carries unanimously.

Ice melt for entrances.  
Purchased 4 containers of ice melt. Will keep filling as needed.  
Have a snowblower and Karen's son will fix up and get it running. Looking at selling at Auction.

Lawn mowing increase.  
Church Council had a discussion on lawn mower increase.  
Submitted by Chuck Halvorson

- g. Stone Church/Cemetery  
We had Hoskins out Friday to put outlet in floor, so we can put a speaker outside.  
Doormat in front of Stone Church  
Looking at samples so we can put a mat down at front door of Stone Church.

- h. Stewardship & Mission

- i. WELCA  
We had our final regular ladies' aid meeting for 2023 on Friday December

8.  
During the morning worship on December 10, Denise Rostad gave a brief history of the women's organizations at Cross of Christ followed by installation of the 2024 WELCA officers by Pastor Dana. Following worship, the annual cookie walk was held in the fellowship hall. We thank all those who brought cookies for the event and everyone who took cookies home!

On Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup> the WELCA officers met at church to allocate the money gathered during the year by our fund-raising activities. A list of recipients will be available soon.

Submitted on behalf of the Cross of Christ women of the WELCA.  
Co-presidents Elsie Olson and Rae Evenson

- j. Worship and Music
- k. Having meeting in January to settle things up. Bid for lights and misc., will be worked in our budget.
- l. Youth and Family  
Potential of bowling after new year.

- m. Youth Representative

- 6. Old Business:
  - a. Rental Policy  
All church council members reviewed the rental document, and were reminded that this is a working document.  
All rental fees are determined and adjusted at the discretion of the Church Council.

- 7. New Business:

Gwen Christiansen put in her resignation as Custodian.

Keith Herek accepted the resignation of Gwen Christiansen and Amy Kulas seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Mowing

Cemetery Board has been asked to approve their part of the mowing bid. Three bids were given.

Lawyer

Church Council is looking at having an attorney on retainer. Leaders will look at this, and get back to the council at next meeting.

8. Open Discussion:

9. Calendar –Up Coming events.....

- December 24 3:00 & 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship (No 9:30 a.m. service)
- December 25 Christmas Day (No Activities Office Closed)
- December 26 Office Closed
- December 27 Valley View/Heritage Court Worship
- December 31 9:30 a.m. New Years Eve Worship (No Sunday School)
- January 1 New Year's Day! Office Closed
- January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> Prayer Group, Bells, Confirmation and Club 56(Simple Supper)
- January 7 Noisy Offering
- January 14 4-H
- January 21 Caring Collection
- January 28 Cross of Christ Annual Meeting

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Patti Runningen, Secretary

CROSS OF CHRIST CONGREGATION COUNCIL