

BOARD OF ELDERS

Crown of Life Lutheran Church

Meeting Minutes (Final)

October 4, 2022

The meeting opened at 8:28 AM with a prayer by Pastor Phill.

Pastor Mark 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, Dave Sawyer, Lowell Janssen and Chris Beck.

Prior Meeting's Minutes

- The May 3, 2022 minutes were approved as written.

Bible Study

- "Lutheranism 101", Chapter 5 "It's the End of the World as We Know It" was discussed in depth by all. Pastor Mark Airey lead the discussion. Chapter 6 "The Last Stop" will be discussed at the November 8, 2022 Elder meeting with Pastor Mark leading the discussion.

Pastor's Report

- "Reaching Out", care for church member is being combined into "Care Ministry". This is made up of Grief Share, Stephen Ministries, LWML, and Prayer Chain. Pastor Mark is heading the committee. Christine Escobar, current head of Grief Ministry will become the Care Ministry Coordinator. Roll out will be in November with info tables in the Narthex for members to see.
- Sunday service will remain at the single 9:00 AM time slot. In case of future need, Elder duty schedule will include coverage for a 2nd Sunday Service if it becomes necessary January through April.
- New member class will be the last Saturday in October and the first Saturday in November.
- November 12th will be a very busy service: new member induction, a baptism and an afternoon Concert will take place.
- Prayers in church will be limited to members and members direct family. Others should be passed onto the Prayer Chain to be included in their weekly prayer listing.
- If any member has Pastoral Care needs, please let the Pastor's know so that they can follow through.
- October 8th is the Circuit Forum annual meeting. A lay delegate is requested to accompany Pastor. Dave Sawyer agreed to be the lay delegate. Paul Brown will be attending with his son.
- A discussion took place regarding talking before church. It was agreed that this is a very friendly church and members use the time before service to catch up with each other, so talking and visiting will not be a problem.

- A friendly reminder for all Elders, Ushers, Greeters and members, seats in the church are not assigned. You do not own a place setting at church, so if someone is sitting in your previous weeks seat, DO NOT ASK THEM TO MOVE, you can find another wonderful place to sit.

Elder Zone Reports

- All reports were succinct with pertinent issues discussed. Monthly reports were available.
- Al Stoudemire thanked everyone for their kindness and love shown for Lucy's health problems. Al said that the outpouring was astounding and humbling.

Council Report – Through August, 2022

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| Financials were presented: | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> |
| Income: | \$522,273 | \$614,661 |
| Expenses | \$563,140 | \$534,684 |

Old Business

- Changes to Elder service schedules – October 9th, Paul Brown is substituting for Tim Krueger; November 5th, Chris Beck is substituting for Dave Sawyer

New Business

- Election of Elder Duty officers for 2023: Nominees: Tom Mertins, President, Ron Mara, Vice President, Chris Beck, Secretary. Lowell Janssen moved to elect all applicants to their respective offices, the motion was seconded and a unanimous approval was given.
 - Carl Browning will be serving out the last year of Tom Johnsons term.
 - Lowell Janssen will be finishing his 1st term in December and requested to be taken off Elder duty for at least a year. Tom Mertins indicated he will do his best to find a replacement.
 - Al Stoudemire will finish his 1st term as an Elder this December, he agreed to run again for a 2nd three-year term.
 - Paul Brown will be leaving as an Elder this December (he is finishing his final 2nd term). Tom Mertins and Pastor Phill are reviewing potential candidates.
- Pastor Airey suggested that the Elders receive a copy of "The Caring Elder" as a training manual. Elders agreed it would be good to have one and Pastor Phill will have Holly order enough copies for each Elder to have one.
- Chris Beck suggested having a congregational survey regarding Elder Duties. The subject was discussed and determined to be unnecessary.
- The Elder Sponsored food drive for Saint Mary's Food Bank is doing great. Dave Sawyer requested that NO GLASS CONTAINERS be donated (due to possible breakage during transport).
- The Ushers 2023 Schedule will be prepared in November.
- Pastor Phill was praised for his sermon on Woman's Work in the Church. This is always a tough subject to present, but the use of Scripture to support the Churches position was much appreciated.

- Upcoming year Elder Service Schedule – All Elders are asked to review their current schedule for 2022 and be prepared to present, in writing before the November 1st Elder Meeting, any changes necessary for the 2023 Elder Duty Schedule (times away, vacation, etc.). The 1st draft of the Elder Duty Schedule for 2023 will be prepared in November.
- An updated contact list will be prepared to include Pastor Mark’s information and any updated presented at the meeting.
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Comments for the Good of the Order

Birthday and Anniversaries Additions:

Carl Browning 3/12 birthday, 3/30 Anniversary

Pastor Mark 12/1 birthday, July 13 Anniversary

Upcoming Anniversaries: Ron and Lenora Mara October 20th (18 yrs);

Pastor Phill and Hollis Robbins October 22nd (50 yrs);

Lowell and Ginett Janssen October 29th (28 yrs)

Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 8:30 AM. The closing prayer will be led by Tom Mertins

Closing Prayer today:

- Tim Krueger
- The meeting closed at 10:06 AM

Respectfully submitted:

Chris Beck

Elder Secretary