

One In Christ Lutheran Parish Council

Minutes Pending Approval

7:00 pm Tuesday – October 10, 2023

@ Winnebago Lutheran Church, Lake Mills



Present: Pastor Randy, LeAnn Hagen,
Dennis Kreuscher, Becky Martinson, Pastor Bill,
Homer Peterson, Barb Renshaw,
Kermit Singelstad

I. Devotions – Pastor Bill opened meeting with
devotions on Hebrews 11:1-3.

II. Reports – Secretary and Treasurer reports were
reviewed and received. (MSC.)

III. Announcements

- a. Current Bible studies – “Gardener, Two Travelers, and a Cheat” at Salem/Winnebago & “World Religions from a Christian Perspective” at Silver Lake.
- b. ELCA Youth Gathering – Two students showed interest, waiting to see if there may be more.
- c. Lake Mills Fall Festival – OIC sponsored the games. Attendance appeared to be down. Suggested that an hour and a half might be better instead of two hours.
- d. Fall Conference – for Pastor Randy and Pastor Bill will be on Oct. 15-17.
- e. Vacation – Pastor Bill will be on vacation on October 19-24 & November 12

IV. Business

A. Administrative Issues

- 1) 2024 OIC Budget Proposal was discussed. MSC to Lease two cars for two years for pastors. A budget proposal was approved to pass along to congregational councils with a 5.3% increase. (MSC).
- 2) Health Coverage – Dennis Kreuscher will get in touch with Portico to see if Pastor Randy and Bonnie Kay could be on Medicare A & B.

B. Worship

- 1) Mission Sunday – Sunday, Nov. 19th – a parish wide worship at Winnebago. Sheila Burger, administrator in the Austin School district, has agreed to share with us the challenges and joys of help immigrant and refugee children & families getting settled.

- 2) Thanksgiving Eve Worship will be at Bethany, Wednesday, Nov. 22nd at 7:00 pm. Our offering will be directed to help people in war-torn countries.
- 3) Advent 4 and Christmas Eve Day are one and the same this year. Congregational Councils will have to decide if they desire to have a Sunday Morning service or just an evening worship service or both.

C. Outreach

D. Fellowship

E. Discipleship

F. Service/Mission

G. Youth

- 1) Hayride for Middle & High School Oct. 22.
- 2) Confirmation field trip Nov. 3rd to Decorah
- 3) Food Drive will be on Wednesday Nov. 8th.

V. Vision and Mission – Brainstorming

A. Transitioning of parish leadership

We continue to discuss future plans for the parish as we transition. Congregations, at their annual congregational meeting, are asked to make a formal decision of their intent to be part of One in Christ Lutheran Parish. We will also ask neighboring congregations if they might want to discuss being part of One in Christ Lutheran Parish. Once we have an idea what the parish may look like, we can begin to develop a parish profile discerning our gifts and needs and opportunities for ministry and explore staffing possibilities.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next Meeting is Tuesday, November 14th
7:00 pm at Winnebago.