

BOARD OF ELDERS
Crown of Life Lutheran Church
Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2021

The meeting opened at 8:21 AM with a prayer by Pastor Gary. All Elders were present.

Prior Meeting's Minutes

- The minutes from the February 2, 2021 Elders Meeting were approved as published.

Bible Study

- Called to Believe, Teach and Confess: An Introduction to Doctrinal Theology, by Stephen Mueller; Chapter 20, The Church, starting at page 397, Two opposite errors, **unionism** and **syncretism** was discussed by all.
- Chapter 22, The Christian in society will be the topic for the April 6, 2021 Meeting

Pastor's Report

- Collection procedures are changing. During the message, the Ushers will be combining all the offering plates and delivering two offering plates to the alter (during the Offertory) for presentation by the Pastor's.
- Pastor's will be leaving at the end of service and going outside, to help move the Church toward a slow normalcy.
- Pew seating has been changed. The blue tape has been removed and laminated signs have been placed to indicate the proper seating for social distancing. Pastor does not know when the use of masks and social distancing will change. Even with two vaccinations the CDC wants everyone to continue the existing protocols.
- Home Communion – it is slowly increasing with both Pastors delivering Communion to house bound members.
- Holy Week Schedule: Maundy Thursday will have one service at 4:00 PM based on the Pastors belief that there is adequate seating available. Due to COVID 19 restrictions there will NOT be a sunrise service at 6:00 AM, outside. The service will be changed to an indoor service at 7:30 AM. The service will have a singing soloist. Ushers are desperately needed for all Easter Sunday services.
- White gloves are available in Pastor Gary's office for the Elders to use.
- Discussion is underway to look at starting Loafs & Fishes. In the past this was set up to help members returning home from surgery or hospital stays. Kathy Beilstein is heading the effort.

- Members have wondered about the “Pastoral Search” monies set aside in the 2021 Budget. The monies are being set aside for a “future” need. None of our Pastors are leaving at this time and the fund was set up to prepare for the potential search in years to come.
- Members have had very positive comments with regards to the including of the weekly Bulletin in the e-mail for use by those watching Church services on YouTube.
- Pastor Phill is looking into the eventual “live streaming” of Church services. If instituted, the 9:00 AM service would be “live streamed” and recorded for those who wish to watch at a later time. The final decision time frame is not yet clear, issues need to be worked out first.
- Church Theft: The insurance company is in the process of replacement of items stolen during the break-in.
- Lowell Janssen indicated Pastor Phill’s sermon at a non-member funeral encouraged 3 new members to join Crown of Life.

Elder Zone Reports

- Reports succinct with only pertinent issues were discussed. No attendance reports available due to current COVID 19 protocols.
- Elders were asked to inform each of their Zone members as to the availability of help, in both Spiritual and physical matters, all they need do is ask.
- Elders were requested to remind COL members that March 6 & 7 is the first weekend of the month and therefore a St. Mary’s Food drive weekend. Also, LWML Mites will be collected this same weekend.

Council Report

Ending January, 2021: Actual receipts: \$71,311 Actual expenses: \$51,184
 Budget receipts: \$69,325 Budget expenses: \$68,251

Current Month Communion

MARCH 2021 Duty Elder: Lowell Janssen

Mar. 6 th	Saturday	4:00 PM	Lowell J. & Al S.
Mar. 14 th	Sunday	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Lowell J. & Tom J. Tom M & Henry
Mar. 20 th	Saturday	4:00 PM	Lowell J. & Al S.

Mar. 27 th	Saturday	4:00 PM	Lowell J & Paul
Mar. 28 th	Palm Sunday	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Lowell J & Duane Tom J. & Tom M.

- **Wednesday Lenten Services 4:00 PM 3/3, 3/10, 3/17 & 3/24**
- **New Member @ 10:30 Services March 21st**
- Elder meeting March 2nd @ 8:30 am

APRIL 2021 Duty Elder: Ed M.

- **The Second Service for Maundy Thursday has been deleted per Pastors request based on available seating for the 4:00 PM Service**

Apr. 1 st	Maundy Thursday	4:00PM 7:00 PM	Ed M. & Ron M. Paul & Tom J.
Apr. 3 rd	Saturday (Easter Weekend)	4:00 PM	Chris - Crucifer
Apr. 4 th	Easter Sunday (No Communion)	6:00 AM 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Ed M. Ron M. – Crucifer 9:00 AM Tom J. - Crucifer 10:30 AM
Apr. 10 th	Saturday	4:00 PM	Ed M. & Lowell J.
Apr. 11 th	Sunday	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Chris & Ron M. Ed M. & Tom J.
Apr. 17 th	Saturday	4:00 PM	Ed M. & Lowell J.
Apr. 25 th	Sunday	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Ed M. & Duane Tom J. & Joel

- Sunday, April 18th is the Spring Voters Meeting after 8:00 AM service.
- Elder meeting April 6th @ 8:30 AM

Old Business:

- YouTube video presentation format – minor problems have occurred, but are being dealt with.
- Distribution of offering envelopes – Since all the Elders have e-mailed their respective Zone members the remaining envelope packets will be placed in the Church closet.
- New Member Letters – The Elders indicated that they in fact have all updated their New Member introduction letters with Holly as requested.
- Holly supplied each of the Elders with their updated Zone information.

New Business:

- Holy Week Schedule:
 - Maundy Thursday will have 1 service at 4:00 PM
 - As discussed earlier, Easter Sunday 6:00 AM service will be moved to an indoor service at 7:30 AM.

Notices among the group:

Happy Anniversary to Duane and Cookie on the 14th

Closing prayer: Tom Johnson

Next meeting: April 6, 2021

Closing prayer for April: Lowell Janssen

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 AM

Respectfully submitted:

Chris Beck

Elder Secretary