

**Cross of Christ Lutheran
Church Council Minutes**

October 15, 2024

6:00 pm

Mission Statement: “As a fellowship of believers, it is our mission to joyfully proclaim the gospel of Christ in word and deed, inviting people to worship together, nurturing them in the Christian faith, loving one another and serving a world in need.”

Officers	P	A	Pastors	P	A	Cabinet	P	A	Cabinet	P	A
Sandy Erickson (President)	X		Pr. Dana Jackson	X		Steve Halvorson (Finance)	X		Ron Evenson (Personnel)	X	
Brad Hongerholt (Vice President)	X					Jessica Brand (Youth & Family)	X		Kathy Olson (Worship & Music)	X	
Marsha Benson (Secretary)	X					Keith Herek (C of C Building)		X	Heather Reay (Education)	X	
Patrick Forsyth (Financial Admin.)	X					Chuck Halvorson (C of C Building)	X		Wayne Runningen (Stone Church)	X	
Karen Christensen (Financial Secretary)		X				Mike Berg (Evangelism)	X				
						Lyn Halvorson (Co-Chair WELCA)	X		Elsie Olson (Co-Chair WELCA)	X	

1) Call to order – 6:00 pm

President: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Council: Amen.

2) Devotions – Pastor Dana Jackson

3) Review of the Agenda

4) Reports –

a. Pastor’s Report: There were 2 October funerals. Pastor Dana gave us general plans for the next few months.

b. President’s Report: Sandy mentioned the ALICE training that was held on Sunday October 13th.

- c. Secretary's Report: Chuck made a motion to approve the September 17, 2024, council meeting minutes. Brad seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - d. Financial Administrator's Report: Patrick reported that giving is down, but also expenses are down. The church needs a blower. Winona Controls' bid is \$999. Jess made a motion to accept Winona Controls' bid. Lynn seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- 5) Cabinet Reports –
- a. Education: Sunday School is going well. The Christmas program is up and planned. There are usually 12 to 15 children. It's Denise's rotation.
 - b. Evangelism: Brad and Mike will be going to the Hunger Task Force on October 22 to help the Houston Food Pantry. In September they were able to pick up 245 lbs. of food. Ellen Hongerholt continues to meet for bible study. Mike sends thanks to those who volunteered to help with roadside cleanup on October 6.
 - c. Finance: September was a breakeven month. Giving came in slightly better than budget, and expenses were lower than budget. Repairs expense was above budget; the new boiler and cross staining were part of this. For the year, we are running about \$10K behind budget. Giving is \$19K below budget for the year through September, but this is offset by lower Education, Personnel, Utilities and Stewardship/Mission expenses. The finance committee will speak to the congregation on October 27th. It was suggested to put the gift of grain letter in the parish visitor.
 - d. Personnel: The Personnel Cabinet will oversee custodian's duties going forward to give Pastor one less thing to deal with at this time. The Personnel Cabinet met with the bishop to discuss Pastor's sick days.
 - e. C of C Ground: We had contracted mowing for 25 times per year. We have 2 weeks in the bank. B & D from Caledonia gave a bid of \$1,100 for parking lines in front of the church. After a discussion, it was decided to wait until spring and get a crew of volunteers to complete this job.
 - f. C of C Building: Tim Buckland stained the outdoor wooden cross on the north side of the church. There were reports that the kitchen stove burners weren't working properly. Keith will get Hobart in to check over them.
 - g. Stone Church/Cemetery: High school students will be cleaning up at the cemetery on Friday.
 - h. Stewardship & Missions: We are looking for volunteers.
 - i. Workshop & Music: Bluetooth was used during the Edwards wedding.
 - j. Youth & Family: There was a good turnout at the Fall Fest. There were 3 full wagon rides.
 - k. WELCA: The circle meetings are in the afternoons. The quilts and kits that were created during Due Days were sent on Saturday. The fall supper was a success with 795 carry-out meals being sold.
- 6) Old Business – No report

- 7) New Business – There was a good gathering at the ALICE training on October 13, 2024. Some of the security suggestions for updates Officer Chris Frick mentioned were to install camera inside and outside near the doors, door stops and blinds on the windows. Mike and Chuck volunteered to be on a safety committee.
- 8) Open discussion – None
- 9) Calendar – Up Coming events....
- October 16 No Confirmation/Club 56 (MEA break)
 - October 20 9:30 Sunday School/Coffee Hour/Caring Collection 10:30 Sunday School/Coffee Hour
 - October 23 6:30 Confirmation/Club (S.S. 6:00)
 - October 24 2:00 WELCA Mtg election of officers w/thank offering
 - October 25 & 26 8:30 Hobby Huddle
 - October 27 9:30 Worship w/Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School/Coffee Hour
 - October 29 9:00 WELCA Mtg Fall Supper follow-up
 - October 30 6:30 Confirmation/Club (S.S. 6:00)
 - October 31 Halloween
 - November 3 9:30 All Saints Sunday Worship w/Holy Communion/Noisy Offering 10:30 Sunday School/Coffee Hour
 - November 4 2:00 Ruth Circle (Judy Munson)
 - November 6 6:30 Confirmation/Club (S.S. 6:00)
 - November 10 9:30 Worship w/Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School/Coffee Hour
 - November 11 Veteran's Day
 - November 12 6:00 Executive Council Meeting

Benediction President: Almighty God, Father Son and Holy Spirit order our days and our deeds in his peace.

Amen

Respectfully Submitted,

Marsha Benson, Secretary

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