

# One In Christ Lutheran Parish Council

*Minutes Pending Approval*

**7:00 pm Tuesday – April 13, 2021**

**@ Winnebago**

**Members Present:** Barb Renshaw, Homer Peterson, Dennis Kreuzscher, Dilla Arneson, Barb Abele, Virgean Reines, Roger Larson, Pastor Randy, Pastor Bill. Via Zoom: Julie Bernau and Jayne Shaeffer. Guest: Rev. Steve Brackett from the Northeastern Iowa Synod office. (Meeting was conducted by Dilla, vice president)



## I. Devotions by Pastor Bill

Rev. Steve Brackett: "Options for filling a geographical pastor/deacon vacancy or modifying an existing call"  
Rev. Brackett explained and discussed seven options available for congregations whenever a pastor vacancy should occur. He stressed that church councils should be forward looking rather than waiting until a vacancy exists. The council was in agreement that many of the options suggested were new or revised and appreciated the update. Pastor Randy, Pastor Bill and all parish council members have a handout of Rev. Brackett's presentation if further information is desired.

II. Secretary's Report was read and approved  
M/S/C

III. Treasurer's Report was read and approved  
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IV. Announcements/Reflections/Feedback

A. Current Adult Classes/Bible Studies -  
"The Bible Jesus Read"

B. Worship – Easter services were well attended; attendance in general seems to be increasing due to more members being vaccinated for COVID-19

C. Confirmation at Lunder, May 2

D. Online worship - technical issues appear to be resolved; many positive comments were received via the recent OIC survey

V. Business

A. Administrative - Life in our Congregations post-COVID

Survey Responses were shared and discussed. Thank you to everyone who completed the survey; your input is much appreciated and valued! Results will be shared with congregational councils and printed in the May newsletter. Specific action plans will be discussed in upcoming months.

B. Worship – Parish-wide Worship is planned for mid-summer; an outdoor venue and meal are possibilities. A host congregation is needed.

C. Outreach Emphasis – tractor-ride planning in progress!

D. Fellowship

E. Discipleship – VBS June 7-10  
Theme: "Treasure"

F. Service/Mission

G. Youth

H. Vision and Mission of One in Christ Lutheran Parish - Goals/Ideas for 2021

1. Life in our congregations post-COVID: re-invite...re-gather...re-create...

2. Financial viability of the parish and of individual congregations

3. Exploration of alternative staffing configurations

VII. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,  
Barb Abele