

**First Lutheran Church of Aitkin, Minnesota
Congregation Council Meeting Agenda**

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 (7:00 p.m.) **LOCATION:** GoTo Meeting

MEETING: ___ Regular X Special

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor Reggie Denton; Pastor Jordan Gades; David Meyer; Jessi Goble; Todd Werner; Sue Landsverk; Kim Jones; Lynne Kellerman; Philip Martin; Dori McMillan; Lucas Moen; Chancy Nordick;

OTHERS PRESENT: Staff:

Guests/Visitors:

NOTICE: X Posted Electronically; ___ Mailed; ___ Emailed; Objection: ___ Yes X No

Call to Order	By: David Meyer; At: PM 7:05	Quorum: YES X NO;
Opening Prayer	David Meyer	
Stories of God at work in the mission & ministry of FLC		
Business Meeting		
Agenda Item	Presentation/Discussion	Recommendation/Action
1. Agenda		
2. Consent Agenda a. 7/7/2020 Meeting Minutes	Motion: To Approve 7/7/2020 Minutes	Motion To Approve : Todd Second: Lynne

<p>3. Sr. Pastor Reggie's Report</p>	<p>Attended wedding at Maddens</p> <p>This coming Sunday, A "Good bye" to Deb and Gary Clark who are moving out of the area.</p> <p>1st Sunday morning parking lot service had twice the cars of the Wednesday service, 16 cars</p> <p>Performing communions at Acota starting this week.</p> <p>Meeting with men in mission outside on Fridays. Its been growing every week</p> <p>Next Friday P Reggie will be closing on his house and moving to Aitkin.</p> <p>Received a request for same a sex wedding to be performed in 2022. Discussion;</p> <p>Allowed by ELCA. D Meyer; Should we raise this issue with the church members? We were going to raise issue last spring but due to Covid, the issue was never raised. P Reggie; Now is not a good time to raise the issue. P. Jordan; "This is not a good conversation to have via Zoom". Lynne; Churches are allowed to make their own decisions regarding this issue. Kim; We should have ELCA lead discussions and have a decision and entered into the record/bylaws. P Reggie not asking for a vote on this issue, It was brought up as a FYI. Sue; For transparency, somehow it needs to be brought up before the congregation. Phil; It shouldn't be an issue, all people should be treated the same. Jessi; If we can help anyone start their marriage in Christ, that is our goal. D.Meyer: This is subject that needs to be brought up for transparency. How do we do that? P Reggie; We have a 2 year window and we can get the message out through different/multiple means. Jessi; Supports having Synod come and lead discussions. Reggie; We aware "how we talk about this issue". We need to be intentional about our language.</p>	
<p>4. Assoc. Pastor Jordan's Report</p>	<p>Summer stretch this week for the youth. Posted a parking lot service online so people can see what and how it works. Jessi; Have you, (PJ) considered a meeting outside with kids similar to Men in Mission? P Jordan; Wondering if we can get a camera and a table top mic for recording services that are not in sanctuary, and for use for streaming Faith Formation items. Jessi; We would need more information on products and prices and treat it as an additional expense. P Reggie; We should be thinking about more digital options going forward and the future of our mission. Meetings/ Bible studies will be more and more online.</p> <p>Motion: To Approve both pastors reports.</p>	<p>Motion: Jessi Second: Dori Motion: Carried</p>

<p>5. Design Standards from Communications Task Force</p>	<p>Presented by Dori. P Reggie; Clarified about using 2 fonts. Lucidia has font subsets.</p> <p>P Reggie asked about using Text size less then 12 for bulletins. Dori; At 12, it is difficult to fit everything into the bulletin. Design standards are changeable and we will adapt and evolve.</p> <p>Discussion on number of words and font size on slides. Larger then 24 as a minimum font size Dori will meet again with Communications task force and bring the recommendations of the council back for discussion</p>	
<p>6. Establish soft dates for in-person worship and/or Faith Formation</p>	<p>D Meyer; Led discussion. Do we consider soft target dates for when we open up? Was announced that Aitkin Schools will go full time in person this fall. Discussion on soft dates. Options for when.</p> <p>D Meyers; Should we have soft dates for when plans will be ready to go.</p> <p>P Reggie: Services will be brief, no singing. Add on things, one at a time. D Meyer, asked if there would be communion. Answer; not in the traditional sense. Could pastors come up with a possible plan and relay it to safe team to go over and work through. Goal: To have a live 8:00 service with 10:00 live stream service, with a soft date of 9/13/2020.</p>	
<p>7. Financial Report</p>	<p>D Meyer; Discussed drop in donations for July. Kim; Why was financials not in news letter. Congregation should be made aware of the drop in giving through newsletter. Building Fund was also down in July. There is still 3 months worth of payments in account.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOTICES: 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Council Workshops 	<p>Confirmed Dates: 9/24; 10/22; Focus for 9/24/2020 GoTo Meeting Workshop – Strategic Planning;</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Items 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing Prayer 	<p>P Jordan</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Adjourned 	<p>Motion: To adjourn at 8:37</p>	<p>Motion: Jessi Second: Dori</p>
<p>Executive Session</p>		

Secretary: Todd Werner Date: 8/4/2020