

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
October 25, – 7:00 PM
CHURCH SOCIAL HALL

Members Present: Nancy Wichmann, Becky O'Neill, Ken Varland, Jessica Olson, Kathy Lund, Chip Rasche, Bob Gruenhagen, Pastor Kathleen Ulland-Klinkner, and Pastor Dave Nissen.

Absent: None

Guests: None

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Devotions:** Nancy Wichmann read a devotional prayer. Ken has devotions in November.
3. **Additions to the Agenda:**
 - a. Issue – possibly have an “alternate” paid pianist for Christmas service
4. **Approval of 08/18/22 Council Minutes.** Item 7A should be changed to Kathy Lund (not Lunch). Motion by Chip R. and seconded by Jessica O. to approve minutes. Passed.
5. **Approval of 09/27/22 Council Minutes.** Susan K. was absent. Under New Business item
 - a. Kids X-cel Center was misspelled. Motion by Becky O. and seconded by Kathy L. to approve minutes. Passed
6. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Pastor Report: 5 baptisms, 1 wedding and 1 funeral, LinCt now has 107 kids coming, a large group (20) for faith formation. Lock-in was successful (50 kids). Mission Team will be bringing in a speaker this coming Sunday (Nov. 30) to discuss a book entitled “Embracing Diversity”.
 - b. **Financial Report:** Jessica Olson. We are about \$10,000 behind in our offering but also our expenses have been down. Putting it all together we are down about \$13,000. Venmo update ... The application asked what the business name should be ... the thinking was Our Savior's Lutheran Church New Ulm, MN. The Venmo address will be **@OSLCNewUlmMN**. A separate bank account will set up and funds “swept” once per month in order to place funds in the general account to avoid possible hacking.
7. **New Business**
 - a. A \$4000 gift is anticipated soon from the estate of Mary and Ralph Falk. It will come unrestricted but should this be “restricted” funds? Bob G. made a motion to place the \$4000 in a restricted account until such time that funds are needed for a worthy expense. Second by Ken V. Passed.
 - b. **Bus for 2022 summer “Youth Works” mission trip to Alamosa, Colorado:** Estimate for bus is \$18,000 (30 kids). Use of vans which is less expensive is not recommended (unsafe). There is money in a restricted account for youth and fund raising will be done. Youth Works registration fee is \$380 per person. The Youth Gathering trip to New Orleans in 2023 registration will be \$550 per person. Bus will be needed then also.
 - c. **Mission Dollars – disbursement:** Money comes in directly to missions. There is more than \$5000 in restricted missions account. There is no guidance in the Church Constitution on how these restricted funds to be used. Five member Mission Board needs some guidance. Council asks that the Mission Board come up with a list of possible items and dollar limit where these restricted funds can be used.

- d. **Building Use:** Lots of organizations using the building – cub scouts (weekly) and girl scouts (monthly) and MRCI almost every Friday. They have to clean up after themselves.
 - e. **Advertisement for New Ulm Journal – Official Community Guide for visitors (\$362):** We need to set a budget item each year for this (\$500). Other churches in New Ulm do this.
 - f. **Paying for pianist for Christmas Day morning service:** Shannon S. would like to not pay for this Christmas morning service. Recommends that the church should pay \$150 for this single service. Motion by Chip R. to pay \$150 for this pianist work, Second by Bob G. Passed. (Note: OSLC currently pays \$52 per service for outside pianist. This is lower than the going rate in this community).
- 8. Unfinished Business:** Still no Council Secretary. Nomination Committee needs ideas.
- 9. Next meeting:** a change ... will be November 29, 2022 at 7:00PM
- 10. Closing Prayer:** Lord's Prayer
- 11. Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn by Chip R. seconded by Bob G. Passed.

Respectfully submitted by Ken Varland, Church Council Past President.