

## **Sunne Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Minutes**

**November 8, 2023**

**Present:** Marcus Hall, Pastor Dan Paulson, Timothy Smallbeck, SuAnn Olson, Lester Vollan, Sherlynn Olson, Kris Ell, & Lyndsey Cleveland

The meeting was opened with prayer.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**-It was moved, seconded, & carried to accept the secretary's report.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**-SuAnn paid \$300 for prepay propane to Cenex of Wilton. The property insurance was also paid for both the parsonage, and the church. It was moved, seconded, and carried to receive the treasurer's report.

### **PASTOR'S REPORT**

- 4 worship services; 2 funerals; 6 days of visits to nursing homes, assisted living, hospitals, & homes; 1 office visit; many phone calls, texts & emails
- Last Sunday the confirmation group began their study on the book "You Are Witnesses to These Things". The class is learning to tell stories about their memories of family, friends, etc. Next week they will begin telling stories about their faith.
- Seven young people were confirmed in October
- Spoke with someone about doing a capital campaign for a new or resurfaced parking lot for the church. Presented that information to the council and we will revisit that in the future.
- We will be worshipping from the Holden Village Evening prayer for Advent services and using the corresponding CD to sing with.
- Team ministry-this is an option through the synod that we could look into while we are searching for the right Pastor to call. This would be someone authorized by the synod, but hasn't completed seminary yet. We will get more information on this, and discuss at future council meetings.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Call committee update: Debbie Jans is waiting for some feedback from the synod and will give us a report at a future meeting

Parsonage status (Remodeling): Ell's will donate supplies & labor to remodel the small bathroom sometime next year. The paint is peeling on the back of the house. Marcus will look into that.

Railing update: done

Charcoal grill: still waiting to be taken or thrown away

Parking lot: Marcus sent out some rough estimates through email. Double chip seal would be the cheapest route and would get us about 10-15 years. The 2 inch overlay of bituminous would get us about 20-25 years and would roughly cost \$45,000. There are some other options we can look into, as well. Marcus will get some better numbers for us and present at the next council meeting.

Front door repairs: Arlan & Lester will replace the molding & gutters this upcoming week. Lester got the door stop fixed on the front door.

Strom Garbage Service: In order to break our contract with Waste Management, we would need to pay 6 months of service. They have offered us a new rate of approximately \$75/month. It was moved, seconded, & carried to accept the new contract with the intention to switch to Strom after six months.

Congregation Meeting: Budget & Election meeting will be held December 3 at 9 am. The youth will serve a pancake and sausage breakfast with free will donation going towards those attending the ELCA youth convention next summer.

Proposed 2024 General Fund Budget Report: It was moved, seconded, & carried to bring the proposed budget to the congregation.

Sunne schedule: still looking for someone to lead service on November 26

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Question from Sherlynn: She is wondering what kinds of things she is approved to order without the consent of the council. We agreed that she should order all the necessities for the church without approval (i.e. candles & communion cups & wafers...)

Bell Tower Room: needs to be cleaned out. Sherlynn will put in the January newsletter that the books in the room are for giveaway. We will go through the books prior to that and keep any books that are historical or important.

Robert Landgren Estate: Bob Landgren recently passed away and his estate is giving \$70,000 to many entities, including Sunne Lutheran Church. We are very thankful for this wonderful gift and will send a very special thank you to the family when we receive the check.

### **MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS**

CHURCH/PARSONAGE PROPERTY-NR

WILTON FOOD PANTRY-a \$2500 grant was received from the Washburn American Legion

STEWARDSHIP-NR

WORSHIP-NR

CEMETERY-NR

EDUCATION-Christmas program on December 17

EVANGELISM-NR

YOUTH-5 or 6 youth interested in attending the ELCA youth gathering in New Orleans next summer with Camp of the Cross

WELCA-NR

ENDOWMENT TEAM-NR

**DECEMBER DEACONS & TELLERS**

3: Marcus & Tim

10: Kris & Lyndsey

17: Sue & Lyndsey

24 4:30 pm: Lester & ?

9 pm: Marcus & ?

31: Kris & Sue

**Next meeting: December 13 after Advent Worship (approximately 7:30 pm)**

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyndsey Cleveland, secretary