

**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
VOTERS MEETING MINUTES – November 12, 2023**

Chairman, Jamey Backus, called the meeting to order, meeting was opened with a prayer, 40 members signed the roster.

MOTION by Kevin Herrmann to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the February 2023 Voters Meeting, seconded by Robert Schriefer, motion carried.

Agenda presented via PowerPoint.

OLD BUSINESS:

- New snow blower provided to parsonage
- Will continue with same snow removal contractor as last year.

TREASURER'S AND FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT – Presented by Jamey on PowerPoint. A copy of the PowerPoint is attached.

Current Balances-Balances as of November 5, 2023

Checking	\$104,192
Building Fund	\$55,717
Sunday School	\$ 4,581
Music Fund	\$ 1,883
Thrivent Choice	\$20,532

Budget

Budget	\$176,999
Expenses	\$162,341
Income	\$173,149
Short (from budget)	\$ 3,850
Long (from actual)	\$ 10,808

MOTION by Casey Voigt to accept financial reports as presented, seconded by Jonathan Schlender, motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

LAY MINISTRY – Jonathan Schlender

- Discussed transfers into and out of Concordia
- List of released or withdrawn individuals
- List provided on attached power point

EVANGELISM – Vacant position, no report.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Terence Schmidt

- Thank you to those that are teaching Sunday School and Wednesday School.
- Wednesday lessons: Pastor Heller, Julie V. Melissa V.
- Sunday School: Anne R, Danielle M. Traci B.
- Christmas program will be held on Christmas Eve.
- If any interested in assisting with Christmas program, please reach out to Terry
- If you have children or grandchildren you would like to be part of the program, please reach out to Terry

LYF – Vacant position, no report

STEWARDSHIP – Vacant position, no report.

CHURCH PROPERTIES – Richard Simenson

- Air conditioning updated in parsonage
- Damage to gutters on main part of the church last winter. Obtained bids from 2 different companies from Bismarck. Upgraded with stronger gutters with supports to help prevent further issues. Insurance paid for \$12,000 in repairs. Water damage to records room, utility room, and men's bathroom. Had to repair drywall, studs, trim and paint. Company hired to come in and repair cracks. Monitoring repairs and so far have been successful. Out of pocket expense after insurance payment \$3,000
- Upgraded lighting in the Sunday school wing
- Upcoming repairs/updates include flooring replacements to parsonage
- Local exterminator hired to spray outside of church
- Parking lot maintenance schedule in process to prolong having to replace
- Thank you to Ray and those that help take care of the flowers
- Thank you to Kevin and those that help with grounds work

PARISH FELLOWSHIP – Nona Blaisdell

November 2022-November 2023

- Voter's meeting in November 2022
- Advent Potluck December 18, 2022
- Advent Soup and Sandwich: 3 served in December 2022
- Lent Soup and Sandwich: 6 served in Feb/March 2023
- Graduation Potluck May 7th, 2023
- 5 Funerals
- Voter's Meeting November 12, 2023
- Advent Potluck December 3, 2023
- Advent Soup and Sandwich starting December 6th- Group 1 to start (3 services)
- Funeral December 5, 2023
- Membership booklets in process of 1st print & then will be sent for pre-approval before finalized copy available.

PUBLIC RELATIONS – Ray Sorge

- Advertising in local papers for Lenten and Advent services
- Had good turnout for Trunk or Treat, which was held indoors due to poor weather. Thank you to all those that assisted with this.

MOTION by Kevin Hermann to approve the director's reports as presented, seconded by Richard Simenson, motion carried.

STATE OF PARISH REPORT – Pastor Heller – see attached report for details.

NEW BUSINESS

- Lay Ministry: Jonathan Schlender, Lyle Yeager, Chris Bonebrake
- Church Council Fellowship – Nona Blaisdell
- Public Relations – Ray Sorge
- Finance Committee – Casey Voigt

- Vacant positions: Evangelism, Young People's Work, Stewardship

MOTION by Kevin Hermann to accept the election of officers as above, seconded by Robert Schriefer, motion carried.

- Budget (see attached)

MOTION by Ray Sorge to accept the proposed budget as presented, seconded by Kevin Hermann, motion carried.

- Discussed use of Thrivent funds.
- Donation to Wittenberg at UND campus for new organ.
- Notification: City of Beulah redoing Main Street. Churches in community will be taxed to help pay for cost.

MOTION by Casey Voigt to adjourn meeting, seconded by Jonathan Schlender, closed with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany Sommerer, Secretary