

Church Council  
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Geneseo, Illinois  
Meeting of July 20, 2020

**Present:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jodi Barnhart  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anne Calder  | <input type="checkbox"/> Lance Camp                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pastor Matt Kamprath  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gary Gesme     | <input type="checkbox"/> Johanna Hager           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathy Heller         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pastor Laura Kamprath |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jill Laingen              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cathy Runty  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cheryl Saint Vincent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Linda Sheley          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Slaymaker | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patty Turner |  |   |

**Welcome:** Cathy Runty, President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Opening Prayer:** Led by Pastor Matt.

**Congregational Remarks:** None

**Minutes:** Minutes for June 2020. Approved. Moved by Anne Calder. Seconded by Mike Slaymaker. Minutes for Special Meeting of July 13, 2020. Approved. Moved by Gary Gesme. Seconded by Cheryl Saint Vincent.

**Financial Report:** Reports for June Approved. Moved by Finance. Seconded by Kathy Heller.

**Report of the Cabinet:** All items are reflected in the agenda.

**Ministry Reports:**

Building & Property – Bids are being collected for sealing the south parking lot.

Worship & Music – Continue to work on inside worship beginning in August. A letter will be going out to the congregation detailing changes.

Christian Education & Youth – Faithtime will begin September 9<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed for Faithtime teachers and Confirmation Mentors.

Finance – Thrivent loan has been retired. No update on taxes for the south campus lot to date.

Spirituality/Wellness – No report.

Congregational Life – No report.

Stewardship – No report.

Outreach – The ministry is reorganizing, and Betsy Brudos has agreed to lead the team.

Social Ministry – The ministry is being reorganized and Sherry Dickens has agreed to lead the team.

**Staff Reports:**

- a. Pastor Laura – As written.
- b. Pastor Matt – As written.
- c. Mary Jo Brummet – As written.
- d. Morgan Sarber – As written.
- e. Abbey Cathelyn – As written.

### **The Larger Church:**

- a. ELCA – [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org) – No report.
- b. The Northern Illinois Synod – Requesting advice from the Synod on Annual Meeting.
- c. West Conference/Andover Cluster – No report.

### **Old Business:**

- a) 2019 Audit Report – Most of the funds for Mission Endowment have been transitioned to Charles Schwab and should be completed by the end of August. The Scholarship Fund, with a few of the accounts being located at Central Bank, will be updated to online access. Moved by Mike Slaymaker to resolve that Gary Gesme be authorized as a transfer agent to deliver all shares of stock now or hereafter in the name of First Lutheran Church and to make, execute and deliver under corporate seal of this organization any and all written instruments of assignment and transfer necessary to properly effectuate the authority hereby conferred. Seconded by Anne Calder. The resolution to transfer stock was approved.
- b) Audit Committee – We are still seeking 2 members of the committee or looking to entertain an outside auditing firm to complete the audit. Two names were given to the Pastors and they will follow up to see if they are interested.
- c) PPP Funding Status – The forms are being changed and the timeline is being extended to October. Repayment of the loan criteria is continuing to evolve, and Finance will continue to monitor and complete necessary paperwork.
- d) Electronic/In person Worship – Worship will continue to be offered on YouTube and Facebook. A letter will be sent to the congregation concerning the return to in person worship beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>. An email confirmation will be generated through Shelby to ensure the in-person registration for worship for all 3 services.

### **New Business:**

- a) Funding Requests – A request was made for up to \$500 from Faith Formation Funds to be used to purchase an iPad to be used for worship and ministries. Moved by Finance. Seconded by Linda Sheley. Approved.
- b) Preschool – Preschool Board met and plans to return to in person learning when the school year begins. Moved by Pastor Matt Kamprath to allow First Lutheran Preschool to return to the use designated space in the Church beginning in September 2020. Seconded by Gary Gesme. Approved with one abstention.
- c) Faithtime and other Ministries – Faithtime will be making changes to the programming this year. Ministries will also make changes in order to allow more participation and discretion on meeting times. Motion was made by Pastor Matt Kamprath to resume Faithtime and all other ministries that meet at the Church beginning August 1, 2020 as we open for worship. Seconded by Cheryl Saint Vincent. Approved.
- d) Outside Groups – Motion was made by Pastor Laura Kamprath to allow outside groups consisting of up to 20 people to meet in the Church consistent with previous building usage guidelines and added cleaning/sanitizing guidelines beginning August 1, 2020. Seconded by Jodi Barnhart. Approved.

**Meetings:** Cabinet and Ministries – Monday, August 10, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.  
Council – Monday, August 17, 2020 at 7 p.m.

**Adjournment:** 8:27 p.m. Adjourned. Motion by Anne Calder. Seconded by Mike Slaymaker. Approved.

**Closing Prayer:** Led by Pastor Matt.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jodi Schellhase Barnhart, Council Secretary