

Lord of Life Lutheran Church Council Meeting  
December 15, 2016

Members present: Pastor Skip Wachsmann, John Paul Crawford, Erica Smith, Mark Waggoner  
Members absent: Randi Ladiocetta, John Duarte

6:35 P.M. Call to Order by John Paul

“Sorrow and Sighing Shall Flee Away” Devotional by Mark from Isaiah 25 and 35

Dwelling in the Word: Luke 1: 46-55

God used Mary, an outsider, to deliver his awesome message. How do we as insiders, powerful people, experience and express such jubilation as Mary did in these verses? Maybe by advocating for the powerless, the others, as scripture urges us to do repeatedly.

Discerning Prayer

Council is a ministry focused on the mission: Learn, Love, Live: God’s Word, God’s Will, God’s Way, and vision of the church led by the Holy Spirit. Day to day operations of the congregation are carried out by ministry teams: Worship, Education, Evangelism and Outreach, Finance, Congregational Life, Youth, and Property.

Finance team query: Does council recommend salary increases? No, it’s under education for our nursery attendant, worship ministry team for our minister of music, and pastor for our office manager to recommend salary increases after performance reviews before the budget is proposed. Council recommends the Ministry of Finance meet with pastor to discuss compensation. It’s Finance Team’s annual responsibility to ask ministry teams for recommendations regarding compensation.

Recruitment of Communication Cluster Coordinators:

Marge Kretschmar for cluster 2 (78727 and 78729)

Amy Hart for cluster 4 (78730, 78731, 78750, 78757, 78758, 78759)

Jennifer Rosas for cluster 3 (78613)

John Duarte will follow up on cluster 6

Erica will follow up on cluster 5

Mark will follow up on cluster 1

Orientation meeting with council for coordinators on Jan. 8 or 15

Discussed agenda for the Annual Congregational Meeting planned for Jan. 22, 2017 after late service. Pastor will email out final agenda for our input. Please have letters and reports for the packet by Jan. 8. John Paul will write up a council letter.

Action Items:

Council needs to call a special meeting before the regularly scheduled Jan. 19 meeting to approve the proposed budget to go to the congregation.

Council invites all the congregation to a meeting about the mission of the church and a question and answer session about how and why we are becoming an ELCA Reconciled Church (openly inviting gay, lesbian, transgender, bi-sexual, questioning and their allies) in February. Please read our framed charter where we declare we are a welcoming and inclusive church. The Reconciled Church process for LOLLC began with the vitality study that the congregation completed over a year ago, but God planted the seed for this a long time ago.

Approve the transfer of membership of Bob and Linda Lane to Immanuel, Pflugerville  
Approve the transfer of membership of Hodges and Eun Ju Martin from St. Phillips United Methodist Church

Erica seconded. Approved by unanimous vote.

Closing Prayer by Pastor

Adjourn at 9:35 P.M.