

**TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**God's Spiritual Family**  
**Jesus fed**  
**Spirit led**

**Minutes of the Congregational Council Meeting**  
**September 20, 2009**

**Call to Order**

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregational Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Jim Adelman. Council met in the Library.

Present: Jim Adelman-President

Mark Smedley-Vice President

Wendy Hall-Secretary

Tim Abbott

Rich Baur

Don Bevan

Jim Block

David B. Brauer

Kathy Hemke

Yvonne Hudnall

Jenny Janke

Pete Luedke

Scott Peterson

Vincent Russell

Excused: Gordon Peterson, Hannah Russell,

Staff Representative: Dianne Barbin, Janet Montelaro

<b>Attendance through September, 2009</b>				
<b>NAME</b>	<b>TERM ENDS</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Tim Abbott	2009	8	3	
Jim Adelman	2010	11		
Rich Baur	2010	10	1	
Don Bevan	2011	8	3	
Jim Block	2010	9	2	
David B. Brauer	6/30/2011	2	2	
Wendy Hall	2009	9	2	
Jenny Janke	2009	11		
Kathy Hemke	6/30/2011	4		
Yvonne Hudnall	6/30/2011	4		
Pete Luedke	2009	8	3	
Gordon Peterson	2011	9	2	
Scott Peterson	6/30/2011	3	1	
Hannah Russell	2010	7	4	
Vincent Russell	2011	8	3	
Mark Smedley	2011	11		

**Devotions** were led by Pete Luedke.

**Prayerful Consideration of Council Matters**

**Approval of Minutes**-It was moved and seconded (Luedke/Hall) to approve the minutes with the following changes. Add question as to whether a Call process needed to be completed as part of Janet

Montelaro's installation as Associate in Ministry. Janet reported that Council would need to issue a formal Call to her as Associate in Ministry. Clarification-The Gospellers are to develop a procedure regarding fund-raising initiatives, not a policy. Motion passed.

**Financial Reports**-It was moved and seconded (Luedke/Smedley) to approve as presented. Motion passed.

**Completed, and Outstanding Projects, Actions, etc.**

**Status of Church roof and steeple project**-Fidelity Bank declined to increase the amount of the church's mortgage. Repair to the steeple will be deferred until spring. Several other financial institutions have been contacted regarding financing for the project and have expressed a positive interest. Council directed the matter be referred to the Finance Ministry. It was moved and seconded (Block/Abbott) that the Finance Ministry establish a balanced church budget with a positive cash flow by reducing staff salaries. Discussion followed. Motion passed. Council requested that Mutual Ministry have input in this process. Council asked that Pastor Fred and Jim Adelman recruit members for the Personnel Ministry.

**Roll Maintenance Committee report**-It was moved and seconded (Janke/Abbott) that Diane Bridge, Dan Demino, Merritt and Megan Fasick, Betty Garland, Tim Garland, Brian Garland, Emily Gropp, Callie Gropp, Erin Keay Lawrence, Nick, Wendy, Sean, Alexa, and Samantha Mazza, Ed Roberts, Matt Vandevort, Terrence Wright, Greg Miller, Shawn & Jennifer (Germeyer) Bornes, Melanie and Rachel, Sara R. Fortnam, Terry Langhorst Marsh, Pamela Langhorst Huckabee, Lori Lukus, Sydney and Zachary, Jenna Noel, Jennifer Sittig, Andrew Voll, Chris Neuhart, Brittany Lockard, Bethany Berkstresser, Gary and Dalton Peffer, Andrew and Matthew Veres be removed from the church's rolls. Motion passed.

**Trinity 21**-presented a written report of progress to date at Rally Day.

**Stewardship of God's gifts**

**Pastoral Acts**

**Pastor and staff sharing**

Ministry/Liaison	Written Report submitted	Comments/Notes
Christian Ed./ Jim Block	N	Rally Day has taken place and Sunday Church School is underway..
Comm. Ministry/ Evangelism/ Jenny Janke	N	A representative from Habitat for Humanity spoke at the September meeting.
Finance/Tim Abbott, Pete Luedke	Y	As reported above.
Gospelers/Jenny Janke	N	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The Live Nativity is scheduled for Dec. 19 and 20.</li> <li>▶ The group will be publishing the October issue of the "Trinity Trumpeter."</li> </ul>
Health & Wellness	N	Awards for the Walking Challenge were presented at Rally Day.
Mutual Ministry/Mark Smedley	N	Nothing new to report.
Property/Rich Baur, Don Bevan	N	Fall Clean Up is scheduled for Oct. 17.
Stewardship/Wendy Hall	N	A Fall Stewardship campaign is being planned

Worship & Music/Hannah Russell, Gordon Peterson	N	Jim Adelman queried Council on current hymn selection. Council requested that hymns be printed legibly in the bulletins, particularly for the Saturday evening service.
Youth/Vincent Russell, Gordon Peterson	Y	SpiritFest will take place at Lutherlyn in October.

**New Business**

**Facility use request**-Jim Adelman reported that “Parent Survival Skills Training” support group will meet on Saturday mornings once a month in the Parish Hall. The support group is an off-shoot of the Juvenile Court system.

**We Go Out in God’s Name**-The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM with prayer.

**Next Meeting-October 20 at 6 PM in the Library.**

**Action Items**

- *Wendy Hall*-direct Finance Ministry to discuss balanced budget strategies and report to Council in October.
- *Wendy Hall*-direct Finance Ministry to continue to explore funding options for the roof and steeple repair project.
- *Jim Adelman and Pastor Fred*-recruit membership for the Personnel Ministry.

Respectfully submitted,  
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