

**Lands Lutheran Church**

*December 8, 2015*

**6:30pm**

*As servants of Christ we are leaders by example, encouraging spiritual growth in each other, in our congregation, and in the community.*

**Council Minutes – Unapproved**

<b><u>Topic</u></b>	<b><u>Presenters</u></b>
Call to Order; Roll Call; Devotions:	<b>All</b>
President June Freiheit called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Pastor David shared a brief video that emphasized the very important work so many members do at our church.	
Approve Agenda, Secretary and Treasurer Reports; Treasurer installed	
M/S/C to approve agenda. M/S/C to approve minutes from November 10, 2015.	
Treasurer Report: Month of November: Envelope contribution, \$21,472 other income \$30. Total income: \$21,502 Operating and program expense: (\$20,140) YTD Total Income: \$21,502 YTD expenses: (\$237,499) Checking Balance: \$763 Total Owed to bank on the Line of Credit: \$0 Building checking balance: \$8,719.73 Building Loan Balance: \$100,578.78 M/S/C to approve Treasurer Report.	
Reports:	
Pastor David reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Christmas Eve services will be 4pm and 9pm.</li><li>• Advent devotions have been written and shared on Facebook.</li><li>• Poinsettia forms will be available until December 17<sup>th</sup>.</li><li>• Intent cards are available upstairs.</li><li>• Extra newsletters will be available in the office area.</li></ul> Ashley reported that Saturday 8am youth in grades 7-12 as well as family/friends will make lefse, bake cookies, and prepare the stew meal for Sunday. Homebound and prayer group will receive cookies and they will also be for sale and the meal will follow the Sunday School Program.	
Unfinished Business:	
Lands Benevolence is currently committed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9.2% of income to the Synod which is then used throughout the community and for other needs identified by the Synod.</li><li>• .8% of income to Lutheran Social Service.</li></ul> Benevolence will be included in the 2016 budget as a line item in the Stewardship section. Past	

records indicate this level of Benevolence giving has been Lands commitment for at least the last 23 years.

M/S/C to support the 2016 budget.

#### New Business

Scott Jensen was in attendance to discuss coordinating an Energy Star Audit at Lands. Energy Star is helping congregations use low-cost, even no-cost actions, the time and talent of their members, and strategic investment to save money and prevent pollution. Long range vision may include alternative energy sources. Kim and Scott Jensen will prepare information to share at the annual meeting.

Building requests were: none

New member Sunday was November 22. New members include:

Jared and Jessica Prink, Avery

Joshua Mancilman and Hilary Post, Rayne Mancilman, Marciela Padilla

Ryan and Kasey Manuel

Adam Nord

Matt and Missy Biever, Colby

A request for four wooden children's chairs that are in storage was approved and the interested party will give a donation to the Ole Fund.

Annual meeting agenda includes:

- Constitutional amendment ratification which will allow committee council representatives to serve 2 consecutive terms.
- Energy Star Audit.

In order to improve timely distribution of council minutes they will be available on line and in the newsletter in 'unapproved' status. A member of the executive team will review the unapproved minutes before they are published and any potential corrections will be noted in subsequent minutes.

#### Committee Reports:

- Congregational Life – Marie Torkelson: Congregational Life was very pleased with pie donations at the Thanksgiving service and the free will donations were generous and given to the Food Shelf.
- Education – Jean Johnson: Saturday practice with Sunday School Program on Sunday. Keith and Kris Knutson will prepare the goody basket with Thrivent support.
- Evangelism – Mary Ehrich: Goodhue County Sharing tree has paired us with a mother and two daughters.
- Property – Tim Hazen: Sanctuary ready for Christmas and clearing the conference room has occurred. Carpet installation is pending.
- Stewardship – Carol Copley: Stewardship for All Seasons resulted in the return of 40 commitment

cards with 17 Simply Giving participants and 23 envelope givers. Bretta will be work on Food Shelf Challenge to be held in March.

- Worship – Connie Rude: Christmas Eve service is 4pm and 9pm; Christmas Day is 10:30; Epiphany and Baptism of our Lord is January 10<sup>th</sup>. Wish list addition is for a teleprompter.
- Youth – Chris Hawkins: Kruse family is working on ornaments made from church wallpaper as a fund raiser for upcoming youth trips. Mission trip to Hillside, Colorado will need groups of 8 students + 2 adults. Wednesday night youth will pack backpacks for the Food Shelf. Group is exploring fund raising opportunities and discussion is occurring about summer camps.

Annual committee reports due to Carol by 12/31/2015.

Next Meetings:

- Executive Board – Tuesday, January 5 @ 6 pm.
- Church Council – Tuesday, January 12 @ 6:30 pm.

Adjourn: M/S/C to adjourn at 7:30pm.

The Lord's Prayer

### Council Members

June Freiheit	President	X
Aaron Berg	V. President	X
Jan Befort	Secretary	X
Mike Nord	Treasurer	X
Mike Boraas	Council at Large	X
Pat Gillard	Council at Large	0
Marie Torkelson	Congregational Life	X
Jean Johnson	Education	X
Mary Ehrich	Evangelism	X
Tim Hazen	Property	X
Carol Copley	Stewardship/Missions	X
Connie Rude	Worship	X
Chris Hawkins	Youth	X
David Krinke	Pastor	X
Additional Attendee(s):		
Ashley Corbett	Facilitator of Family Ministry	X
Scott Jensen	Guest	X

X = Present

0 = Absent

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Befort