

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Council Minutes**  
**Sunday, May 3, 2009**

**Present:** Rebecca Tinder, John Rawlins, Greg Mallory, Bill Kimberling, Rick Wolford, Pastor Ron Schlak

**Absent:** Sally Blessing, Vicky Grate

**Guests:** Pastor Clifford and his wife, X

1. Lighting Christ's Candle - Lit by Rebecca Tinder
2. Opening Prayers - X opened the Council Meeting with Prayer

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

3.1. Arrangements During Sabbatical including with Pastor Clifford  
It was reported that unlocking of doors will be arranged by Barbara Wright & Karen Stouch. The schedule for Sunday worship was previously provided. Discussion ensued regarding the additional activities of Pastor Clifford during Pastor Schlak's Sabbatical which will include office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 - noon (except July 4); coverage for weddings, funerals, baptisms, home/hospital visits and crisis counseling, as needed; and occasional writing of articles for distribution to the members.

3.2. Service Project: Home Renovation - This item was tabled to the next meeting as additional information will be available later, specifically, a list of necessary home repairs for the intended recipient.

3.3. Bumper Stickers - it was reported that this activity, regarding the Tour De Revs, was scratched.

**4. COMMITTEE REPORTS [C.13.06 & By-Laws, Art. II]**

4.1. Christian Education & Youth - No Report

4.2. Property (incl Columbarium) - Repairs to the front entrance are in progress having been delayed by a strike at the concrete plant and weather. A survey regarding the HVAC systems is scheduled. Columbarium plans are to be updated and a fundraising activity is underway.

4.3. Evangelism (incl Communication) - Contact with members continues.

4.4. Social Ministries - Angel Food ministries is ongoing as a financially neutral proposition.

4.5. Worship & Music - Schedule was received and the reserved site for the Church Picnic was reported to be 7.

4.6. Finance & Stewardship - The ongoing plans for stewardship will not be put on hold during the sabbatical. Pastor Schlak agreed to call ELCA and ask Bob N? for assistance.

## **5. REPORTS**

- 5.1. Pastor's Report - Attached
- 5.2. Secretary's Report - Upon motion by Greg Mallory and second by Bill Kimberling, the Minutes from the March 8, 2009 Council Meeting were approved.
- 5.3. Treasurer's Report & Budget Information - Information was received regarding both March and April. See Attached.

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

- 6.1. Standing Committees
  - 6.1.a. 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Written report from the committee was requested.
  - 6.1.b. Sabbatical Handbook was updated and distributed.
- 6.2. Maintaining/Increasing Participation & Giving During Pastor's Trip - Greg Mallory reported that a Map & Thermometer were to be erected to show the distance traveled by the Pastors and the amount of funds collected for World Hunger via the Tour De Revs. Discussion ensued about each Council Member calling those persons missing from services to encourage contact, attendance and giving.
- 6.3. Reporting of Committees and/or Church Council to Congregation - Members were reminded to make reports during announcements to share activities with the congregation.
- 6.4. Weekly Youth Services - It was reported that the start date was delayed to the Fall and there remain issues with interest and time constraints with high school student leaders.
- 6.5. Pictorial Directory - More information will be supplied by Greg Mallory.
- 6.6. Retreat Next Steps - The new mission statement (Savior, Self 'n Service) will be unveiled during the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary festivities.

## **7. MEETINGS**

- 7.1. Committee: June 7, 2009
- 7.2. Council: June 14, 2009

8. **CLOSING:** The Council Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.