

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
September 9, 2024

Members Present: Pastor Ed Ruble, Harold Bruns, Sue Eifler, Kathy Fotheringham, Barb Heffner, Linn Kracht, Jan Ludwig, Dave Marquette, Glenn Noffsinger, Rebekah Seng and Nancy Wozniak.

Not Present: Bill Duggan and Gary Goodykoontz.

Barb Heffner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. which was held via Zoom. It was determined that a quorum was established.

Pastor Ruble led the opening prayer.

It should be noted that unless otherwise indicated, Pastor Ruble abstained from voting on matters.

Approval of the Agenda: It was moved by Dave Marquette, supported by Harold Bruns to approve the Agenda. Motion approved unanimously.

Devotions:

Harold Bruns provided the devotions from Each Day with Jesus by Rudolph Norden based on Luke Chapter 12.

Devotions for October—Nancy Wozniak.

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Nancy Wozniak, supported by Kathy Fotheringham to approve the August 12, 2024, Church Council Meeting Minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

Financial Reports (Subject to Audit):

Finance Committee Meeting Review. Minutes were provided for Council review prior to the meeting.

August 2024 Budget Activity Report. It was moved by Sue Eifler, supported by Harold Bruns to approve the August 2024 Budget Activity Report. Motion approved unanimously.

August 2024 Fund Balance Report. It was moved by Dave Marquette, supported by Harold Bruns to approve the August 2024 Fund Balance Report. Linn Kracht reported that we received a grant for Pete's Pantry. We have received half of the grant so far. He wondered why it was under Grants. It was determined that Gary puts grant receipts in Grants to track them. Pastor said Pete's Pantry also received a special \$5,000 gift. It was a good month for Pete's Pantry. Motion approved unanimously.

Pastor Report:

Pastor Ed Ruble provided a report and oral supplements. He said it was a fast month. The

interment was held for the Stantons. Soccer season is underway. Pastor went to an ordination at the end of August. He started visiting Arnold Siegert who is a new person. Worship has transitioned back to Setting 4. Pastor thought that it was a great God's Work Our Hands Sunday. He is planning for a youth-led worship on 9/22. St. Peter has an opportunity in combination with Luther Seminary and the Lily Foundation to study what people feel is compelling about preaching. Megan Floyd will be preaching at St. Peter on 9/15. Afterwards, anyone who wants to fill out a survey may do so to provide feedback on whether the preaching was compelling and what made it compelling. Pastor would like to offer her a stipend. Barb Heffner reported that she downloaded the surveys. Theology on Tap has been renamed Brewing Faith since the former is copyrighted. It is going well. Education Hour will be starting on 9/15. We have been having trouble with our website and have been contacting our web host. It was moved by Nancy Wozniak, supported by Rebecca Seng to accept the September 2024 Pastor's Report. Motion approved unanimously.

#### Old Business:

1. Pete's Pantry Task Group. Pete's Pantry leaders decided not to assemble a steering committee. There will be a soft change to the hours—they are starting to process people through at 11:00 a.m. The hope is there are not as many people left in line at 3:00 p.m. Linn Kracht reported that it went well this last week, and they were done by 4:30 p.m. There is some thought of being open three weeks a month instead of four. It would still be open 40 weeks a year.
2. Where are they now? Servant Keeper was updated. Pastor is looking to make some updates to the roster. He will be exploring the functionality of Servant Keeper. At some point members will be able to update their own information.
3. Update Constitution/By-Laws. Linn reported that Gary got some information from the endowment committee and sent it out for the task force members to look at. They will get together to go over. Still making progress.
4. Progress/Funding for Parking Lot Lights – Approval of Gap Funding Proposal. Member contributions of \$3,885 have been made. We are \$615 short. Harold said John Christ said the Endowment committee would want to put in \$3,885 to keep it pure. Harold said he and Jan would each contribute and asked other Council members to put in. Council members agreed to put in \$70 each to make up for the shortage. Harold will text John Christ asking for \$4,500 from the Endowment Fund.
5. Office Administration Transition Update. Final decision-making process in hiring a temporary. Pastor Ed will talk with Barb Marquette tomorrow and will hopefully make an offer tomorrow. Barb Marquette had agreed to stay on during the transition as she indicated she would stick around a little longer. Linn Kracht said we should have a thank-you. Barb Heffner has some ideas and will run it by Pastor Ed.
6. Heimlich Maneuver Device/Narcan/First Aid Kits. Pastor ordered more items after last month's meeting. Karen Lukowski is the point person for the First Aid Kits. Pastor needs to reach out to Dan the Boy Scout Leader to connect Dan and Karen. We can use money in Kairos for the safety devices and kits. Dave Marquette said Dan was very involved with the car show which is the Boy Scouts' big fund raiser. We do have Narcan on sight. It's stored in the same place as the AED.
7. Boy Scouts. No further discussion of adding onto the outdoor space. Dave said he would let them know they need to submit a plan before they add on. They are continuing to

