

## BOARD OF ELDERS

### Crown of Life Lutheran Church

#### Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2019

The meeting opened at 8:34 with a prayer by Pastor Phill. All Elders and Pastor Gary were present.

#### Bible Study

- Pastor Gary led a discussion on Chapter 8 of Called to Believe, Teach and Confess: An Introduction to Doctrinal Theology, by Stephen Mueller; the November Chapter for discussion will be Chapter 16, The Means of Grace.

#### Prior Meeting's Minutes

- The minutes from the May 7, 2019 meeting were approved.

#### Pastor's Report

- LWML weekend is October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. The Old Testament will be read by members of LWML. Candles will be lighted by an Elder or male Usher.
- A new pastor has been installed at Fountain of Life Lutheran Church.
- At the Regional Pastors Conference held the last week of September numerous topics were discussed:
  - District 24 has sufficient financial resources to call a Mission Facilitator
  - Mike Gibson was elected the new District President.
  - There has been 28 Vicars/Pastors called to the District. About ½ are Ministry Vicars/Pastors (not attending a full 4 year Ministry school at either St Louis or Ft Wayne). The need is high for clergy were currently there are 110 vacancies and only 42 freshmen at St Louis and Ft Wayne combined.
  - Member Status Update- Since January, there have been 12 members who left the congregation, 20 were removed and 14 passed into their heavenly home. We currently have 684 active members.

#### Elders Reports

- All reports were succinct with pertinent issues discussed.

#### Council Report

- As of August 31st: Budget receipts \$540,670; Actual receipts \$552,678; Budgeted expenses \$552,333; Actual expense \$534,360. YTD receipts have exceeded expenses by \$18,318.

#### Current Month Communion

- For October, Joel is the Duty Elder.
- Reformation Saturday is the 26<sup>th</sup> -Tom L. is the Crucifer & Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> Paul Brown is the Crucifer.
- Tom L. will replace Chris on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.
- October 5<sup>th</sup> Duane will substitute for Ed K.

#### Old Business

- A discussion was undertaken and a new procedure was agreed upon as to how cards and letters will be mailed by Church Staff.
- Ed K discussed the coming Salvation Army Christmas Bell Charity Drive. It was agreed that an announcement would be placed in the Bulletin and shown on the overhead to open the opportunity for all church members to volunteer for the early December Salvation Army Bell Charity Drive. It takes 5 people minimum to cover a single 10 hour day (2 hours/shift). Ed would like to reserve two days in early December and ultimately will need at least 10 volunteers. A signup will be set up at the Information Booth and 2 dates, potentially a Monday and a Thursday will be reserved for COL participation.

### **New Business**

- The Fall Voters meeting is scheduled for after the 9:00 am service on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Ron Mara will give the Elder report in Tom Leshney's absence.
- The 2020 Elder church service schedule is being prepared.
- 2020 Initiatives.
  - Elders will continue in 2020 the outreach to the parishioners through birthday cards, anniversary cards, letters and e-mails.
  - For 2020 Elders will have a greater outreach to the home bound, "strength in time of need" and others listed in the weekly bulletin along with those included in the prayer e-mail listing.
- Term limited losses / replacements - 2 current Elders are being "Termed" out, Ron Mara and Ernie Schmidt. Tom L. and Pastor Phill are working toward filling the upcoming vacancies. Multiple applicants are being interviewed for consideration as new sitting Elders.
- The new Elders will receive training in a Spiritual Component expanding their participation in the church. They will be mentored in their interaction with church members and guided into a deeper understanding of their walk with Christ towards a Spirit Filled-Spirit Lead life.
- The 2020 Budget preparation will be underway shortly and input from all Ministry areas will be requested and used in preparing the financial goals for Crown of Life.

### **Comments for the Good of the Order**

- Happy birthday to Dene Munzinger on the 8<sup>th</sup> and Harry on the 19<sup>th</sup>; Happy anniversary to Harry and Cheryl on the 8<sup>th</sup>; and Ron and Nora on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Next Meeting**

November 5, 2019 at 8:30 AM.

- The closing prayer will be led by Ron.

### **Closing Prayer**

- Duane

The meeting closed at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Chris Beck*

Chris Beck, Elder Secretary