

**CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church – Milton, Pennsylvania**  
**August 10, 2010 - 6:30 p.m.**

**Council Members:**

<u>Class of 2010</u>	<u>Class of 2011</u>	<u>Class of 2012</u>	
Stephanie Byers	Kay Dunn	Don Fisher	Rose Deaner, Interim Treasurer
Donna Spear	Stephen Moll	Roger Watts	Ruth Greenly, Financial Secretary
Tim Walsh	Nancy Walters	Barry Yeager	Pastor Pat Pittsnogle

***Our Mission:***

We are called by God to follow Christ's example and teachings  
through worshiping, witnessing, learning,  
supporting one another, and reaching out to others.

**WE ARE CALLED BY GOD**

The meeting began with reading of the mission statement, lighting of the candle, and prayer.

In attendance: Stephanie Byers, Rose Deaner, Kay Dun, Don Fisher, Ruth Greenly, Stephen Moll, Pastor Pat Pittsnogle, Donna Spear, Tim Walsh, Roger Watts, Barry Yeager. Excused from this meeting: Nancy Walters.

**TO FOLLOW CHRIST'S EXAMPLE AND TEACHINGS**

Devotions were given by Stephen Moll. Joys and concerns were shared.

**THROUGH WORSHIPING**

Donna Spear will lead the September devotions.

Worship and Music Report: Next meeting is August 23 at 7:00 p.m. Sunday School kick off is September 12 and includes Beth Yenchko from Synod. Contemporary Worship is not something to replace our traditional worship. We will adopt a version of the service as used at Trinity which isn't greatly different from what we are used to. We will try it out about once per month. There is an issue of licensing music, however.

The Pastor's Reports for June/July were reviewed and accepted via email. Council reviewed a letter from Bishop Driesen concerning the Synod Assembly amendment to synod budget approval. Synod is asking that congregations prayerfully consider increasing their giving and is asking churches to send pledges for 2011 by September 30. Council decided that we will pledge \$4,000 for 2010. Council reviewed the 2009 ELCA congregational constitution amendments. We will vote on these additions to our constitution at the November congregational meeting.

**WITNESSING**

Witness Ministry Report: Friday, August 13 event is a male beauty pageant. Gerasene Team – first meeting Sunday, September 19, during the Sunday School hour.

**LEARNING**

Christian Education Report: Nancy Mensch is serving as new chair; special thanks to Pam Walsh for her faithful and effective leadership! Plans for 2010-2011 Sunday School and Bible Buddies are still in process. Adult Bible class has ordered its materials for Fall. Sunday evening Bible study begins September 19, at 7 p.m. – topic TBA

**SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER**

Minutes from the June 2010 council meeting were reviewed and approved via email.

Rose Deaner provided a treasurer's report for June/July 2010. Roger Watts motioned to approve the June report subject to audit and Don Fisher seconded. All approved. The July treasurer's report requires a correction on the Year-to-Date

Expenses. Roger Watts motioned to approved the July report with the needed correction on the Year-to-Date Expenses subject to audit. Don Fisher seconded. All approved.

Endowment Committee Report: Request #034: Relay for Life matching funds up to \$1,500. Endowment committee recommends this request. Council approved.

Property Report: Baptismal Font update: It is in Sunbury. It may be delivered sometime during the week of August 9. Spouting project is close to finished but still needs work on the support pillars. The new stone has been spread.

Staff Support Report: Staff support met with the leadership of the church on July 18 after worship to open up additional communication. The meeting was good and there was enthusiasm among the participants.

Finance Committee Report: Met on July 13 at 6:30. Finance recommends we use money from the investment fund proceeds up to \$10,000 to pay the federal back taxes and penalties and fees to reimburse the checking account. Pastor Pat seconded. All approved. There will be a special congregational meeting on Sunday, August 29, to bring this issue to the attention of the congregation. A vote will ensue at this special meeting. Finance Committee met with our Thrivent Rep, Wayne Yoder. He recommends staying with the Moderate Conservative Allocation Fund. We are going to continue to use Shepherd's Staff software as we begin to set up all of our accounting processes for 2011.

#### **AND REACHING OUT TO OTHERS**

Social Ministry: proceeds from male beauty contest support social ministry.

#### **SENDING FOR MISSION**

Pastor Pat offered prayers for special concerns. All participated in the Lord's Prayer and singing of the Doxology.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Agenda items for the September meeting are due by Sunday, September 5.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Spear, Secretary