keep their trailers at Chapel Hill. They still have other items at Chapel Hill. They gave Pastor Ed a commitment to better organize the old nursery room. At the moment, they don't have enough members to be considered a troop. They are actively recruiting. Otherwise, they may need to associate with another troop. Dave went to the Boy Scout car show last year. It was on a Sunday and there were about 40 cars, and several people were eating breakfast.

8. Bratfest
  - a. Designation of freewill offering. It was moved by Dave Marquette, support by Rebecca Seng for the freewill offering go to World Hunger. Passed unanimously.
  - b. Payment for "German" band of \$250 for entertainment. George Pendill will ask a band that practices at the Marshall Methodist Church called Savage Snakes to play at Bratfest. Pastor wondered about a Thrivent Grant to pay for the food, then use the Christian Life budget to pay for the band. Pastor Ed will look into it. The band can be paid from Christian Life.
9. Flooring Project. Kathy reported that Peter Fotheringham has met with two different companies for the flooring. Vinyl vs carpet. The company they met with today told them that mixing it up is more expensive. If it's all the same thing, it's cheaper because one piece can be cut up into different pieces. The person they met with today said it will be a couple of weeks. Narthex, small hallways, sacristy and fellowship hall. Dave said it can be done piecemeal. Dave is starting to think that vinyl may be the way to go. As the quotes come in, we will have to strike the balance between utility and aesthetics.
10. Approval of Building Usage Fee Schedule. Dave Marquette sent out a revised building usage fee schedule. Council will look at it and discuss it next month. Tabled.

#### New Business:

1. Tresa Garver Seminary Financial Assistance Request. It was moved by Linn Kracht, supported by Harold Bruns that Council approves Tresa Garver's request for \$2,000 financial assistance in order that she may attend Luther Seminary from September 16-19, 2024, to earn a certificate in Christian Ministries, and that the funds be taken from the Opportunity Fund. Motion approved unanimously.
2. St. Peter Participation in the Compelling Preaching Project—Preaching Stipend for Candidate Meghan Floyd. It was moved by Dave Marquette, supported by Linn Kracht that St. Peter pays Meghan Floyd \$175 for up to 5 times/sermons. Motion amended that it come out of Opportunity Fund. Motion approved unanimously.
3. Other. There was a debriefing of God's Work Our Hands. Nancy Wozniak said there was a great turnout for the stamp collection. Kathy said 85 notes were written to the inmates and several were in Spanish. She said a lot of food was collected for the inmates. Food donation for the inmates is handled under the Haven of Rest and is being dropped off tomorrow. The AAUW-American Association of University Women may be a source for Bibles. Sarita Collins may be willing to become more involved upon retirement. The pulled pork will be cooked ahead of time and brought to church for the potluck. However, the potluck itself may be changed to a bag lunch to allow for more time to participate at the stations. Also, some felt rushed by those who volunteered to do the cleanup after the potluck. Cleanup would be minimal if a bag lunch was provided instead of a big meal.

Committee Reports:

1. Christian Life – met 8/18/24.
2. Finance/Stewardship – met 9/5/24.
3. Outreach – met 8/19/24.
4. Property – met 8/21/24.
5. Worship & Music.

It was moved by Rebecca Seng, supported by Dave Marquette to accept the Committee Reports. Dave Marquette reported that the baby changing stations have come in. Motion approved unanimously.

It was moved by Dave Marquette, supported by Nancy Wozniak to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

The next meeting will be on October 14, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at church.

Respectfully Submitted by Church Council Member,  
Sue Eifler