

April 2003 Voter's Meeting Minutes

Quarterly Meeting

April 6, 2003

Chairman Nelson Torbeck called the meeting to order and Pastor Wohletz spoke regarding talents and led those present in prayer. The minutes were read and accepted as read.

A motion to accept Pastor Wohletz and his wife, Jennifer, as communicant transfers, and their son as a baptized member from Faith in Christ Lutheran Church, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Jo Ann Givens as a communicant transfer from Faith Lutheran Church in Mt. Vernon, Illinois, received a second and carried. A motion to accept Pastor Wohletz as a voting member received a second and passed. A motion to release Mike and Cindy Ehrat and family to Grace Lutheran Church in Paris, Illinois, received a second and carried.

The quarterly treasurer's report was given. The Elders reported meeting monthly with the Pastor. They also reported that the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod is developing a new hymnal for the Synod. Pastor Wohletz explained about the new hymnal and said he had a copy for anyone to examine. A motion to allow an individual in the congregation to purchase new copies of the present Lutheran Hymnal for the congregation received a second, after some discussion, passed.

The congregation is now using new lectionary inserts in the bulletin. The Elders are looking into using new bulletins. Pastor Wohletz will be taking short vacations in June and July. A motion to accept the Council's recommendation of paying for the Pastor's trash dumpster and the basic phone bill for the parsonage received a second and, after some discussion, passed.

The Elders reported that they are continuing to make home visits. Pastor Wohletz would like to begin an adult confirmation class. Everyone is

encouraged to give the names of perspective candidates to the Pastor or the Elders. There was a discussion regarding beginning church at nine (8) o'clock during the summer months. There was also a suggestion of having church begin at nine (9) o'clock with Sunday School at ten (10) o'clock. There was a motion to have the Lenten, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday services begin at seven (7) p.m. for this year.

There was a discussion regarding the "gossip sheet". It was pointed out that the new software would not print out a "gossip sheet" containing the donations of all of the members of the congregation. There was a discussion about having each contributor receive a statement concerning his or her contributions. A motion to no longer publish a "gossip sheet" retroactive to this year received a second and passed.

The school board and the Sunday School had nothing to report at this time. The trustees reported that they are doing the normal minor maintenance. The Bible class reported discussing the Christian view on war. They are becoming very active and are working on projects for those members of the church serving in the armed forces. The sexton, young people, and financemen had nothing to report at this time. The Men of the Church will have Mary Truitt make a presentation at the next meeting with all members of the congregation invited to attend. They will also be providing a meal at the closing session of the Vacation Bible School.

A motion to accept the council's recommendation for a special collection received a second and passed. It is:

Mother's Day (loose) to the Armed Forces Commission

A motion to vote for Pastor Keith as the Circuit Counselor received a second and passed. Hohlt and File Funeral Home has offered to buy mats for the narthex. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Sasse have offered to purchase and install a flagpole and American flag in front of the church. This led to a discussion, which included the trees in the picnic grove. A motion to allow Mr. and Mrs. Allen Sasse to place a flagpole in an appropriate place in front of the church received a second and passed.

Pastor Wohletz reported on the attendance for the past quarter. In January, the average attendance per Sunday was 115, in February the average attendance per Sunday was 114, and the average attendance per

Sunday in March was 139. The average attendance per Lenten service is 53. He invites members of the congregation to attend the adult confirmation classes.

The Council has recommended that a door collection to pay the registration fees for the two (2) Relay for Life teams from the congregation be taken on April 13, 2003.

There was a question concerning the criteria for confirmation. Pastor Wohletz explained how it was determined who was to be confirmed.

The minutes were read and corrected.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

F. Gale Meseke, secretary