

**First Lutheran Church Council**  
**Tuesday, October 16, 2018**  
**James B Jorge Adult Education Room**  
**MINUTES**

**Attendees:** Gary Inman, Sindy Keller, John Bennett, Dave Rogness, Loren Stahl, Kathy Helming, Danelle Kjar, Daniel Damico, Pastor Corey Bjertness, Pastor Dave Adams, Pastor Bill Ahlfeldt, Terry Yoney and Missy Froeber.

**Katie Kringstad and Jessica Goroski**, gave a presentation on the Ecuador Mission trip taken in July

**Gary Inman opened the meeting. Mission and Vision statements were read.**

**Consent Agenda**

Sindy Keller motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, Kathy Helming seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Financials**

Danelle Kjar reported on the financials. Dave Rogness motioned to accept the financials. Loren Stahl seconded. Motion approved.

**Pastor's Report**

Pastor Corey went over the slides and numbers from various activities in the church for September. He added that the return of congregation members from summer is slow so attendance is down, but giving numbers are up!

**Old Business:**

**Building Update** – Terry Yoney updated the Council on the building progress so far. The rain has slowed down the outside progress and that area will not be enclosed until February. They have added additional crew to try and make up time. The steel beams will be coming soon and we may need to take up extra parking for them. One solution is to have the construction workers park in the street that is not ticketed so that the beams may be stored in the enclosed fence. We still need lighting for the gym under the nursery and they are looking into several solutions for the lighting issues at the back of the nursery.

Dave Rogness went over the building financials and explained where we are at and expenditures vs. projections.

**New Business:**

**Internship** – Meggie Bjertness is on track to do her pastoral internship this summer. Normally she would intern at a different church, however, Pastor Corey is proposing that Meggie intern at First Lutheran in order to continue her role here and alleviate a reduction in income. He has spoken to the Bishop about who will take the matter to the Synod. Pastor Corey proposed that if the Synod okays the request, the Council approve the internship of Meggie Bjertness at First Lutheran. John Bennet motion for approval. Sindy Keller seconded. Motion approved.

**MDIVx** – This is a Luther Seminary program providing a 2 ½ year seminary track specifically for people who are already in ministry. They are looking for churches who are willing to participate by having internships and mentors for people in the program. The internships would be paid by a seminary grant that Luther received. They are asking if First Lutheran would be willing to be one of these churches. John Bennet motion for First Lutheran to participate in the MDVix program. Kathy Helming seconded. Motion approved.

**China Service Ventures** – Pastor Corey explained that Jeff Nellerhoe who is the director of China Service Ventures, a mission partner with First Lutheran, is looking for two Board members from First Lutheran with education experience and project management experience to help them get back on track. They are experiencing difficulties due to the new government regulations regarding missions and need people who can help them get organized and think outside the box. They would serve a 3 year term with a once a year meeting in China. Pastor Corey asked the Council to consider people they knew who might be a good fit.

**Next council Meeting will be held Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 5:30.**

**Pastor Dave prayed and ended with all saying the Lord's prayer.**

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Missy Froeber  
Executive Assistant

There was an Executive session.