

OSSEO EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

November 8, 2017

**I The REGULAR MEETING OF THE OELC COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER** by President Betty Ward at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, November 8, 2017. Members present were: Carol Dodge, Dave Lundberg, Erin Everson, Jody Groell, John Haugen, Maria Paulus, and Thea Vojtik. Members absent were Brett Jensen, Mary Jo Halvorson, Traci Loonstra, and Caroline Tietjens. Church Staff present were: Pastor Terry Lorenz, Les Munnik, Molly Vold, and Deanna Klindworth.

**II DEVOTIONS were led by John Haugen**

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**III SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

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- Minutes from the October 11, 2017 Council meeting were reviewed. Motion made by John Haugen and seconded by Jody Groell to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

**IV TOPIC OF THE DAY (None)**

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**V STAFF REPORTS:**

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**A. Parish Administrator's Report:** Molly Vold

- Molly reviewed the "Bills To Be Paid" portion of the monthly financial report.
- Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2018.
- Committee Reports are due to Molly by December 1, 2017.
- The 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of OELC was discussed. The actual date is July 7, but this anniversary could be celebrated anytime in 2018. Suggestion was made to celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the fall, possibly on Reformation Sunday. Molly has samples of OELC's previous celebrations for reference. This topic will be revisited at a later date.

**B. Assistant Parish Administrator's Report:** Deanna Klindworth

- Deanna reviewed the month-end budget handouts that were provided to Council members prior to the December meeting.
- Motion made to approve the financial report was made by Erin Everson. Seconded by Maria Paulus. Motion carried.

**C. Pastor's Report:** Pastor Terry

- Council unanimously agreed that no outside fundraising will occur in church.
- Kingdom Kids Insurance: At this time OELC does not need to continue insurance coverage for the operation of KKCP. If KKCP starts operating again, we will need to inform the insurance company and resume coverage.
- Pickle Ball sign up is in the office. Since Pickle Ball will be played in the OELC gym during regular office hours, no additional staff is needed. OELC will not need to purchase additional insurance coverage in order to host Pickle Ball.
- OELC has received written verification from Bishop Hoyme that Les is officially a SAM (Synodically Authorized Minister) from November 1, 2017 to October 31, 2018. The authorization to serve as a SAM shall be reviewed annually.
- A special thank you is extended to Bob Rongstad for making the beautiful candle holders for OELC.

- Pastor Terry and Tom Peterson continue to work on a possible trip to the Boundary Waters for OELC high school students. No date has been set yet.
- OELC will have a float in the Osseo Christmas Parade.
- Advent Services will be held on Wed., Dec. 6, Wed., Dec. 13, and Wed., Dec. 20. Services will begin at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary.
- Lent will begin on February 14, 2018 with the Ash Wednesday service. OELC will be participating in the Round Robin program with pastors from surrounding churches.
- In light of the church shooting in Texas, a discussion took place as to safety procedures at OELC. Osseo police will come in and give safety ideas for OELC.
- Church doors: Some locks are not functioning properly; boiler room, a Sunday School room, one of the metal doors. John Haugen will check out these doors and contact a locksmith if needed.
- Pastor Terry will be off from November 14<sup>th</sup>-November 19<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Solem will be our Supply Pastor on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Arnie Rongstad is hoping to be able to bring an updated version of the OELC Constitution and Amendments to the Model Constitution for Congregations as approved by the 2016 Church Wide Assembly to the December Council meeting.

