

Board of Elders
Crown of Life Lutheran Church
Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2021

The meeting opened at 8:30 AM with a prayer by Pastor Phill. Pastor Gary and all the Elders except Al Stoudemire were present.

Prior Meeting Minutes – The minutes from the March 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 22, The Christian in Society was discussed by all.

- Next month's discussion will be Chapter 19, Prayer

Pastor's Report:

- 170 attended the Maundy Thursday Service, 189 attended the 4:00PM and 98 attended the 7:00 PM Good Friday services. There were 177 at the 4:00 PM Easter Saturday service, there were 65 at the 7:30 AM, 216 at the 9:00 AM and 190 at the 10:30 AM Easter service. On line viewership is still running over 300/service.
- Pastor reported that the Spring Voters meeting will be held in the Church Sanctuary on May 2nd following the 9:00 AM service.
- Pastor reported that there was a new vacancy on the Church Council. Filling of the position will be discussed at the April Council Meeting for presentation at the spring voters meeting on May 2nd.
- New CDC guidelines eliminate the need to wipe down hard surfaces. Pastor will notify the congregation of the changes ASAP so after Service pew wipe down will not have to take place.

- With the down turn of COVID 19 cases and the increase in vaccine distribution; **starting May 1st**, COL will no longer require masks. Mask wearing will be strictly voluntary. Social distancing will remain in effect. Hymnals will be placed in the pews along with the distribution of offertory plates. Pastor will notify the congregation prior to May 1st.
- Elders, after coordination with Pastor, were requested to help notify the congregation through the Daily Devotional Thought about the changes associated with new CDC Guidelines.
- **Starting June 1st**, social distancing will not be required. Individual decisions can be made as to appropriate separation. Communion will be distributed at the Communion rail.

Elder Zone reports:

- Tom Mertins is substituting as Duty Elder for Duane Rawson in May, 2021
- Duane Rawson is substituting as Duty Elder for Tom Mertins in September, 2021
- Duane is substituting for Tom Johnson on April 11 at the 10:30AM service.
- Ed and Sharon Kristof have agreed to send out the daily Devotional Thoughts for Duane during May in his absence.
- The Elder schedule shows Communion on Saturday, April 11, 2021. This was a mistake in the schedule as Saturday Communion is the 1st and 3rd Saturday.

APRIL 2021 Duty Elder: Ed M.

Apr. 1 st	Maundy Thursday	4:00PM	Ed M. & Ron M.
		7:00 PM	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	Ed M.
		9:00 AM	Ron M. - Crucifer 8:00 AM
		10:30 AM	Tom J. - Crucifer 10:30 AM
Apr. 10th	Saturday	4:00 PM	Ed M. & Lowell J.
Apr. 11 th	Sunday	9:00 AM	Chris & Ron M.
		10:30 AM	Ed M. & Tom J. - Duane
Apr. 17 th	Saturday	4:00 PM	Ed M. & Lowell J.
Apr. 25 th	Sunday	9:00 AM	Ed M. & Duane
		10:30 AM	Tom J. & Joel

~~April 18th~~ **May 2nd** is the Spring Voters Meeting after ~~8:00~~ **9:00** AM service.

Elder meeting April 6th @ 8:30 AM

Council report:

- Budget receipts \$137,401 Actual receipts \$138,694
- Budget expenses \$136,503 Actual expenses \$101,573
- Mission board sent \$10,000 to Texas district for plumbing repairs to churches damaged during recent storms.

Old Business:

- A new updated Elder Duty Schedule will be forwarded to all Elders to include the most recent changes.

New Business:

- Elders serving as ushers, greeters during any given service – A discussion was undertaken to inform the Elders and Pastors to the need for more help to meet the needs of having Greeters at every service. With limited volunteers there needs to be a consideration by Elders and Ushers to meet the needs of Greeting the attending members. It was agreed that the Elders needed to make more of an effort to “Press the Flesh” when they were on duty for Communion services. Pastor reminded the Elders to be aware of the needs of the church family and take a more active role when it comes to greeting and Ushering.
- Elders’ meetings summer schedule – It was discussed and agreed that the Elders would meet in person for the May, 2021 meeting, they would meet via Zoom for the June, 2021 meeting and any July, August or September meeting will be determined at the June Meeting.
- The Church Council is undertaking a review for a modification for service times of the Church Council and Elders time of service. Because of overlapping terms, it has caused a problem with the length of service for new officers. A change hopefully will put less strain on new officers and allow them time in office to facilitate the learning curve to help with their specific office.

Group notices: Joel/Karen anniversary on 3rd, Cookie’s b-day on 7th

April Closing Prayer: Lowell Janssen

Next meeting: May 4, 2021

May Closing prayer - Ed Michel

Meeting adjourned at 9:48 AM

Respectfully submitted:

Chris Beck

Elder Secretary