

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

**DATE/TIME:** Tuesday, July 28, 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

<b>Call to Order</b>	By: David Meyer; At: PM 7:04	Quorum: YES X NO;
Opening Prayer	P. Reggie	
Stories of God at work in the mission & ministry of FLC	Dori: Scholarship committee met and authorized 7 students for scholarships. P. Reggie: Music is being prepared in the church for a service several weeks from now. Nice to hear music in church again	
<b>Business Meeting</b>		
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Presentation/Discussion</b>	<b>Recommendation/Action</b>
1. Agenda	<b>Motion:</b> To approve	Motion by: Jessi Second: Lynne Motion passed
2. Consent Agenda a. 7/7/2020 Meeting Minutes b. 7/20/20 Smart-Safe Team Meeting Minutes	<b>Motion:</b> To approve	Motion by : Sue Second by : Kim Motion passed
3. Sr. Pastor Reggie's Report & July Exp. Report	P. Reggie. Wednesday night parking lot services, not well attended. At most, 6 cars.  We will try Sunday morning parking lot service instead. Same service as the live stream service.  It would mean both pastors in church on Sunday. Will start August 2nd. Same plan as before.  Dori: Would there be more interest if service was before the live service. Pros/ Cons discussed.  Sunday night an option?  <b>Motion:</b> To approve P. Reggie's July's monthly, and expense report, and also to move Wednesday night parking lot service to Sunday morning at 11:00 for the month of August.  Close to closing on his new house.  August 14th is closing date. If distance learning continues, his children will stay in Moose Lake	Motion by:Jessi Second: Chancy Motion Approved

<p>4. Assoc. Pastor Jordan's Report</p>	<p>Doing summer stretch digitally. Hard getting youth involved online.</p> <p>National youth gathering for 2021 has been moved to 2022.</p> <p>Trying to regroup area pastor and constructing a unified message for reopening.</p> <p>Youth sermons getting better.</p> <p>D.Meyer; Any schedules for other ELCA to reopen?</p> <p>P. Reggie; Other Aitkin area churches are all having live worship, no ELCA are open.</p> <p>Lynne: Survey for opening. <i>"Would people come to live service?"</i> Lynne had quite a few "no's", other people had more yes's.</p> <p>Most people were very understanding.</p> <p>Jessi; There may be a roll-back of some business openings because numbers are rising.</p> <p>Aitkin county numbers are rising. We need to watch the numbers.</p> <p>Sue; It would not be good if we reopened and then had to re-close.</p> <p>P. Jordan; If anyone has any ideas how to make the remote services more interactive, let him know.</p> <p>Leadership of the ELCA is discouraging remote communion.</p> <p>Jessi; Is there a way to perform "drive-by" communion?</p> <p>P.Reggie; Not comfortable "disconnecting" communion from worship.</p>	
<p>5. Design Standards from Communications Task Force</p>	<p>Dori; Standards at this time address fonts, logos with the goal of being consistent in communications.</p> <p>Exempt are "worship" slides, but the "power point" slides would be subject to our standards</p> <p>D.Meyer: Should we adopt the standards or table it, so people can look it over.</p>	<p>Tabled</p>
<p>6. Request for continuing education</p>	<p>Stepping Up to Supervision - Faith+Lead. This request is for Pastor Reggie and Jill Blanchette to participate. Cost each: \$240, plus the cost of the book, <i>"When Moses Meets Aaron: Staffing and Supervision in Congregations"</i></p> <p>D. Meyer; With cost of books total cost would be under \$300.00 per participant.</p> <p><b>Motion</b> : To approve the request for Pastor Reggie, and Jill Blanchette to participate in the class for <i>"Moses Meets Aaron"</i>.</p> <p>D. Meyer; This will come out of their "Continuing Education Budget.</p>	<p>Motion by: Jessi Second by: Dori Motion Passed</p>

<p>7. Building &amp; Property Maria Chapel Re-shingle Fund Request Follow-up</p>	<p>Money available for Maria Chapel is \$17,779.xx. Which covers the cost of the project. Bid includes all material and labor. Paulson family donated \$5000.00 toward this project.</p> <p>Sue; Money has been donated for this project, we should honor their donation.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> To direct property committee to move forward with Maria Chapel re-roofing project.</p> <p>D. Meyer; If something unforeseen happens between now and this fall when this project is scheduled to begin, we can pull the plug as long as the project hasn't been started.</p> <p>D. Meyer; Displayed picture of improvement on west side of church.</p>	<p>Motion;Dori Second:Sue Motion: Passed</p>
<p>8. Financial Report</p>	<p>D. Meyer; Presented synopsis of July financial outlook. Checking account is down slightly. Building Fund is \$12xx.xx under monthly payment. P. Jordan. Being down in July isn't unusual. It's historically our lowest month.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> To approve Financial Report.</p>	<p>Motion by:Dori Second: by Jessi Motion Passed</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NOTICES:</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Council Workshops</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Confirmed Dates: 9/24; 10/22; Focus for 9/24/2020 GoTo Meeting Workshop – Strategic Planning;</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional Items</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closing Prayer</li> </ul>	<p>P. Jordan</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting Adjourned</li> </ul>	<p>Motion to adjourn at 8:15</p>	<p>Motion: Jessi Second: P. Jordan</p>
<p>Executive Session</p>		

Secretary: Todd Werner    Date: 7/28/2020