

**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH  
VOTERS MEETING MINUTES – November 17, 2024**

Chairman, Jamey Backus, called the meeting to order, meeting was opened with a prayer, 43 members signed the roster.

MOTION by Ray Sorge to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the February 2024 Voters Meeting, seconded by Kevin Herrmann, motion carried.

Agenda presented via PowerPoint.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Special assessment for the city Main Street project this year was paid in full the amount of \$16,652.85. Note that this included parsonage (on 2 lots), church lot, as well as lot purchased last year. Initial assessment amount was over \$18,000 but was amended.
- Kevin attended meetings to keep church council informed and ensured accuracy of assessment.

**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 11, 2024

Checking	\$106,299
Building Fund	\$66,682
Sunday School	\$2,118
Music Fund	\$2,178
Thrivent Choice	\$20,586

**Budget**

Budget	\$183,831
Expenses	\$180,786
Income	\$198,642
Long(from budget)	\$14,811
Long (from actual)	\$17,856

MOTION by Bob Schriefer to accept financial reports as presented, seconded by Gerald Beiber, motion carried.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:**

**LAY MINISTRY** – Jonathan Schlender

- Mission fest held October 6<sup>th</sup>
- 2 Seminary students sponsoring/scholarship (\$500 each)
  - 2024-2025: Dylan Meyer (former Vicar at Zion Bismarck, ND)
  - 2025-2026: Nicholas Totenhagen (Vicar at Howard Lake, MN)
- New Chalice purchased this year. Chose stainless steel due to price and durability
- Elders whose terms are up
  - Eric Jeide
  - Marc Schriefer
  - Lucas Hartman

**EVANGELISM** – Vacant

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** – Terence Schmidt

- Appreciation for dedication to those that lead Wednesday and Sunday School
- Anne has volunteered to coordinate a Christmas program. Will take place on December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10am. Will need to recruit some additional kids for program.

**LYF – Anne Rosenow**

- We have 12-15 kids that come to Confirmation/Sunday School
- Working towards having once per month youth gatherings.
- Plans to attend LCMS Youth gathering in New Orleans, LA this upcoming year
- Youth group offered to help with projects needed for church

**STEWARDSHIP – Vacant**

**CHURCH PROPERTIES – Richard Simenson**

- Purchased Cub Cadet 54-inch lawn mower. Has cut mowing time in half.
- Roof issues, water leaking in nursery. Contractor came this fall and found area causing issue. There was an area with a gap in roofing that was repaired.
- Parsonage has repainting and flooring completed in the upstairs. Basement is in progress. Hoping to have completed in January/February.
- Parking lot maintenance-City of Beulah didn't have a company come this year. Working with a company out of Hebron to have sealed in the Spring.
- Fridge/freezer in church kitchen not working. Working on replacement
- Special thank you to Kevin, Ray, Terence, & Lucas and anyone that helped with grounds keeping, cleaning of the Church, and the parsonage updates.
- Looking into a more economical upgrade for the heaters in the Church

**PARISH FELLOWSHIP – Nona Blaisdell**

- 5 Funerals
- Served Voter's Meeting in February
- Served Lenten Soup and Sandwich
- Membership booklets were completed. If you didn't get yours or would like to buy one, please reach out to Nona
- Graduation potluck in May
- Navaly's family used church for graduation
- Served Kim Senske's Retirement Party
- Served Mission Fest brunch with LYF/LWML Sunday celebration
- Advent potluck December 8<sup>th</sup>. Thrivent will buy ham and buns. Congregation to bring potluck food.
- Advent Soup and Sandwich starts the first Wednesday in December.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS – Ray Sorge**

- Truck or Treat was very successful, we had many kids attend this year. Thank you to all those that helped with getting candy. Thank you to Richard and Aloha for getting hotdogs/buns
- Will get gifts for Angel tree this year. Working on getting names of kids/families
- Thank you to all those that helped with taking care of the flowers this year.

MOTION by Glenn Renner to approve the director's reports as presented, seconded by Doug Neuberger, motion carried.

**STATE OF PARISH REPORT – Pastor Heller – Report for January 1- October 31. see attached report for additional details.**

- Note One of Wednesday Lenten services was canceled and 2 services in Glen Ullin due to weather.
- Expressed appreciation for KRCC in our community and flexibility with maintaining care for those members there
- Looking for ideas for Mission Festival for 2025

## NEW BUSINESS

- Melissa has taken on the janitorial position for church.
- New Vacuum needed
- Budget (see attached)

MOTION by Carla Renner to accept the proposed budget as presented, seconded by Jonathan Schlender, motion carried.

- Election of officers:  
Vacancies: Stewardship, Finance (1), Evangelism

### 2 Year Term

Executive Director: Jamey Backus  
Assistant Director: Kevin Herrmann  
Church Properties: Richard Simenson  
Education: Terence Schmidt  
Secretary: Tiffany Sommerer  
Treasurer: Joslyn Frey

### 3 Year Term

Lay Ministry: Eric Jeide, Marc Schriefer, Lucas Hartman

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

MOTION by Aaron Rosenow to adjourn meeting, seconded by Kevin Herrmann, closed with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany Sommerer, Secretary