

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES**

Meeting date: 8/8/10

Call to Order – Lyle Gernand called the meeting to order at 12:08 pm.

Roll Call: X indicates member(s) not present

<input type="checkbox"/> Lyle Gernand	<input type="checkbox"/> Barb Brewster	<input type="checkbox"/> Jim Hegenbarth
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Veronica Rife	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt McCoy	<input type="checkbox"/> Pastor Scott
<input type="checkbox"/> Stephanie Andrews	<input type="checkbox"/> Kate Scott	<input type="checkbox"/> *Bill Holman
<input type="checkbox"/> Eric Peter	<input type="checkbox"/> Linda Woehrle	<input type="checkbox"/> **Christina Peter Youth Liaison

* Denotes Congregational Treasurer ** Denotes Youth Liaison

Devotions: Lyle Gernand led Devotions from the booklet, “Chosen and Sent”; today’s reading “God’s leaders are Fed.”

Approval of Minutes from previous Council Meeting: Kate Scott moved to accept the July Council Minutes. Linda Woehrle seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Bill Holman presented the Treasurer’s report for the period of 07/01/2010 – 07/31/2010. For the period ending 7/31/10 total income was \$10,918.97 and expenses were \$17,187.12. After reconciliation, ending account balances were as follows: Education/ Sabbatical Fund \$ 9,341.01; Your Community Bank Savings \$ 35,446.71; Non-Budgeted Checking

\$ 1,107.29, Faith Lutheran Church Checking \$ 8,845.92. Kate moved to file the Treasurer’s report subject to audit, Eric Peter seconded, motion passed.

Financial Secretary’s Report: Eric reported that we are currently running approximately a \$13,000 deficit of giving vs. expenses year to date. He recommended at this time we focus on conservation and stewardship. Jim Hegenbarth moved to accept, Barb Brewster seconded, motion passed.

President’s Report: The Alter Beautification project is progressing and on schedule. Lyle attended a staff meeting on August 5. Sunday School is still ongoing and they expect to start a new book on Rally Sunday, September 12. Thursday Bible Study begins September 9 at 1:00 and it will be a study of the book of Genesis.

Team Reports

Stewardship Team: Linda Woehrle compiled information from surveys that congregation members had previously completed. The compiled information will be provided to council members identifying members who had expressed interest in getting involved in certain areas. There was some discussion about the possibility of re-circulating the survey.

Worship & Music Team: Barb reported that we will go back to Setting 3 for Rally Day and then for Advent will change over to Setting 1. Barb will be out several Sundays beginning at the end of September through October, a replacement has been secured for all of those days with the exception of one. Council discussed options for that Sunday and will further talk to Pastor to make plans for how to handle music. While council discussed communion there was a suggestion/request for Altar Guild training in the future.

Property Management Team: Outside Fall clean up dates will be August 27-28. The Condra Memorial wiring is stubbed in. On September 6th 5-6 volunteers will be needed to help clean the Altar off. The sanctuary project is expected to take 4-5 days to complete and will be finished prior to Sunday, September 12th. The old Emma Schoen Hall doors are available to anyone who has any interest in them. If no interest is shown, they will be donated to Habitat for Humanity. The Emma Schoen project is expected to begin around October 19. After recently resealing of the lot, Jim suggested in the next budget that a budgeted line item be created for lot maintenance. The two heating and cooling units in the Narthex need work. One unit has not worked for some time and the other is starting to have problems. Jim is looking into repairs needed. Council discussed the copier expenses. The copier

budget for the year is \$4,325.00. Year to date copier expenses had been \$3495.17, this is approx 80% of what has been budgeted for the year. Jim has investigated the billing problems with the copier company and ways to reduce the monthly expenses associated with the copy machines. Council discussed the option of offering a strictly digital newsletter option to congregation members who want to go paperless. Lyle requested to see a copy of the Augsburg insert to see if it would be comparable to the inserts being prepared.

Christian Education Team: Carol Taylor is looking for four Sunday School teachers to teach in a rotating schedule. Sunday School will be thought during Church Service. If interested, please contact Carol Taylor.

Youth: Three youth from Faith attended the picnic sponsored by the South Central Conference on Sunday 8/1/2010. Four youth from Faith went with youth from the South Central Conference to Holiday World last week. The Youth South Central Conference Pool Party at the Taylor's home will be August 29, 2010. The Faith youth group will be going to the Taylor's home following Church service for a youth meeting prior to the Pool Party. Volunteers are needed for Desserts in the Park. Council heard feedback regarding the Youth Sunday School class provided by the Youth Liaison. Council discussed what was presented.

Parish Life & Outreach Team: Matt McCoy is putting together the Rally Day event. The event will be pitch in. No meat is being provided. A signup sheet will be posted.

Mutual Ministry Team: No Report.

Volunteer Coordinator: The majority of volunteer spots have been filled for the month of August.

Evangelism Team: Virginia Clements is planning to host a dinner for Council and Evangelism team members to discuss and plan for making home visits in pairs. This dinner is TBD. Currently there have been 24 potential households that have been identified. Linda Woehrle will create and send an invitation to these households inviting them to Rally Day.

Pastor's Report: The Eli Lilly Center for Congregations in Seymour Indiana will be hosting a speaking series dealing with acquiring and keeping new members. The first in the series is "Discipleship and Assimilation" with Charles Lake on August 26 from 11:00am – 1:00pm. The second will be September 20 from 11:00 – 1:00 where Janet Brown will talk about "The Art and Science of Assimilating New Members". The last speaking event will be October 21 where Bob Russell will discuss the topic "Growing your Church". The cost is \$10 per person, per speaking engagement and includes lunch and a book. Pastor and other church members are planning to attend and will leave from the church at 10:00. Pastor visited Billie Williams this past week and is providing communion twice a month.

Old Business:

Acolyte training will be September 1, 2010. Assistant training will be September 26, 2010. Watch your bulletin for further information. A meeting will be set up for a Thrivent Representative to speak with interested members of the Congregation. Council discussed the bulletins. Council discussed the beautification project and adjustments to the Sanctuary that will be needed as a result.

New Business:

The youth recently lost \$1,300 in funding that they normally received from Thrivent due to policy changes. Carol Taylor has inquired about creating a line item in the future budget to make up for this shortfall.

Lyle Gernand adjourned the meeting at 3:04 pm. Next Council meeting: September 19th

Minutes faithfully submitted,

Stephanie Andrews