

# Silver Lake Lutheran Church Council Minutes

*Minutes Pending Approval*

**November 29, 2020**

Conference call was initiated by Pastor Randy at 2:00 pm on Sunday Nov 29. Those joining the call were Bill Loberg, President of Council, Carol Bergo – Secretary, Larry Johnson, Gus Hagen, and Orval Quam.

Stephan Allison who was not able to be on the call had been in favor of starting church services on Dec 6<sup>th</sup>. After discussion it was decided in person church services at Silver Lake would not resume until Dec 20, 2020. Orval Quam motioned we not re-open for in person Church services until Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>. Gus Hagen seconded the motion. All present on the call voted aye. Motion Carried.

**Pastor Randy informed the council all children's Christmas programs for the "One In Christ Lutheran Parish have been cancelled for this year.**

**For the Christmas service Pastor Randy is planning on**

- 2 hymns which will be read responsively
- 5 recorded hymns sung by the Luther College Choir
- And to quietly sing by candlelight Silent Night. **(If the congregation feels uncomfortable with singing this it can be changed to reading it.)**

It was brought to the attention of the church council Renae Bergo has been hospitalized for COVID-19 and other complications. Anyone wishing to send a card address is below. Susan Renae Bergo, May Clinic Health System, 1000 1<sup>st</sup> Drive NW, Austin, MN 55912

Next church council meeting will be Dec. 15 at Silver Lake. On Silver Lake's agenda will be the current situation of COVID-19 cases in our area. Notification by Church Mutual Insurance Co. rates were going up for the Church and parsonage at Silver Lake. Silver Lake council will begin their meeting at 6:00 and afterwards decorate the Christmas Tree.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Bergo

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## December 15, 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 and his own report. Those on the call were Bill Loberg – President, Carol Bergo – Secretary, Larry Johnson, Orval Quam, Gus Hagen, 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. The 2021 budget for Silver Lake was discussed and amounts were proposed for a total of \$78,348.00. Motion was made to accept the report and proposed budget, motion was seconded, and approved by all in attendance.

### Old Business:

1. **Update on Steeple 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. **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. Waiting on quotes
3. **Basement wall under the window which is showing a great deal of water damage:** Prior to getting this fixed it need to be determined if filling the window wells and landscaping around the basement walls to run water away addresses the issue. This will be addressed in the spring.
4. **On the broadcast of the "One In Christ" Church services being given in memory of loved ones:** One In Christ Parish Council approved this and more information will be forth coming on this. This will start sometime in January with a free will offering.

### Other:

1. One In Christ is still looking for a backup Videographer for church services.

### 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 will resume in person worship on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. (Quiet singing with masks being worn will be allowed)
4. Christmas Eve service will be at 4:00 PM  
For the service Pastor Randy is planning on
  - 2 hymns which will be read responsively
  - 5 recorded hymns sung by the Luther College Choir
  - And to quietly sing by candlelight Silent Night
5. January 24, 2021 the annual Congregational meeting will be held after 9:00 AM church service to discuss/approve the proposed 2021 budget and to elect/approve new council members. Bill Loberg, Orval Quam, and Gus Hagen's terms on the church council will be up at the end of January.

### New Business:

- Pastor Randy and Pastor Bill 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+christ+lutheran+parish](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=one+in+christ+lutheran+parish)
- Donations can be made through <https://tithe.ly/give> (you will need to set up an account: or follow the link on "One In Christ Lutheran Parish" website.
- Check 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.

Next meeting will be January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 : 7:00 PM at Immanuel.

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

Respectfully submitted by Carol Bergo