

## **BOARD OF ELDERS**

### **Crown of Life Lutheran Church**

#### Meeting Minutes (Final)

May 3, 2022

The meeting opened at 8:32 AM with a prayer by Pastor Phill.

Pastor Gary was in attendance along with the following Elders: Tom Mertins, Tim Krueger, Ron Mara, Al Stoudemire, Gerry Harpt, Henry Munzinger, Jeff Holmes, Paul Brown, Carl Browning and Chris Beck. Elders absent were Dave Sawyer and Lowell Janssen.

#### **Prior Meeting's Minutes**

- The April 5th minutes were approved as written.

#### **Bible Study**

- "Lutheranism 101", Chapter 4 "It's All About Jesus – Part 2" was discussed in depth by all. Chapter 5 "It's the End of the World as We Know IT" will be discussed at the October 4, 2022 Elder meeting with Tim Krueger leading the discussion. It was suggested that the Elders listen to the Sermon by Matthew Harrison regarding "Only Jesus: A sermon for the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the LCMS".

#### **Pastor's Report**

- The recent discussion and potential verdict by the US Supreme Court for Roe vs. Wade was discussed by all.
- May 10<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for reserving a seat at the luncheon for Pastor Gary. The luncheon takes place on May 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM.
- Pastor Mark Aires and his wife Barbie will be at Crown of Life on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> to meet members of Crown of Life. They have a busy itinerary for Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday morning before they fly back home.
- Mount Zion Lutheran Church call committee meeting is Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Phill will be attending.
- Pastor indicated that the concert this past Sunday (May 3<sup>rd</sup>) by Sounds of the Southwest was well attended.
- The Church Council is assigning the Finance Committee with new duties and responsibilities. Meetings will take place this summer with the Co-chair of the Treasure to officiate.
- A member requested that Pastor consider setting time aside at the end of each service whereby people wishing to have a special prayer said for a loved one be discussed and prayed for with Pastor at the end of the service near the Alter. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the existing Prayer Chain is more than adequate to meet any and all of the prayer needs by the membership.
- When a name is place in the bulletin indicating an ongoing need for prayer and that person no longer has that need, all they need do is request that their name be removed from the bulletin. Just call the office to initiate.
- Pastor Phill will be gone May 21 and 22.
- Wednesday Bible Study will continue through the summer with Pastor Phill leading.
- A request was made to again investigate the ability to have services piped through speakers in the bathrooms and outside speakers. Pastor indicated that he will follow-up and investigate.

## Elder Zone Reports

- All reports were succinct with pertinent issues discussed. Monthly reports were available.
- Elders were reminded to e-mail Holly any request for Church Letters to be sent to membership. In addition, they need to follow-up 30 days later to ensure, if necessary, a second letter is sent.

## Council Report

Financials were presented:	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Income:	\$215,354	\$253,706
Expenses	\$211,176	\$198,840

Greg Harwood, Treasurer, presented an in-depth report on current financial status and changes to accounts that have been made to better “align” funds with common goals.

## Old Business

- Food bank collection and delivery to St. Mary’s Food Bank (off Dysart and Grand Ave- 13050 W Elm St, Surprise, AZ) will be delivered for the months of May, June, July and August by Ed Michel. If for some reason he is unable to carry out this service during these months of Dave Sawyer’s absence, he will let Tom Mertins know so a volunteer can be found to complete the necessary collections and deliveries.
- Retirement events for Pastor Gary – Tuesday, May 10, 2022 is the cutoff to reserve a seat for the May 29<sup>th</sup> luncheon. Sunday, May 22, 2022, after the 9:00 AM service, there will be cake and coffee. Sunday, May 29, 2022 at 1:00 PM there will be a luncheon at Palm Ridge.
- Update on the Call Committee for Associate Pastor: As decided at the Special Voters meeting held on April 3 a call was sent out to Reverend Mark Airey. Pastor Airy and his wife Barbara are making a site visit the weekend of May 6<sup>th</sup> to May 9<sup>th</sup>. Meetings will take place with the Church Council, Pastor Phill and a “meet and greet” after the 4:00 PM and 9:00 AM services.

## New Business

- Elders’ schedule updates for May, June and July. These are extra Elders needed to cover the communion services in addition to those already scheduled:
  - 5/21/22 – 4:00 PM Service Jeff Holmes
  - 5/22/22 – 9:00 AM Service Henry Munzinger
  - 6/4/22 – 4:00 PM Service Carl Browning
  - 6/12/22 – 9:00 AM Service Henry Munzinger
  - 6/18/22 – 4:00 PM Service Ron Mara
  - 6/26/22 – 9:00 AM Service Paul Brown
  - 7/10/22 – 9:00 AM Service Paul Brown
- Elders who will NOT be available over the summer and winter months:
  - Tom Mertins 6/3 – 6/11
  - Carl Browning 6/13 -7/1; 8/15 – 9/22; 1/4/23 – 2/24/23
  - Chris Beck 5/12 – 9/7
  - Dave Sawyer 5/1 – 8/18
  - Lowell Janssen 5/1 – 10/1
  - Tim Krueger 6/1 – 10/1
  - Jeff Holmes 7/21 – 8/19

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

Upcoming Birthdays: Tom M (5/13), Ron Mara (5/16), Lowell J, Dave S, Paul Brown, Pastor Gary, Gerry H

Upcoming Anniversaries: Tom M, Chris B, Dave S, Paul B, Pastor Gary

### **Next Meeting**

Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 8:30 AM. The closing prayer will be led by Tim Krueger

### **Closing Prayer today:**

- Jeff Holmes
- The meeting closed at 10:01 AM

Respectfully submitted:

*Chris Beck*

Elder Secretary