

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Aurora, Mn Council Meeting November 21, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm October 21, 2023 by Treas.. T Salo
Treas. T Salo welcomed all.

Devotions

Pastor Greg spoke on how to recognize Angels giving a list of ways for us to know Angels are among us and real including talking out loud. My thought was it would be fun to have a Bible study on Angels.

Release to Boards 6:45

Council Meeting

With boards prepared and ready T Salo resumed with the regular council meeting at 7:20 pm, in attendance: T Salo, D Barstad, D Peterson, M Castle, W Koski, J Salo, D Shuck, P Peterson, K Baxter and D Maki.

Meeting minutes of Oct. 23, 2023 were presented by Council Secretary D Maki

A motion was made by D Barstad to approve the minutes, 2nd by D Peterson. Motion approved.

Treasurers Report was presented by Treas. T Salo, having no questions a motion was made by D Barstad to approve the treasures report, 2nd by D Peterson. Motion approved.

Deacons Report K Baxter reported for the Bd of Deacons, Kathy started off

Deacon for Nov: J Salo

Eucharist Ministry: Nov: K Undeland and K Baxter

Dec: D Maki and M Castle

Jan. L Ekman and Y Trowbridge

K Baxter told the council how each and all those being visited by the Eucharist Committee are so very grateful and happy to be visited, Kathy also stated it is a very rewarding wonderful experience to be a part of this committee, Kathy also encourages others to join in on this wonderful experience. Please contact Kathy or anyone on the Eucharist Committee if you would be interested in visiting our church members. it's a blessed experience!

December Schedule: Sunday School Christmas Program December 10th during worship service.

Christmas Eve Service – Dec 24th 5:30 pm

No Christmas Day service

Pulpit Replacement on Sunday, Nov. 26 will be filled by Alyssa Hammond

Board of Education

The Sunday School Christmas Program will be held Sunday Dec. 10 during worship hour; following the worship service a Christmas Brunch will be served by the Board of Education and the board of Stewardship, a sign up sheet to provide egg bakes and other needs has been placed on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please sign up to donate.

December agenda items:

- *After School Sunday School
- *Children receiving bibles

Board of Stewardship & Fellowship

Chairman M Castle reported to the council we have and will continue to do “Acts of Kindness” for our home bound members which could be visits or phone calls just checking in on our home bound member. During the Christmas season we too will be contacting our home bound members and members who have moved away spreading Christmas cheer!

M Castle also reported, Sunday, November 19th our church celebrated “Giving Thanks” President M Hess took care of ordering a delicious beautiful cake made by D Mugge **Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,” –Ephesians 5:20.**

Board of Trustees D Barstad reported for the Trustee Board

- The water heater is up and running
- Delays on the east entrance step have been delayed, people have been either sick, busy or gone. W Koski offered lumber in her garage to be used for the east entrance step, the trustees thanked her and will call her soon to come and take a look.

Old Business

- Nominating Committee for 2024 will begin meetings and filling open positions very soon, Please say “Yes” to the nominating committees calls to fill our open board positions! Our church needs you!
- Our church and many other ELCA Churches have a received a questionnaire asking our opinions regarding: Allowing Rostered Ministers of Word and Service “staff” to administer the Sacrament of Eucharist in our ELCA churches.

The Reasons being presented to church’s are:

1. More churches are without a Pastor.
2. Trending low numbers of seminary graduates.
3. Numerous churches struggle to meet financial commitments for a full-time pastor
4. Pulpit supply isn’t always easy to find in rural areas.
5. If the parish has members that work shift work, those members might not be able to receive communion due to working on the given Sunday that the pulpit supply is able to cover.
6. Few ordained pastors are willing to bring their families up north, many feel North Mn is Duluth.
7. With little instruction lay people can give communion to the homes of members.

A motion was made by D Barstad that we support the reasoning and the financial reasoning of the request to allow staff of the Word and Service to administer communion. Motion 2nd by P Peterson. Motion approved. Pastor Greg was not in attendance and the request will be given to him for his thoughts and considerations.

New Business

Church Christmas Decorating will take place after church on the Sunday following Thanksgiving. If it does not all get done it will be done the following Sunday, Dec. 31 after church.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn by: P Peterson 2nd by K Baxter. Motion approved.

Adjourned with the Lord Prayer at 8:15 pm

Next council meeting will be Dec, 19th at 6:30 pm all members and friends of the congregation are welcome to attend. You are our church and your input is valuable.

Respectfully submitted,
Council Secretary, D Maki

The council asks for your prayers, guidance and support, that by our faithful service we will see faith abounds and God's kingdom increase. The council invites all members to attend council meetings.
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