

Cross of Christ Church Council

Minutes of May 17, 2022 Meeting

Officers	P	A	Pastors	P	A	Cabinets	P	A	Cabinets	P	A
Larry Jerviss (President)	X		Pr. Jeff Forbes	X		Amy Kulas (Finance)	X		Krin Abraham (Personnel)	X	
Eileen Hegland (Vice President)	X					Jessica Brand (Youth & Family)		X	Kathy Olson (Worship & Music)		X
Patti Runningen (Secretary)	X					Keith Herek (C of C Building)		X	Sandy Erickson (Education)	X	
Patrick Forsyth (Fin Admin)	X					Wayne Runningen (Stone Church Bldg)	X		Heather Chapel (Stewardship)		X
Karen Christensen (Financial Sec)		X				Rich Botcher (C of C Grounds)	X		Rae Evenson/Elsie Olson (W/ELCA)		X
						Holly Westby (Evangelism)		X	Vacant (Youth Rep)		

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church Council Agenda May 17, 2022 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 Jeff Forbes
Pastor Jeff spoke on Phillip and the Ethiopian Eunuch.
3. Review of the Agenda
4. Reports
 - a. Interim Pastor’s Report
Pastor’s Report—May 17th, 2022
Pastoral Acts:

I did a funeral at Cedar Valley Lutheran Church on Monday, May 9th. The Interim Pastor there, Pastor Jeff Franko told me he would be unavailable for it and gave me permission to officiate. It was for the family of Mary Thomas with interment at Silver Creek cemetery. This last Sunday, May 15th, I had two Baptisms: one during the worship

service for Griffin Lee, the son of Adam and Jenna Wieser; and another Baptism at 1:30 for Adaline Grace, daughter of Tyler and Allison Marshall. There are two more planned for this coming Sunday during worship. I also have a funeral for Scott Bloomquist scheduled for Saturday, May 28th, at 11:00 AM at Cross of Christ; and one for Lucille Schiebstad that will be Saturday, June 4th, also at 11:00 AM at the Stone Church.

Confirmation Sunday was Sunday, May 1st. There were seventeen students Confirmed: Colin Albrecht-Lynch, Emily Botcher, Caitlin Brand, William Carlson, Julia Carr, Ellasyn Carrier, Destiny Eddy, Korey Frauenkron, Asta Griggs, Casey Herek, Aden Kulas, Amanda Larson, John Lee, Hannah Olson, Zachary Olson, Morgan Rohweder, and Miyah Seekamp. I thought everything went well owing to the large class that Affirmed their Baptism.

Our new Office Administrator, Karen Christensen started May 2nd. Krin Abraham trained her in and things are going well!

Baccalaureate service will be held at Houston High School on Wednesday, June 8th at 7:00 pm. I will be leading the service this year and I am working out details with the school.

The Synod Assembly was held in Mankato Saturday, May 7th. I was unable to go because of a funeral. I did not hear that anyone else had signed up or expressed an interest to attend so I informed the Synod Office. I heard that it was basically a business meeting to approve the Synod Budget. A report from the Synod Office will be out soon and I will make sure it gets published in the Parish Visitor.

I am currently trying to find a time for the Transition Team to have a meeting and review the surveys and decide on the next step. Members of the Team are Krin Abraham, Sandy Erickson, Denise Rostad, Jenelle Lemke, Ron Evenson, and Stephen Thompson.

Monthly, I share devotions at Heritage Court at 10:30 AM on the 2nd and 3rd Thursdays with Holy Communion on the 2nd Thursday. I am also celebrating Holy Communion at Valley View Nursing Home on those same Thursdays at 10:00 AM unless they call me to tell me that I shouldn't because of Covid or other outbreaks of illness.

In other matters, I continue to make general visits as time permits, bring Home Communion to shut-ins, and those staying in nursing homes. I also attend Conference and Interim Pastors' monthly meetings.

b. President's Report

Larry welcomes Rich Botcher back.

c. Secretary's Report

* Council meeting minutes from April 26, 2022

Motion to approve by Krin Abraham and seconded by Wayne Runningen. Motion carried.

d. Financial Administrator's Report:

We had a surplus in April of \$4,145 vs. a budgeted surplus of \$999. Giving was \$3,073 lower than budget, but expenses were \$6,196 below budget. Lower payroll expenses made up most of this difference. Secretary and Christian Education expenses were zero, and budgeted expenses reflected a three-payroll month in April. For the year, we have a surplus of \$5,448 vs. a budgeted deficit of (\$287). Motion to approve by Amy Kulas and seconded by Sandy Erickson. Motion carried.

5. Cabinet Reports

a. Education

Sandy is trying to collaborate with Baptist church on Bible School collaboration, but they have stated they are no longer interested. Pastor Jeff will contact Looney Valley Church to see if they would like to collaborate with the church. Need leader and organization for this. More to come!

6. Evangelism

Holly Westby absent.

I will be picking up supplies in the morning for HWY Cleanup on May 24 @ 5:30pm at the Stone Church. If it rains we will do it May 25th @ 5:30 pm. Parents must sign a consent form and no one under 12 years of age are allowed to participate. They will be following Pre-COVID guidelines again. I should receive the consent forms in the mail this week.

