

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Congregation Council Meeting Minutes**  
**January 15, 2018**

Prepared by Bob Nida

**Location:** Trinity Lutheran Church Lounge

**Present:** Larry Faelchle, Neal Coryell, Pastor Peterson, Emily Godshalk, Mayda Vazquez, Donna Bowman, Steve Mayer, Sarah Evinsky, David Huskey and Bob Nida.

**Absent:** Geoff Wilhelm

Meeting called to order at 7:04PM

**Pastor's Devotional:** Pastor addressed the ELCA Congregational Report, sought assistance in answering some questions about the congregation. Pastor read second lesson for Sunday, 1 Corinthians.

**Minutes:** Neal motioned to accept December minutes. David seconded. Passed unanimous.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

### **Executive Reports**

- **President's Report.**

- Larry discussed the inactive membership notices. People will get together to verify the list
- Larry reached out to current tenants of TLC and all but Amethyst is believed to stay with TLC.
- Nominating committee is being formed to fill positions becoming vacant. Discussed positions and people renewing their candidacy.
- Larry proposes to allow WELCA Synod Board use on Feb 2, 11AM-4PM the fellowship hall. Donna Seconded. Passed unanimous.
- Annual membership meeting, March 10, 2019. Committee reports will be due shortly, he is going to get a date from Mary.

- **Vice President's Report**

- Neal proposed CGMC use TLC Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall (as available) on the following dates, Monday Jan 21, 6-9PM; Saturday Feb 2, 9:30AM-4PM, Saturday Mar 2, 10AM-Noon. Emily seconded. Passed unanimous.

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Reviewed end of year budget. Received more gifts than pledged, however some expenses like boiler work, gas line repair, increased expenses.

- o Neal moved to accept November and December finance report. Donna seconded. Passed unanimous.

- **Pastor's Report**

- o Pastor reported Christmas worship went well.
- o Handled a member's funeral.
- o New members joined.

## **Committee Reports**

- **Community Ministry**

- o Mayda reported the committee is planning for this next year. Toy drive was a success. Coat drive is still going and looking to donate soon for the cold weather.
- o Souper Bowl is being planned.
- o Working on a meeting with Stephen and Mary to discuss the lunch program, options.

- **Congregational Life**

- o Emily reported that someone donated the chicken for the smorgasbord.
- o Bake Sale raised funds for the camperships.
- o Souper Bowl is February 3rd.

- **Evangelism/Communications**

- o Report submitted
- o Sarah is ordering signs for outside the church.
- o Alpha is being relaunched.

- **Property**

- o David reported that the expansion tank is installed. Furnace for the offices was malfunctioning and was cleaned and returned to operation. Patched holes in sidewalks. Replaced light. Larry helped with snow removal.

- **Spiritual Formation**

- o Fourth Saturday event being planned.
- o Confirmation class is running.
- o Sanctuary discussion continues.

- **Worship**

- o Reported submitted.

Donna motioned to adjourn, Emily seconded. Passed unanimous.

**Adjournment:** Adjourn at 8:53 P.M.

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Columbus, Ohio**  
**Pastor's Report for Church Council**  
**For December, 2018**  
(Submitted January 14, 2018)

**I. Upreach**

**A. Worship and Common Prayer**

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|------------------------------------|--|---|-------|
| 1. Eucharist services each weekend | –Saturdays 5 p.m.                      |   |       |
|                                    | --Sundays 10:30 a.m.                   |   |       |
| & commems.                         | --Wednesdays 6:15-6:45                 | Feasts                                    |       |
| prayer                             | 2. Prayer at OT                        | --Wednesdays 12:05-12:35                  | Still |
| Morning Prayer                     |  | --TWR 7:30, Sa & Su 8:30                  |       |
| Evening Prayer                     |  | --T 5:30                                  |       |
|                                    | 3. Hanging Greens 12/2                 |   |       |
|                                    | 4. Advent Services Wed 12:05 & 7 pm    | Theme: Companions on the Way to Bethlehem |       |
|                                    | 11/28                                  | Prophets                                  |       |
|                                    | 12/5                                   | St. Nicholas                              |       |
|                                    | 12/12                                  | Santa Lucia                               |       |
|                                    | 12/19                                  | Mary and Elizabeth                        |       |
|                                    | 5. Worship and Music Team Mtg.:12/18   |   |       |
|                                    | 6. Christmas Eve Worship: 7:00 & 11:00 |   |       |
|                                    | 7. Name of Jesus: December 31 @7:00    |   |       |

**B. Spiritual Formation**

1. Spiritual formation met on 12/4
2. Prepped for and participated in 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Intergen event—12/1
3. No midweek study
4. 12/8 & 15 Confirmation class at Linden Lutheran (prep mtg. 12/6)
5. Alpha course look-ahead here and there
6. Evinsky gathering 11/18

**II. Inreach**

**A. Congregational Life:**

1. Smorgasbord 12/16
2. Before and after worship base-touching, as always.
3. Meeting??

**B. Pastoral Care:**

1. Hospital, sick, & homebound: 12/6, 9, 10, 18, 19, 20, 22,
2. Pre-marital/Baptism/Funeral: Judy's funeral 12/2, 3, Stephanie Kim 12/17, 27
3. Various phone calls and notes weekly
4. Other: 12/3, 10, 17

