

Calvary Lutheran Church (CLC)
Council Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2021

Council meeting called to order at 11:35 a.m.

Council members present were Cheryl Chapman, Bill Eldridge, Doug Thrash, Nancy May, and Jessica Gromer. Staff present were Pastors David Piper and Becky Piper, and CLC Business Manager Kathy Miller.

Council members absent were Kerk Kerkenbusch, Jeff Schleusener, and Kirsten Aasen.

Staff reports were not presented.

Gromer led a devotional about tolerance and patience.

At 11:51 a.m. the minutes of the last meeting were approved by consensus.

Business Meeting

Miller presented the financial report. Cumulative annual donations for 2021 through August for regular offerings were about 12% higher than last year. Witness expenses increased because of television costs. Less was spent on payroll (about 2%) because fewer people were on the payroll because vacant positions were not yet filled. No report changes were noted. *At 12:06 p.m., the financial report was approved by consensus.*

Council President report:

- Bibles in pews. Chapman asked Eldridge to present an update on bibles in pews. About 136 pew bibles were purchased with 16 of them in a comfort font for easy reading. Delivery is expected within a few weeks, and the comfort print bibles arrived at the church on Sep 20, 2021.
- *“Wellness initiative: Jessica Gromer volunteered to talk with the person selected by Chairman Chapman to lead the Wellness Initiative and provide her input.”*
- Chapman and Eldridge discussed church renovation projects including the narthex, fellowship hall, and offices that were sketched and proposed by a local architectural firm, TSP. Miller presented an option for funding the narthex and fellowship hall projects that used funds from various accounts to a total amount of \$122,500. Rationale for the renovation included 1) part of original building plan to continue improvements; 2) increased fellowship opportunities; 3) congregational input and voiced need; and 4) input from information gathering sessions. *At 1:02 p.m. a motion was made by May to approve the narthex construction in the Fall of 2021, to approve construction for the fellowship hall in the summer of 2022, and to reconsider office renovations after completion of the narthex and fellowship hall projects. Motion was seconded by Gromer. Motion was approved by consensus.*

Pastor Becky Piper mentioned that the Lutheran Social Services (LSS) named CLC as a church partner of the year and a luncheon will be on October 6.

Next meeting: Monday, October 4, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.