

First Trinity Lutheran Church  
Quarterly Voter's Meeting  
January 21, 2024

Chad Vanness called the meeting to order, and Pastor led us in opening prayer.

**Secretary's Report:** presented in printed form. Motion by Kris Vanness to approve, seconded by Perry Broders. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** present in printed form. Danelle gave basic explanations regarding Missions fund, specifically with Memorials, and there is a new fund for fellowship hall flooring started as people have given money designated for that purpose. Motion by Craig Vanness to approve, seconded by Katie Reicks. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:** finished up his final round of shut-in facility visits. Spent a week in St. Louis at the Seminary recently. His final service with us here is 1/21/24. He spoke with Melissa Wagner about doing Facebook postings, she will handle those when he leaves. He has given all the Bloomfield Cares information to Pastor Terry from St. Mark's as he is now the main point of contact for that group. Pastor thanked the congregation as a whole, he has felt very blessed to serve here, he and his family appreciate everything we have done together this past 10 years. He is thankful to have been here and had this opportunity with us.

**Elder's Report:** Pastor has spoken with the Elders and with the recent weather, family things here in town and their house in Yankton not being quite ready to move in yet, it was agreed upon that the Bobby's will be allowed to stay in the parsonage until more favorable conditions to move. Pastor will assume all utility expenses during this time. Asked for discussion, there was none. Pastor Janke is our Circuit Pastor, he has met with the Elders and will help navigate us through the call process in our Pastoral needs search. There are steps we will have to follow as a congregation to provide us and the candidate(s) with the best information we can regarding our profile. We can call from the field, or wait and call a new graduate. These options will all be studied carefully by the Elders and they will give their recommendations regarding the call process as they happen.

It is the recommendation of the Elders to give a 3.5% raise to both the secretary and custodian for their work in the church. Motion by Allan Lemke to follow that recommendation, seconded by Perry Broders. By verbal vote, motion passed.

Slate of candidates to fill open Board of Directors positions:

Elders: Kevin Mackeprang and Nick Stelling

Trustees: Allen Jeannoutot and Jody Mach

Finance: Perry Broders and Dan Hoppe

Sunday School: Brooke Schmeckpeper and Hannah Schmeckpeper

There were no further additions to the slate, motion by Rod Repenning to accept the slate as presented. Seconded by Craig Vanness. By verbal vote, motion passed.

It was noted that Selma Pena will also be helping in the Sunday School with the other teachers.

January 28th we will take down the greens after 5:00 service, help would be appreciated.

Pastor Norlyn Bartens is our vacancy pastor, he will be conducting services on Sunday evenings at 5:00pm. Sunday School and Confirmation classes will be held at 4:00pm.

Dawn Hefner will have her 5th and 6th grade classes on Wednesdays for the time being, but then will move to the Sunday time slot as well.

Ash Wednesday and Lent services are yet to be determined. With the vacancy Pastor, it is unknown at this time what his schedule will allow between the congregations he is serving. Updates about all church activities, services, and all need-to-know information will be posted on Facebook. If you know someone who doesn't have that access, please make sure to pass on the information to them during this time of transition. Please also pay close attention to the weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters for information as well.

It is very important during this time for congregational involvement in all capacities.

Please feel free to speak with an Elder if you have questions or would like to use your time and talents to serve the church in any way.

Stewardship: No report.

Trustees: After the Bobby family moves out of the parsonage, there will be a small group who will do a walk through with Pastor about things that need updated, fixed, etc. so we can work on getting it ready for our next Pastor.

Finance: End of year tax statements are ready for pick up in the back of church.

Fair Stand: Presented in printed form. It was a really good year, and all expenses were paid.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Pastor said this is the time when we usually make our annual contribution to Bloomfield Cares, if that is something we want to continue. Expenses in general have increased, so there is always a need. He said that Grossenburg's gave a large donation which has helped ease the burden of increased need. Motion by Rod Repenning to donate \$1,200.00 to Bloomfield Cares from the general fund, seconded by Karen Peters. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Perry Broders, seconded by Kris Vanness.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Danelle J. Miller

