

Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church

Annual Congregational Business Meeting

February 1, 2009

Members Present: Enough active members were present to have a quorum.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Fran Matheson led us in prayer.

Old Business:

- Minutes from last year's meeting (Feb. 3, 2008) were read by Klaus Wilkens and approved. Craig Bender made the motion to accept them and Chris Carlson was the second.

New Business:

- A Constitutional Amendment was put forth and discussion was held around the need for being able to "Nominate" a Treasurer. The following was put forth as a needed change; "If the Congregational Council" elects its officers, the president, vice president, and secretary shall be selected from the elected membership of the Congregational Council. If the treasurer is not selected from the elected membership of the Congregational Council, the treasurer shall have a voice but not vote at the meetings of the Congregational Council.
 - A motion to accept the amendment was made by Dave VanBlarcom and a second was made by Norm Cleveland. Klaus called for a paper ballot and it passed unanimously.
- Nominations for Congregational Council were solicited from the congregation and opened to the floor. The following people are up for council election.
 - Leann Rice, Linda Richardson, Keith Kelleher, Chris Carlson, Jerry Woodrow, Rachel Moore, Ann Lashley.
 - Youth Candidates are Becky Bender and Travis Chambers.
 - We need to select five (5) from the adult leaders and one (1) from the Youth leaders.
 - A motion was made to close nominations and bring to a vote by Dave Drehs and Joel Merrit was the second. It passed unanimously. Votes again were done by ballot and Dave Drehs & Clark Harm were the ballot counters.
 - The ballots were collected and the voting results were: Leann Rice, Keith Kelleher, Chris Carlson, Jerry Woodrow, and Ann Lashley for adults and Becky Bender will represent the Youth. Rachel Moore will be the Alternate Member.
- We proposed and discussed the 2009 Fiscal Budget. It was passed out to everyone in attendance and the current council held two informational meetings in the last two weekends. A motion to accept was made by Conda Lashley and Karen Thomas was the second. The budget passed overwhelmingly.
- We need a Nominating Committee (4 people) and ELCA Synod representation (2 people) for the first weekend in June.
 - Nominating committee is as follows: Rebecca Kelleher; Karen Thomas; Klaus Wilkens; Craig Bender (two members must be outgoing council members).
 - Synod Reps: Joel Merritt and Sharon Eichler
- A motion to Adjourn was made by Dave VanBlarcom and a second was provided by Sharon Eichler. Meeting was Adjourned.

After meeting by new council in Pastor's office.

- John Hejka is willing to help the new council facilitate a planning\bonding session if we desire. We thought it was an excellent idea and would discuss it immediately with Pastor Ed. Pastor spoke about the need for a "Spiritual Retreat" for our initial planning sessions. The vote was unanimous for the Spiritual Retreat and the best date we agreed upon was Feb. 15, 2009. Pastor Ed will inquire about John Hejka's availability and a close by location, but NOT at Spirit of Joy.

The current outgoing Executive Council is as follows:

President – Klaus Wilkens

Vice-President – Mike White

Secretary – Chris Carlson

Treasurer – Rick Moore

The Council Nomination Committee

Rebekah Kelleher

Karen Thomas

Klaus Wilkens

Craig Bender

In God We Trust,

Chris Carlson

Secretary, SOJ Council