

**CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
December 9, 2008**

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Terry Hepola at 7:35 PM with the following Council Member present: Pastor Holtan, Sheri Johnson, Lisa Peterson, Cindy Olson, Connie Mort, Randy Jensen, Julie Baumgart, Harv Kraabel, Linda Mickelson and Cindy Hurt. Also Present: Shirley Pauna, Ron Ringsven and Rob McNair

II. Devotions: Cindy Olson led the Council in devotions and prayer.

III. Officers' Reports

Secretary's Report. Action: *Harvey Kraabel moved, Linda Mickelson seconded the following: Be it resolved that the minutes from the November 11, 2008 regular council meeting be approved. Motion passed unanimously.*

Treasurer's Report: Randy Graham presented the treasurer's report as follows:

	Nov Rev.	Nov Exp	Nov Balance	YTD Balance
General Fund	\$36,852.18	\$31,060.04	\$5,792.14	\$ (43.69)
Building Fund	\$ 6,669.50	\$ 5,832.00	\$ 837.50	\$(1,082.14)

Action: *Cindy Olson moved, Harvey Kraabel seconded to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*

IV. Committee Reports

Education- Working on the Christmas program and getting volunteers for the nursery

Personnel – Employee evaluations are finished.

Property – The committee is getting pricing information for a new stove to replace the one in the kitchen and how much gas it might save.

Social Ministry- Judy Peterson is leaving as head of parish health. Mary Ringsven will fill in temporarily. The committee is looking for someone to take training at Concordia. Very busy for TWIGS and outreach with the holiday season approaching. Reg Hansen will be leaving December 22nd and will be gone January and February. Stephen Ministry program is in place this time has been covered.

Stewardship – Submit items to Rand Stolee for presentation in Ask, Thank and Tell slideshow. Jeanna Nelson is working with the committee to put together a survey helping people find their passion, gifts and talents in hopes of involving more people in programs and projects.

Worship- none

Evangelism – There are about 75 people on the list to visit.

Youth & Family – Twenty-four families received Thanksgiving baskets put together and delivered by the youth. A group is attending a Peder Eide concert on December 17th. Rob McNair reported that the youth group has decorated for Christmas and caroled at St James and Briarwood. Older members have been helping deliver furniture, etc for Social Ministry. The 5th, 6th and 7th grade will be attending acolyte training on January 11th. College age students will lead services on December 28th.
Jubilee – Interviews on video are beginning.

V. **Staff Reports**

Pastor Holtan – \$7200 has been raised so far for Feed My Starving Children. Presented a program called Book of Faith with timeline.

Office – Shirley Pauna reviewed

Discussion Items

- A. **2009 Budget** - Ron Ringsven presented historical and projected revenue with budget summary. Harvey Kraabel led the line by line discussion of the budget. Adjustments were made to reduce the budget increase from 10.16% to 5.92%.
- B. **Letters** - Discussion of possible overage is tabled for next month's meeting.

VI. **Action Items**

- A. **Fundraiser Requests: Action:** *Randy Jensen moved Cindy Olson seconded to approve January 24th as the date for the Trash and Treasure Sale. Motion passed unanimously.*
- B. **Move Remainder of Jubilee Dollars (16-712) to Dedicated: Action:** *Randy Graham moved Pastor Holtan seconded to move the remainder of Jubilee dollars to that dedicated fund. Motion passed, Harvey Kraabel opposed.*
- C. **Move Remainder of Parsonage Dollars (16-914) to Dedicated: Action:** *Died without motion.*
- D. **Set Annual Meeting Date: Action:** *Paster Holtan moved Cindy Olson seconded to approve January 25, 2009 as the annual meeting date to be held after 2nd service. Motion passed unanimously.*
- E. **Church Use – American Red Cross Shelter Agreement: Action:** *Linda Mickelson moved Lisa Peterson seconded to approve the church use as an American Red Cross Shelter per the Agreement reviewed and presented by the Property Committee. Motion passed unanimously*

F. **Two Year Compensation Plan for 2009 and 2010 – Pastor Phil Holtan. Action:** *Linda Mickelson moved Randy Jensen seconded to approve the two year compensation plan - 2009 and 2010 for Pastor Phil Holtan. Motion passed unanimously.*

VII. **Adjournment:** President Hepola adjourned the meeting at 10:34 PM and the Council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Connie Mort

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Christmas Cantata – December 13 at 5:00pm
2. Christmas Cantata – December 14 at 8:30am and 10:45am
3. Service of Silence – December 16 from 5:00 to 7:00pm
4. Children's Christmas Program – December 21 at 10:45am

5. Christmas Eve Worship Services – December 24
Contemporary at 3pm; Traditional at 5pm and 7pm

6. Christmas Day – December 25 – Traditional Worship at 10:00am
7. December 28 Worship Services lead by the College-age Kids

8. Thanksgiving Eve Worship Offering for Feed My Starving Children
\$5,846 plus \$1,000 from the Youth Pumpkins, \$6,000 from Rotary International and \$350 from the EOT County Childcare Association for a total to date of \$13,196 for the Perham Mobile Package Project.

9. NOTICE: All **newsletter articles** are due **December 18 at 8AM**. If not received by this deadline, they will NOT be included in the newsletter.

10. NOTICE: **Annual Reports** are due by **January 5** Electronic copy preferably!!!

HOUSEKEEPING

1. November/December offerings picked up by Cindy Hurt, Lisa Peterson, Terry Hepola
2. December/January offerings picked up by Sherry Johnson and Cindy Olson.
3. January Devotions by Lisa Peterson.
4. January Host is Randy Graham
5. Next Council Meeting January 13, 2008