

# Calvary Lutheran Church Council Agenda

Tuesday, October 8, 2019 7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.  
Koinonia Room

*PURPOSE Together in Christ Empowered to Be and Make Disciples*

**I. Meeting Called to Order - 7:05 PM** - BRETT AAMOT - Nikki Erickson taking notes, Val on vacation

**II. Devotions by** Britta Willenbring

**III. Ice Breaker** – Pastor Naomi - NA - Wasn't Present at time of ice breaker

**IV. Approval of September 2019 Council Minutes - APPROVED**

**V. Discussion Topic of the Month: Weekly Communion**

Discussion is to begin weekly communion. Shawn Swenson introducing:

Board of Worship has been discussing this topic for a long time. Pastor Tim states that there are a lot of reasons to hold weekly communion. The mandate is in the Bible.

Pastor Tim states - it's a means of grace, a showing of God's love, the activity in worship that actively does that. "You will sometimes hear a bad sermon, you won't get a bad communion."

Pastor Tim thinks that the Alter Guild will be fine with it but is concerned with being able to find enough communion assistants.

The ELCA - The Use and Means of Grace - that talks about communion and baptism.

Germ issue was brought up by Holly Ulrich.

Pastor Dean commented that biblically this is a good proposal but health wise is it a good proposal and sees both sides.

Pastor Dean stated that - We had this same discussion with early communion - 2nd grade  
Nothing requires anyone to take communion. We need to address the health issue. We need to be cognizant of it.

Board of Worship wants the council to be in on this discussion and wants the council to have input. If we have a congregational vote we need to make sure we had a chance to voice concerns and we have a vote we need to have a plan.

Charlie Ulrich motion that we move forward with more research based on the germs/health issues. Also the people power.

- Let the worship board be the main researchers on the health issues

**OFFICIAL MOTION:** The board of worship will move forward with more research on the health issues related to intinction, the people power for communion every week and what that design in its entirety looks like.

MOTION - The advent communion experiments worthwhile (4 Sundays in a row of communion) - Trial Period  
2nd

Motion approved

Pastor Dean - There should be a pastoral letter to the members of the congregation. If we don't have that clarification of what is and what isn't. Pastor Dean, Pastor Naomi, David would work on this letter.

## **VI. Board Reports**

- a. Executive Board – Brett Aamot, President Met last week. Staffing falling into place.
- b. Board of Stewardship / Charles Ulrich, Chair E - Giving, time and talents, hope to distribute some feedback, temple talk next month, required distribution, fall stewardship, Tim Malek giving sermon this weekend, financial estate planning, pick a Sunday that is not in conflict with current programming, fall campaign, Joel Halbritter is a big part of stewardship Sunday so we are looking at November 24th. Envelopes, temple talk, encourage giving, not alienate,
- c. Board of Finance / Peter Johnson, Chair - Budgeting process starting pretty soon, if anyone has an idea, we are going to have our budget done by our January council meeting. If you have anything to attribute let Peter know. If he doesn't hear from you - Finance will move forward. Last month the digital bulletin boards were approved. We forgot about the installation - need to approve the additional \$1,000.00 to bring in the electrician. Can we use \$1,000.00- from undesignated special funds.

- a. Board of Outreach / John Kappers, Chair - November 10th - 8 am and 10:15 service, coffee, cake, veterans (please invite them to the services - they can wear uniform if they wish)
- b. Board of Youth and Family Ministry / Scott Nichols, Chair - Nothing to report
- c. Board of Worship / Shawn Swenson, Chair - nothing additional to report
- d. Board of Children and Family Ministry / Kaylee Jahraus, Chair - Aware of the November deadline with the prayer ground.

**VII. Staff Reports** – Janel Skindeliën - 8 volunteers for library, have all of our Sunday School teachers, last week we had early childhood Sunday School - Kaylee is teaching that. Family Sunday School is this coming Sunday.

#### **VIII. Pastor Reports**

- a. Pastor Tim - Exciting time, staff work hard, a lot of programming happening, outside organizations utilizing the building. Hope is that the general budget will catch up with the excitement. Professor Todd Green spoke about being anti-Islamophobic. Pastor Tim brought up that Minnesota is a big area being talked about with this topic.
- b. Pastor Naomi - Reported on the conference that they were at at Luther. A female speaker stuck with her. How does the church become the hub for life and work. For people that go to church regularly it's not your bug anymore. Our families are our hubs. How can we help. Dinner Church and Creative Heart is on the right track. Earlier Pastor Naomi served a family with Paz y Esperanza that was mourning a family loss today. Pastor Naomi says thank you to council for letting her come late as she was dealing with a friend's tragedy. How can we strengthen the relationship with Paz Y Esperanza? Pastor Naomi had anecdotes to share about how our connection with Paz Y E is a positive relationship.
- c. Pastor Dean - Was at Luther this weekend for three days. 50th college reunion. In sensitive things that people say to us in times of grief. Pastor Dean brought up this topic at Grief Care. Pain in the Pew. People have a lot of things going on in their life. Cancer, etc...many things. Positive note - Bethesda Homes - tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. Groundbreaking happening. There was a meeting last week. 32 people were there. Independent living and assisted living. It will be a very nice facility. Part of 29 congregations that are a part of this. This will be in New London Spicer (next to the clinic on the East side of HWY 23) 21 million financing is in place. Calvary is a part of this.
- d. Vicar David - Reports that things are going great. Grateful to have music be a part of it and looks forward to coming in every day.

#### **IX. Financial Reports – Peter Johnson, Treasurer**

- a. Approval of Treasurer's Report -  
**See attached report (Val will put in here)**  
Attendance was discussed. (376 = average attendance)  
questions? Motion to approve by Mike. Shawn - seconded.

#### **X. New Business**

- a. Calvary's "What" Strategic Planning Committee - Reengage/finetune our "WHAT" of the church. in process of identifying 7-9 people to be on that task-force. Have a goal, milestones and expectations with the deliverable (hoped for deliverable).
- a. Large General Fund Contribution from Anonymous Member  
We received a donation of \$35,000.00  
- Use the funds as a challenge to congregation to raise more funds. The timing is beneficial  
Discussed
- b. Our group - Council - be 100% supportive of providing a matching drive - to match the contribution. We are in the game along with everyone else. Have some testimonials from members of how this gift has encouraged us. November 3rd is the end day for end of the fund drive. Not to be confused with our normal stewardship drive. November 3rd is All Saints Day. Would handle this gift anonymously within our group by Keith. Voluntary, no suggestions beyond wanting us to be excited about this. Consider this prayerfully what you can do. Return to the office by OCTOBER 15th (the envelopes that were provided to council members). Comments or concerns should be brought to the executive committee.
- a. Next Church Council Meeting Tuesday, November 12, 2019
- b. Give names to Shawn for the nominating committee.

#### **XI. Adjourn/Lord's Prayer at 8:15 P.M.**