

Hope Lutheran Council – December 16, 2024

Call to Order – 5:00pm by Council President Lanae McClellan

Present: Lanae McClellan, Matt Lorenz, Pastor Matt Cordes, Hope Mack, Brad Warmka, Paul Gaukstad, Angie Newton, Sarah Gavert, Clint Mack, Molly Warmka.

Devotion: Matt Lorenz – Those who wander are not all lost.

Agenda: Approved as written.

September 17, 2024 Minutes: Approved as written.

Shared Ministry: No written report, oral report provided by Sarah Gavert.
Future agenda item: new member process

Financial Reports: Written and oral report presented by Paul Gaukstad and approved.
Received 46 pledge cards not including Vanco.
Currently \$30K short on budget.
Light pole was \$3600, not in the sidewalk budget.
Received two gifts totaling \$30K.
Still waiting for \$14K grant from Covid.
Put 3 bullet points in e-news after Paul presents to congregation quarterly.

Deacons: Written and oral report provided by Matt Lorenz.
65-70 people for the Thanksgiving Service, down from last year.
Undecorate the church on January 5.
Ash Wednesday will be baked potato, kid volunteer opportunities.

B.O.Y.E.M: Written and oral report provided by Hope Mack.
VBS Extravaganza, invite only: Saturday 2/8.
Green Lk is holding 8 spots (4 boys, 4 girls) in each program.
KOK family holiday party packed gift bags to give to the food shelf.
60+ went caroling, need to check with high school chamber singers next year. Move to earlier in December?
3 days at Camp House up north have been booked 6/20-23. \$300/ea. Fundraising TBD.

Voted to remove \$25 fees moving forward; funds will be found if the budget is exceeded.

25 people attended Life Group at the Brewery.

What About starts 2/9 in a 5-part series through 3/9.

Trustees: Written and oral report provided by Brad Warmka.

Kitchen camera is up, 2 more to install weather permitting. Need a yearly subscription.

Salt and plastic shovels work well.

Water softener works.

Check the talent list to look for new cleaners.

Roof: \$50 - \$60K deductible; 2025 goes by cash value. Need to start a new roof fund, \$175 - \$200K. We need to assemble a new roof committee to consider options like material and possible solar panels.

Need a new committee for landscaping for entryway and beyond (trees, firepit, outdoor activities).

Motion made and approved to open a new account for roof / "next big thing" funding. Talk to Dave regarding interest generating account.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Matt Cordes

Things are great, wonderful direction, healthy place.

Old Business:

Nominees approved.

Bylaws must be sent out 30 days prior to the annual meeting.

Communication process improvement, tabled.

New Business:

Budget approved with minor salary reduction, per request.

New members approved: Goodman, Doepke, Meyer, Silva.

Review Committee tabled until January. Exec board rep and council appointed rep from each arena. Mid-year 2025

HVAC audit has begun, findings will be shared at the next meeting.

Adjourned: at 6:54pm concluding with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted: Molly Warmka

Next meeting: January 21, 2025 at 5:00pm in Fellowship Hall.

Upcoming devotions:

Pastor Matt, January