

Christ the King Lutheran Church & Living Hope Lutheran Church

Minutes - Joint Council Meeting

Monday, April 12, 2021

Attendees: Paul Hoffmann, Shannon Stoker, Chris Lear, Julie Irish, Rachel Moore, Joe Georgeson, Tera Rogers, Pastor Clare, Fred Walls, Ellen Smith, Joe Corrao, Scott Gregg, Becki Hill

Opening Prayer - Pastor Clare

Old Business

1. **Pastor's Report:** Pastor Clare advised she has been asked to consider a call at a church in her hometown and has had several interviews with them. She is still going through the process. If she is approved by their congregation, Sunday May 23rd will be her last Sunday with us.
2. **Joint MET Report:** We received feedback from Synod. There were mostly vocabulary and word flow issues, which have been cleared up on the present version. Minor changes were made to the summary and we added budget information. Both congregations need to agree on the current changes (CTK Council has reviewed - need LH confirmation). A tentative meeting was set up for a virtual "Town Hall" with Synod on Sunday, April 25th, for both congregations to discuss the call process and answer questions with Bishop Erickson and Pastor Kristen. We cannot post MSP onto church websites until we receive Synod approval. Discernment team will start back up once MSP is approved and the call process is officially started.
3. **Mutual Ministry Team:** Tera Rogers and Jerry Baganz will be on the Living Hope side of the Mutual Ministry Team. (CTK council approved Mary Stevens & Jan Nealy)
4. **Children's Worship** (online) - links on both church websites: Living Hope council would like children's worship to occur outside of normal worship time. They welcome having kids attend service with their families. Discussion on what time to start Children's Worship. Suggestion to set it at 10:00 a.m. Fred questioned this new plan and the original plan to have kids attend Children's Worship during service. He strongly feels it is moving away from the previously agreed approach to have Sunday School during church to allow parents to attend. This is also complicated by the original plan to address this with two services - one traditional and one contemporary. All in favor of keeping things the way they are for now and will be revisited at a later date.
5. **Stone Soup** <https://ctkport.churchcenter.com/giving/to/stone-soup>: Both churches have accounts set up for donations. We've seen a lot of people who are not members of either church coming in and volunteering. There are people from restaurants helping and starting to see interest in new people joining the church. Three other churches have seen this on Facebook and are inquiring to start up their own version

6. **COVID Updates:** Mark Dybdahl wanted to express his concern that we may be moving too fast too soon. Paul feels it is doable to have in-person services if we follow CDC guidelines by social distancing and wearing masks. All agreed.

New Business

1. **Sharing volunteers:** Fred feels it is important to have a common volunteer pool. There are a number of jobs that need to be done as we remove to in-person. Fred asked if it would make sense to pool a common list for volunteers at both churches and look at a new time and talent type survey. We will need to come up with a current list of willing participants. Email blast will include this. Rachel and Shannon will look into a potential time and talent survey and poll prior volunteers. Tasks include ushers, counting teams, greeters, altar preparation and decorations, CoVid cleaning, church set up, virtual church technical operators (video, audio, computer interface) and so on.
2. **Paving parking lots:** Chris reported he received the okay from Living Hope's council to start getting quotes. Rachel shared information that CTK saved. Most likely will not happen this year. Rachel advised everyone she spoke with has a year long wait list for parking lot resurfacing.
3. **Celebration?** Scott asked if it would be a good idea to plan a celebration sometime in the future to recognize how far we've come and where we are with the hardships in the past year. Leave on agenda to discuss in the future. Positive feedback from all at looking at something once CoVid issues allow, perhaps early summer.

Closing Prayer - Chris

Next Meeting: May 3, 2021