First Lutheran Church Council Meeting  
Wednesday, July 11, 2018 – 5:30 p.m.  
James Bjorge Adult Education Room  
MINUTES


President Gary Inman opened the meeting. The Mission and Vision statements were read. Devotions included the opening of the Time Capsule from October 12, 1952. Several artifacts were found including a small Bible, FLC Bylaws and a Fargo Forum newspaper.

Consent Agenda
Reports and minutes were emailed to the Council. It was noted that the June 12, 2018 minutes need to be amended within the Financial section to reflect the Council direction to use the undesignated fund to offset the budget shortfall. Marianna Malm motioned to accept the Consent Agenda as amended. Sindy Keller seconded. Motion approved.

Financial Report
Danelle Kjar reported on the financials. We ended the fiscal year approximately $106,000 short in contributions. An additional ask was extended that brought the shortfall down. The undesignated fund was used to offset the difference in contributions as directed by the Council at the June meeting. Financials for June were more positive than previous summer seasons. Chris Kraemer motioned to accept the financials. Loren Stahl seconded. Motion approved.

Pastor’s Report
Pastor Laurie presented the Pastor’s Report. A busy month of activities including the FLCW Salad Luncheon, Vacation Bible School, Estate Planning and Aging with Dignity Seminar, and much more. FLC Youth attended the Houston Youth Gathering and were a great reflection of First Lutheran Church.

Special Focus – Finalize Budget
Pastor Corey reviewed the line items in the proposed budget. Technology expenses reflect security needs and staff technology support needs. It was noted that the parking lot rental income reflects a decrease during the construction activities. The Mission Outreach distributions were considered by the Council based on their focus on service. It was recommended to include the New Life Center in the distribution list. The Council approved the creation of a fund for the Shoe Box project for easier financial management. John Bennett motioned to accept the proposed budget with changes as discussed. Loren Stahl seconded. Motion carried.

(Danelle Kjar sent an updated budget on 7/12/18 for Council review of the changes as discussed.)

Daniel Dameico will present the budget between services on July 15 and July 22 for congregational input. Council representation was requested. Minimum of 2 desired. The final budget will be presented on July 29th at the Congregational meeting.

Old Business
Building Update – Terry Yoney provided an update on the progress of the construction activities. He asked if the Council wanted to consider a time capsule with the current construction project. Council supported another time capsule. Contents and size will need to be determined in the next few months.

The construction work is progressing well. It is carefully staged work. Structural engineers provide continuous monitoring of the Sanctuary. Water remediation steps have been taken and footings have been placed in that way that provides additional strength for the south wall of the Sanctuary. The Columbarium is being manufactured. Terry has asked for a meeting with the company to assess the progress. The floor
for the new nursery is in place. Great progress has been made with the Chapel. Although the work is a little behind, they are still confident that the Chapel and Nursery will be ready by 9/15/18.

Columbarium – The Columbarium bylaws updates were reviewed as outlined in the June 2018 minutes. Marianna Malm motioned to accept the Columbarium bylaws. Chris Kraemer seconded. Motion Carried.

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