



# Messiah Lutheran Church of Camrose

## Church Council

Tuesday April 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

Minutes

*SHARING JESUS CHRIST WITH ALL PEOPLE*

Present: Odell Olson, Charlene Brown, Ivar Saugen, Gail Stolee Members-at-large: Carolyn Andersen, Dave Larson, Chris Hohm, Donny Loewen, Pr. Calvin Skriver, Pr. Bev Swanson

**MSC** that we conduct this meeting via Zoom

1. Welcome and Opening

a. Devotions

Ivar read from Hebrews 12:1 (Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.) This was followed by a reading about spirituality and wellness and the importance of always being positive and hopeful.

2. Consideration and Adoption of the Agenda **MSC** that the agenda be adopted as circulated.

3. Approval of Minutes

a. **MSC** that the minutes of the Council Meeting of March 17, 2020 be adopted as printed.

4. Reports

a. Status of our ministries

i. President - See printed report

ii. Pastors

1. Pastor Calvin's Report - See printed report. Calvin highlighted that he continues to monitor the church's finances and to offer shared services to other congregations.

2. Pastor Bev's Report - See printed report. Bev noted that the virtual retreat she led on the weekend went well and this encouraged her to investigate how this format could be used in other ways such as Bible studies, or support groups.

iii. Treasurer's report

The treasurer began with appreciation for the work of the ministry team for the services they have prepared during the suspension of regular public worship. He expressed gratitude for how members have stepped up generously on behalf of the roof fund, Easter giving and regular contributions. Pending a full financial statement for the end of April and this fiscal year, he reported that it appears we will be close to budget. The roof fund now stands at \$33,250.

iv. Standing Committees

1. Learning – Donny reported that programs planned for this spring have been deferred to the fall. The Men's Bible study is continuing on Zoom. Sunday School is preparing to link children with prayer partners.

2. Service – Chris reported that the service committee will meet this week and submit a budget.

3. Support – Dave Larson reported that Eastlink is working on problems with the audio synchronization during the services. Chris volunteered to enable the Wednesday night re-broadcasts by managing the sound booth at the necessary times. Odell Olson, Pastor Calvin, Dave Larson, and Dale Swanson will meet with personnel from Eastlink at the end of May to discuss the continuation of our broadcast with them.

4. Witnessing – Carolyn will ask the Committee to consider ways to organize to connect with people during this time and into the future. She also shared feedback on the length of the service and the placement of the children's segment.

5. Worship – The committee will meet April 23.

5. Forward Planning and Opportunities

a. Covid-19

1. **MSC** that the Worship Committee recommend a way in which we might include Communion as part of the current services.
2. Pastor Calvin will follow up with the Food Bank as to their needs at this time.
3. For health reasons, the Worship Committee will be asked to consider alternatives to the hand-to-hand passing of the offering plate.

b. Annual General Meeting

1. **MSC** that the Annual General Meeting be deferred to September.
2. At the May meeting, we will discuss alternatives to this deferment.

c. Nominating Committee - Recruitment is proceeding. The questions of elections and whether people can step into their roles prior to being elected will be revisited in May.

d. Budget Committee will meet in May once the April statements are ready.

Budgets are needed from all committees.

Council will be asked to vote on wages by email. Odell will circulate a ballot.

Ivar will bring a recommendation on GIC investment to the May meeting.

6. Next Meeting: May 19, 7 pm via Zoom

Pastor Calvin closed with prayer at 9:09.