#### D. Youth & Family Ministry: Les Munnik

- Les presented the Council with the current Christian Youth Alliance (C-Ya) Financial Report.
- **ASP:** The Dueling Pianos Fundraiser was a great success. Approximately 140 people were served dinner and about 160 people attended the concert. Coltan Dahl was the winner of Dueling Pianos with Annette Fortune from Eleva-Strum being the runner-up. The fundraiser cleared about \$2,300. The Pizza Fundraiser took place on Friday and Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. ASP Youth, parents, and community members made 1,200 pizzas in the two days. Next activity for ASP Youth will be the Second Annual Deer Hunters Dinner on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at the Cabin in the Pines. It is open to all and carry outs are available.
- **C-Ya Youth:** The turnout for pumpkin carving in October was great! Twenty-two high school kids participated in this activity. On Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, the C-Ya Youth went bowling at Wagner's Lanes in Eau Claire.
- **TGIF:** The Middle School students also did a pumpkin carving at Les's home the end of October. About twenty students participated. This Sunday, November 12, the TGIF middle school youth will be bowling at Beaver Lanes in Augusta. Both youth groups, C-Ya and TGIF, will combine to have a float in this year's Osseo Christmas Parade on Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.
- **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation:** During the last two weeks of class, the students have been watching the video "The Bible".
- **Friendship Club:** About forty-five Seniors went on the October Friendship Club's Fall Bus Tour of Trempealeau County. The next event for the Friendship Club will be a bus trip in December to the Lighted Village at Irvine Park in Chippewa Falls and the light display at Phoenix Park in Eau Claire. The group will enjoy a roast pork dinner at OELC before leaving on the bus tour. If there are any profits from the Friendship Club's bus trips, those profits are donated to the Community Meal Fund.
- **Community Meals:** The meals have been averaging about 80 people a meal. The 4-H Club and Girl Scouts have been helping to serve the meals. The Cub Scouts would also like to get involved.

## **VI COMMITTEE REPORTS/MINISTRY UPDATES**

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### **A. Harvest Supper-Reformation Meal.**

- The Harvest Supper was a big success, bringing in \$7,551.51 and serving 826 meals. The disbursement of the Harvest Supper money will be discussed at the December Council meeting.
- The Reformation Meal, served on October 29<sup>th</sup>, brought in \$542.51. This money will be used to assist with the General Fund.

**B. Stewardship/Finance Committee:** The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.

**C. Nominating Committee** will meet between services on Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. Committee members are Brett Jensen, Maria Paulus, Betty Ward, Jody Groell, and Dan Ness.

**D. The Worship Committee** recommended that the December, January, and February Noisy Offerings go to the OELC Sunday School. Motion was made by Maria Paulus to approve the Worship Committee's recommendation for the designation of the December, January, and February Noisy Offerings to the OELC Sunday School. Motion seconded by Carol Dodge. Motion carried.

## **VIII OLD BUSINESS**

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- A. Update Photo Directory:** The OELC Photo Directory will be updated . This will take place possibly next spring. More information will be coming at a later date.
- B. Pickle Ball:** (Dave Lundberg) Pickle Ball is scheduled to begin on November 27, 2017. Tentative days for Pickle Ball are Monday and Tuesdays at 9:00 AM. A \$10 initial fee will be charged. Watch the bulletins for more scheduling information.
- C. Eagle Scout Project:** Nick Barka's Eagle Scout project has been approved.
- D. Sound System:** The Council discussed the best and least costly way to fix the problem of the sound board in the Fellowship Hall as it no longer works. Motion was made by Thea Vojtik and seconded by Erin Everson to use the Sunday School wing sound board for areas not getting sound in the Fellowship Hall. Motion carried.
- E. Charlie Amundson Display:** No action
- F. Stewardship Breakfasts:** The tentative plan is to serve breakfast once a month starting in January, 2018. Suggestion was made to try this for 3 months to see how successful it is. This topic will be discussed again at the January Council meeting.
- G. Window Fundraiser/Parsonage Remodel-Report:** A stewardship letter to the congregation from The Council is ready to be mailed out.

## **VII. New Business**

**A. Budget Proposal (Draft)** –Stewardship/Finance-- Deanna Klindworth and Tom Peterson

Discussion on proposed 2018 budget, first draft. Stewardship/Finance Committee will come back to Council in December to present a final proposal.

The Missional Budget was reviewed and discussed. The three goals stated in the 2017 OELC Missional Budget will be kept, but will need to be updated. (The Missional Budget /Plan of Ministry is written and explained on p. 37 of the 2016 OELC Annual Report.)

The three Missional Budget broad goals are:

- A) We share our faith and bring people to Jesus Christ
- B) We love our neighbors as ourselves
- C) We minister to the needs of all people.

**IX December COUNCIL MEETING:**

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Next Council meeting is set for Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 7:00 PM. Devotions will be led by Carol Dodge.

**X ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn without objection was made by Thea Vojtik. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Carol Dodge, Council Secretary