7. Finance

Amy was notified by Patrick's office that an anonymous donor has given a check in the amount of \$3010.00 to the Stone Church for the Endowment Fund.

Discussion on giving options for congregation. Can we use Zelle? Is the church willing to use this for giving? Krin said cyber security people have said in the past to use Paypal. Zelle works with Bremer. May have originated with Wells Fargo. Sherry from the bank said Bremer uses Zelle and feels comfortable with using this. Krin is wondering if they use Zelle will the office get notification and will the books balance? Patrick proposes that the church office set up Zelle and be the Administrator of the program. Eileen thought since giving is down and if this is the way they want to give let's give it a try. Karen is trying to direct the person towards what church uses but insists using Zelle. We want to accommodate all members. Krin will help Karen set up Zelle with Patrick.

8. Personnel—

Krin reported we are in a holding pattern. We will need to look to fill the Children Ministry position. Since we do not know what fall will bring, we need to work on this over the summer.

9. CofC Grounds

Rich wants to know what he needs to do. Eileen said someone is mowing. You will need to know if we need mulching and tree removals. Eileen reminded us that Rich is only in charge of the Cross of Christ grounds.

10. CofC Building

Keith Herek absent

11. Stone Church and Cemetery Board

Wayne reported on Rummage Sale April 29 & 30. It was successful. Lots of donors and a lot of stuff. Sue Ferris donated ham sandwiches for the Event and served them coffee. I was happy with carport for Rummage Sale. Everybody showed up and knew what to do.

Stone church clean up May 25th @ 9 a.m.

Looking into seamless gutters. Installed gutters cost of \$5,275.00. Screens for gutters \$1428.00-\$6703.00 total price. High price because of attaching to roof will be hard. Stone church is part of CofC budget. Wayne Olson is looking for another bid. Work in progress. Will report on a later date. Krin suggested concrete pad to divert water. Amy would like to see work Adam does before moving forward. A thank you to Jerry and Sharon Knutson who drove extra rummage sale items to La Crosse.

12. Stewardship & Mission

Heather Chapel-absent

13. Worship & Music

Kathy Olson-absent

14. Youth & Family

Jessica Brand-absent

15. W/ELCA

Denise Rostad reported for WELCA:

Root River Conference Spring Gathering was held on May 7th at Chatfield Lutheran. Four members of WELCA were able to attend. Kathy Little was the guest speaker. The theme for the conference was “Paul’s Message of Love.”

Our Large kitchen refrigerator has been restored to working order. WELCA paid for the repair. Stone Church cleaning will be held on May 25 beginning @ 9:00 a.m. to prepare the church for summer activities. A potluck lunch served at NOON. We hope to get a good turnout as “many hands make light work”.

Our WELCA Stone Church meeting for May will be held on Friday, May 27 @ 11:00 a.m. An old fashion Ladies Aid lunch will be served. In 1999 a program about the history of our Ladies Aid groups was compiled by Doris Benson. We will revisit her presentation and add additional memories of more recent years. We encourage our ladies to wear a vintage hat or apron to celebrate this event. Everyone is welcome.

Looking ahead: DO DAYS will be held on Monday and Tuesday June 13-14. A business meeting will be held at noon on Monday with potluck both days.

Respectfully submitted,

Co-presidents Rae Evenson and Elsie Olson

Old Business:

- a. Transition Team Update: Krin reported definite trends with surveys. People want Pastor rooted in the Bible and more invested in church and working in the community. Transition Team needs to get together again.
- b. Council meeting in July? Council will decide @ June meeting.

16. New Business:

- a. Church run Bingo for Hoedown
Pres. Larry Jerviss said Jim Edwards is willing to chair Bingo again. Eileen suggested to find out from Jim schedule so Karen can find helpers for the event. Amy asked if service hours can be done for confirmation students for this event. Everyone agrees “YES” they can. Eileen suggested that we vote on who the money should be given to in the community. The money will be split between two organizations in town. Have a sign-up sheet @ church to find people to help. Patrick mentioned gambling permit-Jim took care of last year. Krin will talk to Karen about Zelle and the gambling permit.

17. Open Discussion:

Eileen is wondering if anybody knows who our tech support person is? Krin said it is a firm out of Winona. Eileen is wondering if everything is being backed up on church laptops. Ryan Oian is person doing the tech support. Gayle will find out and report back if everything is being backed up.

18. Calendar –Up Coming events.....

- May 21 Triathlon
- May 22 High School Choir Concert in Sanctuary
- May 25 Stone Church Cleaning Day
- May 29 Start of summer schedule with worship
- May 30 Memorial Day
- June 13-14 Do Days
- June 21-Church Council Meeting
- June 25 W/ELCA Women’s Day at Good Earth Village
- July 19 Council
- July 24 Hoedown Queen Judging
- July 29-31 Hoedown

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Runnigen, Secretary
CROSS OF CHRIST CONGREGATION COUNCIL

