First Lutheran Church Council  
Tuesday, March 19, 2019  
James Bjorge Adult Education Room  
MINUTES


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

Pastor Dave did the devotion on the “breath” of God. All stood in a circle and prayed

Consent Agenda  
Daniel Damico went over the Admin Report. After an extensive search for a new front desk receptionist, Wendi Scholl has decided to come back. There are buckets around the church to catch the drips and leaks caused by the snow and ice building up on the roof. No repairs can be made until the snow/ice pack melts. Sindy Keller motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, Kathy Helming seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Pastor’s Report  
Pastor Laurie spoke on the events that were held February. Council members were encouraged to spread the word about the First In Mission Coats for Kids drive. Erik Carlson has scheduled another Sole Hope event.

Building Update  
Danelle Kjar went over the project spreadsheet. And Daniel spoke on the progress so far. The concrete is being poured in the new worship space. They continue to shingle when possible. The wall has been built in the gathering space and demo has taken place on the other side for the new bathrooms. This wall will remain in place until June. The downstairs space is on hold for drywalling until the melt and consequential drips are down. Pastor Laurie added that we are hoping to open the daycare group in September, but fire safety/sprinklers and the stairwells could be an issue as they need to be complete and inspected before we can get our license.

Financials  
Danelle Kjar went over the budget report. We are still short in our monthly and yearly revenues. An “Ask” letter will go out this week explaining the difficult weather and the consequential revue shortages. John Bennett motioned to accept the February financials. Loren Stahl seconded. Motion approved.

Old Business: all old business is in progress

New Business:  
1. Global Missions needs a Council representative on their committee. Gary Inman will talk to Council members this week to find a volunteer.  
   NOTE: After the Council Meeting, Tracy Farmer volunteered to be the new Global Mission Council representative.

2. Katie Kringstad will be staying at First Lutheran and doing her MDx internship here. She starts June 1st and her hours as Children’s Ministry Director will need to be greatly reduced. Meggie Bjertness
is doing more course work for her degree before attempting her ministry internship. More than likely, it will be an offsite internship.

3. Vacation Bible School will be held offsite this year at the Golden Ridge church facility. It will be a full day, Monday through Thursday event with community involvement. We are hoping this outreach in that community will be of service to them.

**Next Council Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 5:30 pm**

**Rollie Johnson closed us in prayer.**
Meeting Adjourned.

**An Executive Session was held and the Council asked that these notes be included in the minutes:**

1. *Pastor Corey Bjterness’ sabbatical request was approved unanimously*. Loen Stahl motioned for approval and Kathy Helming seconded it. Motion was approved.
2. *Council will put into place a formal Sabbatical policy.*

Respectfully Submitted,
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