

Annual Meeting

January 16, 2011

In the absence of the Chairman, Elder David Kruenegel called the meeting to order and Pastor Bruce opened with a reading from Joshua and then led those present in prayer. The minutes from the October, 2010, meeting were read and approved as read. Pastor Bruce presented the annual Pastoral Report. Six (6) new members were confirmed last quarter. They were: Ed Atwood; Steve, Caryl, Rachel, and Abby Hickerson; and Holly Torbeck. A motion to accept these people as communicant members received a second and was approved.

Scott Torbeck presented the quarterly Treasurer's Report and handed out the Annual Report. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the Treasurer's Report. The Elders reported meeting regularly with the Pastor. There was no School Board Report. The Youth Group is going to resume Confirmation Classes and will hold more social meetings this year. Some visitors have been attending their social meetings as well.

The Trustees reported doing more work in the basement. Preliminary estimates for a lift station and sewer work downstairs are running around \$5000. This should relieve the odor in the bathrooms and the other septic problems downstairs. A motion was made, received a second, and carried to install a lift station, a septic tank, and do all septic line work to tie into the existing septic lines.

The Sunday School reported receiving many compliments on the Children's Christmas Eve service and will start practicing on songs for Easter. They also plan to start a young adult class. The Bible Class is currently studying the Lutheran Liturgy and are enjoying the use of the new padded chairs. The Finance Men had nothing to report. The Financial Board of Review met with the Treasurer and approved the books for 2010. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept their review. The Sextant pointed out that he will be spending more money this year to repair more stones.

There was no old business at this time.

Art Schukar volunteered for the Vice Chairman position which is vacant due to the passing of Nelson Torbeck. There was a moment of silence to honor Nelson for his many years of service to the church. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept Art Schukar as Vice Chairman.

Pastor raised the question of offering Holy Communion every Sunday with there being some discussion on the subject.

After Pastor also brought up the issue of women's suffrage and spoke on the LCMS position on the subject, the matter was tabled.

The Council recommended the following special collections:

Ash Wednesday – Ft. Wayne Seminary

2nd Lenten service – Lutheran World Relief

3rd Lenten service – St. Louis Seminary

4th Lenten service – Lighthouse Ministry

5th Lenten service – Lutheran School for the Deaf

6th Lenten service – District Deaf Ministry

Maundy Thursday – Christ Our Rock Lutheran HS

Easter Sunday - Bethesda

A motion to accept the Council's recommendations received a second and carried.

Following the reading of the minutes, the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

F. Gale Meseke,

Secretary