

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**  
**Council Minutes**  
**December 20, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.**

*Our Savior's Lutheran Church is a community of Christians called, washed and fed by the Spirit,  
Sent into God's world to follow Jesus and invite others to walk in faith, hope and love.*

**PRESENT:** Pastor Loren Mellum, Pastor Patrick Loree, Ryan Nelson-Pres., Wendy Blue, Becky Cusey, Deb Watne, Kathe Eldred, Cody Zitzow, Ike Morsch.

**ABSENT:** Tom Plankers

1. Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with **Bible Study and Prayer**.
2. **Meeting agenda** reviewed. Motion to approve meeting agenda (as attached) moved by Wendy Blue, seconded by Becky Cusey.
3. **Secretary's report:** not available, will approve Nov. '11 meeting minutes at Jan. '12 meeting.
4. **Treasurer's report** reviewed: council members were very pleased that all bills were paid as of 12/20/11. The line of credit stands at \$29,000. Motion to approve Treasurer's report (as attached) moved by Becky Cusey, seconded by Ike Morsch.
5. **Committee and Team Reports** presented:
  - a. Property Committee:
    - i. RR Glazing estimate to repair narthex window was \$600. Because deductible is \$500, decision was made not to send claim to insurance for window.
    - ii. Dakota Fence will look at fence repair/replacement resulting from car accident in parking lot that took down fence by garbage area; this repair will be covered by insurance.
  - b. Stewardship Team:
    - i. \$5,000 donation challenge offered up by a congregation member to encourage other members to sign up for Simply Giving was met and exceeded.
    - ii. It appears that giving pledges have increased this year – a very positive sign.
6. **Pastors Reports** reviewed (as attached); new website up and running.
7. **Old Business:**
  - a. The Dec. 4, 2011 congregational meeting went very well. Much good discussion took place regarding current loans and consolidation/retirement of loans.
    - i. Because the Fellowship Hall location seems to be more conducive to interactive meetings, future congregational meetings will take place downstairs.
  - b. 2012 Budget Process and Quickbooks: new financial system update in progress.
8. **New Business:**
  - a. Discussion was held regarding **Year End Benevolence** for groups such as Churches United, Synod, Oak Grove Lutheran School, etc.

- i. With the looming possibility of OSLC being unable to meet all of our projected Benevolence commitments for 2011, it was suggested that one Benevolence recipient be highlighted every 2-3 months in 2012, along with a fundraising effort, in an attempt to creatively meet our annual commitment for each organization.
  - b. **Living Grace Designated Fund:** a portion of the Living Grace funds generated through our partnership with that congregation will be used to provide gift cards to Our Savior's staff at Christmas. The Council shared their appreciation for the staffs' hard work throughout the past year.
  - c. Consultation Feedback and Go Forward Plan meeting with **Jim LaDoux** is scheduled for Jan. 17, 2012 from 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at Our Savior's – all council members are asked to attend.
  - d. **Stewardship Key Leader Brochure** discussed.
  - e. **Health and Dependent Care Flex Accounts:** discussion held on staff Flex Benefit limits and what the typical limits are in the Fargo-Moorhead area. Deb Watne will do some research on flex recovery documents in the event of employee departure from organization.
  - f. Becky Cusey initiated discussion re: Moorhead Kiwanis meeting at Our Savioir's in Jan/Feb/Mar 2012. Council approved.
9. **Next meeting:**
- a. The next council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Our Savior's.
  - b. Jan. 17, 2012 meeting with Jim LaDoux, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
  - c.
10. **Meeting adjourned** – 8:40 p.m.

Recorder:

*Deb Watne*

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Attachments