**III. Outreach**

**A. Evangelism/Communication:**

1. A few Facebook posts
2. Streetwalking 2x/wk.
3. Mtg. 12/19

**B. Visitors and Prospective Members:**

1. Lots of phone calls to regular members & friends
2. Notes, emails, or calls to visitors weekly

**C. Community Ministry:**

1. Regular contacts through Samaritan Ministry & trash pick-up
2. Southside Progressive Action:DNA
3. Interfaith Justice Table 12/13

**IV. Downreach (Support Teams, Civic Relationships, and Personnel)**

**A. Staff:**

1. Mary—variously through the week
2. Lori—occasional base-touching

**B. Property:** Trash pick-up through the churchyard weekly & occasional discussions w/ D. Huskey

**C. Finance:** Occasional contacts w/ Steven Mayer

**D. Council** 12/11

**E. Trans-congregational:** Lutheran Cluster 12/20

**V. Professional & Personal Development, Time Off, Reimbursements, etc.**

**A. Scholarship, study, and teaching**

1. Further research into pastoral sabbatical
2. Work on creative writing course

**B. Time away 2017-18**

1. Continuing Ed. in 2018:

a. Total offered per year: 10 days, including 2 Sundays

b. **Taken in 2018: 10 days, incl. 2 Sundays**

Spanish Lang. course: 2 Sundays (1/ 7 & 14) + 2-4, 6, 17, 18, & 20

3. Vacation

a. Total offered per year: 4 weeks (20 workdays, including 4 Sundays)

b. **Taken as of 12/31: 11 days, including 1 Sunday**

i. Language & Culture Trip in Mexico: 3 days, incl. 1 Sunday

ii. Science of Consciousness Conference: 2 days (April 4-5)

iii. Visit to my sister Holly in Minnesota: 6/24-29 (3 days, no Sundays)

iv. Preaching workshop in Minneapolis, 10/2-4

c. Unused Vacation in 2018: 9 days, (including 3 Sundays)

4. Reimbursement needed:

a. Mileage, November 129 (x \$0.545 =) \$121.72

b. Continuing ed. Expenses from December: None

**VI. Remarks:**

1. New Members

Scott Counts (a Saturday night regular) on December 29.

Stephanie and Samantha Kim, by affirmation and baptism, on December 30?

2. Daily prayer schedule is going well. The hardest part is Saturday morning prayer at 8:30.
3. I hope several council people might reach out to Rachel Hammer to work toward a reconciliation.
4. FYI there is almost no typical day for a pastor, but here's how I generally plan my working weeks:

<b><u>Tues-Thurs:</u></b>			<b><u>Saturdays</u></b>
7:30	Morning prayer		7-8 <b>Prep conf, 4<sup>th</sup> sat, wp.</b>
8-12	<b>1 hr. sermon work, 1 hr. prepping lessons/services</b>		8:30 morning prayer
<b>Sunday prep</b>			9-1 <b>Conf/4<sup>th</sup> Sat/Pastoral care,</b>
	<b>2 hrs: email, planning, admin., scheduling visits, meeting Mary &amp; Lori, meetings here &amp;</b>		1-2 Lunch, walk, pray
<b>fellowship</b>			<b>3-7 <u>Sermon work, prep &amp; wp.,</u></b>
	<b>elsewhere, writing for Tidings, Happs, etc.</b>		<b>9 hrs.</b>
12-1	Lunch, walk, pray		
1-3	<b>Homebound, hospital, and member contacts</b>	<b><u>Sundays</u></b>	
3-5:30	Off		8:30 morning prayer
5:30	Evening prayer		<b>9:00-10:30 Prep, fellowship</b>
<b>6-9</b>	<b><u>Prep &amp; meeting, faith discussion, or pastoral visit</u></b>		<b>10:30-1 Worship, pastoral,</b>
<b>mtg/debrief</b>			<b>+ <u>Afternoon/evening activities?</u></b>
	<b>9 hrs. of work</b>		<b>4 (or 4+??) hours</b>

**Monday & Fridays OFF: Sermon work for 1 hour + occasional pastoral issues/meetings, etc. (Total 2 hrs.)**

***Weekly Total: 42 + hours.***

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

## **Communications & Evangelism Report**

Signage for the exterior, fellowship hall, front door and pictorial directory have been ordered.

I was approached about a group called Safe Families. They would like to have a temple talk to talk about their program. From my understanding, it's a way to support family reunification outside of Children's Services.

Our next meeting will be Feb 20 at 10am

Alpha will relaunch on February 17 at 6pm. It will run on Sundays through April 7.

## DECEMBER 2018 WORSHIP MEETING

Committee members: Pastor Peterson, Sarah Bender, Katie Brandt, Neal Coryell, Jack Greene,  
Shirley Griffin, Beverly Speasmaker, Tom Wells, Donna Bowman, chair.

The December meeting was a short one. We reviewed plans for the Christmas Eve Services. Thanks to the number of people who stayed after church, final decoration of the sanctuary was completed in record time.

A suggestion has been made to Spiritual Formation that we try to have the children participate in the Epiphany service.

There are several settings of the liturgy we have not used and plan to do so in the new year.

We discussed some minor changes to be made when we have funerals at church.

We celebrated Pastor Peterson's birthday with cake and cupcakes.