

## Lord Of Life Lutheran Church Council Minutes March 21, 2016 6:30-9:00 P.M.

Members Present: John Paul Crawford, John Duarte, Mark Waggoner, Erica Smith and Pastor Skip

Opening Prayer by Pastor

Devotional by John Duarte: Avoiding the Cross: Unwilling to Suffer

John Paul thanked for answered prayers for his granddaughter's recovery.

Dwelling in the Word Luke 4:13-30 Read by John Paul and Erica. Discussion followed about what the Spirit laid on our hearts as we read and listened to the verses this time. The Spirit uses us miraculously sometimes when we don't even know it. Jesus brings intentionality to the bringing in of "outsiders".

Progress on Roadmaps and Spirit Action Items

1. To be more welcoming, we'd like to consider manners or website banners that state: Happy Black History Month, Happy Women's History Month, Happy Diwali, Happy Holi, Happy Cinco de Mayo, Happy Hispanic History Month, Happy Asian-Pacific History Month, etc. to celebrate other cultures in our space and worship services.
2. Let's pick a date and time for the steel drum band service! Outside in the evening would make it inviting and welcoming to the neighborhood. Grilling?
3. Erica contacted the Hindu temple in Cedar Park to begin dialogue.
4. John Paul meets with Roadmap cohort (leadership conference follow-up) on March 31.

5. John Paul will complete application for LOL to become a Reconciling Church (openly welcoming LGBTQ people) within 30 days.
6. Pastor would like to know who has completed a spiritual gifts survey and who has refused. John Paul will ask Randi about the surveys. Mark will work with John Paul to approach those who haven't completed a survey.
7. Discussion of Committing to Active Membership around Pentecost. Mark and Erica will pray about having members sign commitment cards. Cards may have name, ministry membership, other marks of discipleship.

### Discerning Prayer and Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,  
Erica Smith