

**CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church – Milton, Pennsylvania**  
**January 8, 2008**

**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 were: Rose Bolich, Stephanie Byers, Kay Dunn, Don Fisher, Dale Kriner, Michael Lazor, Stephen Moll, Pastor Pat Pittsnogle, Donna Spear, and Tim Walsh. Excused from the meeting: Ruth Greenly and Judy Schneider.

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

Devotions were given by Rose Bolich. Joys and concerns were shared.

Pastor Pat reviewed the responsibilities of council officers and election of new officers for 2008 was completed by prayerful consideration and written ballot. Results are: President, Don Fisher; Vice President, Michael Lazor; Secretary, Donna Spear; Treasurer, Dale Kriner; and Financial Secretary, Ruth Greenly.

Council then discussed the process of electing the nominating committee for 2008. According to the constitution, the nominating committee should be elected by the congregation. As this has not been past practice, it will be brought to the attention of the congregation at the Annual Congregational Meeting in March. However, council members will begin the prayer process for selecting nominating committee members.

Additionally, several other constitutional items will be considered at the March congregational meeting. These suggested amendments are taken from the ELCA Model Constitution and are formulated every two years.

**THROUGH WORSHIPING**

Kay Dunn will lead devotions at the February council meeting.

Stephen Moll reviewed the Worship and Music Ministry report. Pastor Pat explained that "Soup and the Word" will be held at Christ Lutheran this year beginning on Wednesday, February 13, at noon. Plans with areas churches are still being formulated.

The Pastor's report for December was reviewed and accepted (motion by Rose Bolich and second by Kay Dunn). The Leadership Retreat will be held on Friday, April 18, from 6 to 9 p.m. with pizza provided for dinner. Pastor Berner will be presenting information about Gettysburg Seminary Crossroads Campaign at the February council meeting. Council approved (motion by Stephen Moll, second by Steph Byers) the Holy Baptism (January 13) as well as First Communion instruction for Tatum Brittingham. The Pastor expressed heart-felt thanks to all council members for their service.

**WITNESSING**

Rose Bolich announced a meeting for an Evangelism Advisory Committee to be held on Monday, January 14, at 6:30 p.m. at Pastor Pat's house. Pastor Pat said that Roger Watts is currently working on plans for another mission trip for "Katrina" relief. A planning meeting for the mission trip will be held on Sunday, January 27.

## **LEARNING**

The Christian Education report was reviewed. There is still a need for a Vacation Bible School Director. This year's VBS theme is "Tropical Rainforest." The Christian Ed. Committee is looking to expand.

## **SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER**

Minutes from the December meeting were reviewed and approved (motion by Don Fisher, second by Kay Dunn).

The treasurer's report was provided by Dale Kriner and was approved (motion by Rose Bolich, second by Tim Walsh) as written, subject to audit.

Don Fisher reported from the Finance Committee that this year's audit committee consists of Donna Spear, Pete Ishler, and Mae Jones. However, Donna's audit committee position will need to be filled next year as she is now a council member. Council approved (second by Rose Bolich) the finance committee's recommendation for the following persons for the newly formed Endowment Committee: Ed Coup, Betty Morgan, Glenn Snyder, and Roger Watts. These names will be presented for vote at the March congregational meeting. Three are to be elected. Elected members will serve a staggered three-year term. Stephanie Byers was appointed by council to serve a 2-year council seat on the committee, and one more council seat is yet to be filled. The next Finance Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, January 29, at 6:30 p.m.

After an accounting of the E keys, there are three keys unaccounted for and one key accounted as lost. Council approved (motion by Don Fisher, second by Rose Bolich) the purchase of five more E keys.

Kay Dunn reported that the Staff Support Committee will start the new year with a meeting on Thursday, January 31, at 7 p.m. This committee needs one new member this year.

A discussion ensued concerning the new drop safe. It was decided that Wednesday and summer Saturday offerings will be placed in the drop safe after service. On Sunday mornings, the drop safe will be opened prior to service and those offerings will be placed in the plates for counting after the Sunday service. The counters will then return all counted offerings to the drop safe for Dale Kriner to pick up for deposit. Any monies received by mail throughout the week will be placed in the current office safe and also placed in the offering plates on Sunday mornings. Pastor Pat, Dale Kriner, and Michael Lazor will have the combination to the new drop safe lock.

## **AND REACHING OUT TO OTHERS**

Souper Bowl Sunday will be held on February 3. Stephanie Byers and family are organizing the event. Stephanie requested that we purchased additional roasters this year, as last year there was not enough soup made for those who pre-ordered it. They will make two additional roasters of soup this year. Council approved (motion by Rose Bolich, second by Kay Dunn) to purchase two new roasters for the kitchen. This money will come from the Kitchen Fund.

## **SENDING FOR MISSION**

Pastor Pat led the close of the meeting with prayer for the church, members, council, and personal concerns. All participated in the Lord's Prayer and singing of the Doxology. Pastor Pat finished with the Benediction.

The next regular meeting of council is Tuesday, February 5, at 7 p.m. Agenda items are due by Sunday, February 3.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Spear, Secretary