

Silver Lake Lutheran Church Council Minutes

Minutes Pending Approval

November 17, 2020

Conference call was initiated by Pastor Randy at 7:40 PM. Started with a prayer from Pastor Randy. He then gave the One In Christ Report and his own report. Call to order was made by Bill Loberg. Those on the call were Carol Bergo – Secretary, Larry Johnson, Gus Hagen, Orval Quam, and Kathy Kreuzscher – Treasurer.

The Secretary's Report was given by Carol. Motion was made to accept the report, motion was seconded, and approved by all in attendance.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Kathy Kreuzscher. Motion was made to accept the report, motion was seconded, and approved by all in attendance.

Old Business:

1. **Update on Steeple trim needing to be painted:** Bill Loberg will continue to look for a lift which will reach. This cannot be addressed until next spring/summer.
2. **Update on boiler in church parsonage:** Boiler had to be replaced it was beyond repair. This was completed at a cost of \$7,800. Council discussed the cost and decided this was a necessary maintenance item to the church property and funds should come from the Gudvangen Fund. Motion was made, seconded, and approved by the majority of the council.
3. **Mission Sunday was held on November 15th.** At Silver Lake the offering went to Day Spring and the Northwood Food Shelf.
4. **Sunday, Nov 15th church congregational meeting:** Bill Loberg presented the proposed budget for 2021 for the "One In Christ Lutheran Parish". A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposal. All those present voted to accept the 2021 One In Christ Lutheran Parish budget. Motion carried.
5. **Stained glass window behind pastor's chair:** Donny Thompson gave ideas about addressing this and will give a quote. It cannot be done until next spring/summer. There are 2 windows are involved. It was suggested that an angled piece of plexiglass be put over both windows. There is an electrical line in the way which will need to be addressed.
6. **Basement wall under the on window which is showing a great deal of water damage:** Prior to

getting this fixed it needs to be determined if filling in the window wells and landscaping around the basement walls to run water away addresses the issue which is causing the water damage.

7. **On the broadcasting of the "One In Christ" Church services being given in memory of loved ones:** One In Christ Parish Council approved this. After December meeting the council will have the information on when this will start and what the donation amount will be.

Other:

1. One In Christ is still looking for a backup Videographer for church services.
2. On November 1st at church service quiet singing with masks on started. When Pastor Bill is doing the service this will not be possible.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE:

1. "Silver Lake Lunch Fellowship Event" is postponed until further notice.
2. Noisy Offerings are on hold until further notice
3. Silver Lake Sunday Worship services for December, January, and February will be at 9:00 AM

New Business:

1. Due to severe increase in COVID-19 cases in our area it was decided to cancel in person church services for the Sundays of Nov 22 and 29th at Silver Lake. And to have only online services for Thanksgiving
 - Pastor Randy and Pastor Bill will continue to give services through the <https://oneinchristlutheranparish.org> website. There should be a link to take you to the services, or https://www.YouTube.com/results?search_query=one+in+cgrust+lutheran+parish
 - Donations can be made through <https://tithe.ly/give> (you will need to set up an account) or follow the link on the "one In Christ Lutheran Parish" website.
 - Checks can also be sent to Silver Lake Church 705 Silver Lake Road Northwood IA 50459 Attn: Kathy Kreuzscher
 - Pastors are still doing individual visitations by phone.
2. Nov 29th at 2:00 PM Pastor Randy will set up a teleconference call to discuss when to continue in

person church service at Silver Lake. Currently these are tentatively set for Dec. 6th.

3. 1st Communion has been moved to December 6th. Currently there is no one at Silver Lake who will be taking First Communion.
4. There will not be a traditional Christmas program by the Silver Lake Sunday School this year. Melanie DeVries will work with Pastor Randy on having the students participate in the Christmas Service in some way.
5. Confirmation classes will be online starting Wednesday, November 18th probably lasting thru Christmas break.

6. It was mentioned that Bill Loberg's, Gus Hagen's, and Orval Quam's terms on the church council will be up in January and we need to start looking for parishioners who would be willing to serve

Next Council meeting will be December 15th, 2020;
6:30 PM at Silver Lake

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. Motion carried. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Bergo.