

Stewardship Committee  
November 18, 2014

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MISSION: *The mission of the Stewardship Committee is to help God's people grow in their relationship with Jesus through the use of time, talents, and finances God has entrusted to them. (Ask, Thank, Tell: Charles R. Lane)*

Mission Statement of Church: *Our mission at First Lutheran Church is to bring people into a relationship with Jesus Christ and to help them grow in their Christian faith.*

Present: Christy Schilling, Marie Swanson, Loren Stahl, Mavis Bennett, Pastor Corey Bjertness, Rachel Clarke, John Holmen, Terry Yoney, Norma Tessmer Absent: Brad Williams. Joe Gress

Pastor Corey Bjertness opened the meeting with a prayer.

The October minutes were reviewed and there being no changes, Mavis Bennett made a motion to approve, Marie Swanson seconded and were approved.

During our conversation on our financial status, it was reported we have had to dip into the line of credit and things are on the upswing. They are hoping December will be "catchup" month for those who have commitments left to be paid. Pastor Corey Bjertness stated he is looking for a \$400,000 month.

During the review of the Tactical Stewardship Plan, it was discussed the plan should be evaluated on Celebration Sunday. The Worship Service will include Ask Thank Tell (slide show), have the pledge card in the First in Focus and will talk about how we are individually engaged in First Lutheran's Mission and have people take ownership.

After Celebration Sunday, Impact letter along with the pledge card will be sent to all members of the congregation. This will be followed up by the Bjertness Family Christmas Gift letter to encourage to follow their family tradition of giving to the church every year at Christmas.

It was also discussed the plan should be revised to have this cycle four times a year. Loren Stahl and Pastor Corey Bjertness will get together and incorporate the changes in the time line.

Other Items discussed:

- Will hire someone to do a feasibility study for Phase 2 of the building plan. There is only one main entry to the Sanctuary. Pastor Corey Bjertness wants the money in the bank before he will start on a new building project. Roll the current mortgage into the building project.
- Revise the plan and refocus the identity in the culture at First.
- Gala event in 2015; part of the Fargo-Moorhead identity;
- Our responsibility to pass to the next generation.

Norma Tessmer  
Secretary