

Church Council
February 18, 2016

- Call to order – John Paul Crawford
- Devotion and Prayer
 - Lead by Randi Ladolcetta. A Devotion on John 1:35-39 – What are you seeking? Three questions were discussed: What is your purpose in seeking to follow Jesus? When was the last time you carved out significant time to listen and learn from Jesus? When can you make some time this week to listen and learn from Jesus?
- Introduction & welcome - John Duarte
 - John discussed what led him to Lord of Life and how he's excited to see where Jesus takes him now that he is a part of Council.
- Dwelling in the Word – Luke 4:14-30
 - The reading as read by Erica and John Paul. Discussion related the text to the time of Palm Sunday and Easter, everyone loved Jesus as he entered the city, but three days later wanted him crucified. We also discussed how they focused on the miracles and not the person, as well as how Jesus performed and stood for others.
- Prayer of Discernment – led by Pastor Skip
 - Pastor started with a reading on Where is God inviting and leading us? We can lose seekers in the business of busyness. We prayed as well as took time to listen to Jesus. Discussion after centered on small group bible studies. Which we will continue to pray about this. We also talked about how God may not come when you want him but he'll be right on time. John Paul also brought to us:
 - **Fear**
 - **Ain't**
 - **In**
 - **This**
 - **House**
- De-Briefed Annual Meeting
 - Meeting went well, errors from last year's meeting have been updated as well as this year's notes.
- Ministry Fair
- Hill Country Community Ministries Member Status Renewal
 - Will be joining and gaining Member Status. We will continue to donate food, as well as make a yearly donation of \$500, per the Evangelism Ministry's approval.
 - Erica will be bringing council's proposal to the Evangelism meeting, after which Randi will mail the form.
- Transfer of Membership: Ben, Katie, Austin, & Sophie Eckermann to Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church (ELCA), Austin, TX
 - Mark made a motion
 - Erica seconded
 - All approved
- Executive Session
- Council Retreat Follow-up
 - We will hold a special meeting specifically to discuss the retreat. The meeting will be held March 6 after late service.
- Council Meeting March
 - The March council meeting will be held March 21 at 6:30pm to accommodate spring break schedules.
 - Randi will update church calendar
- Closing Prayer Led by Pastor Skip
- Adjournment