Ascension Lutheran Church

**Meeting Minutes**

**July 22, 2014**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Attendees**

Nada Draeger, Paul Wehmeier, Doug Bue, Katie Voss, Steve Bonnell, Marcy Schaefer, Pastor Chris, Peter Laper, Sherry Gregor, Cathy Rapp, Becky Klotz

**Not Present**

Eric Friedrichsohn, Pastor Becky, Roland Tonn

**Called to order by Nada Draeger**

**Devotion by Doug Bue-“Relief, Recovery, and Development”**

**Minutes from June Council Meeting: Doug Bue motioned , Marcy Schaefer 2nd , All in Favor**

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| **Topic** | **Presented by** | **Main Discussion** |
| **Treasurer’s Report** | Doug Bue | *This portion of the Council minutes can be accessed in the church office.* |
| **Director of Ministries Report** | Pastor Chris | Bill Rudd resigned. We will be looking to fill this position. |
| **Director of Operations Report** | Peter Laper  Pastor Chris | Matt Johnson is starting to work on the budget process. Since the Annual Meeting is now in November, the work to develop the budget must be pushed up. The Council will need to look in August for budget projections.  Mike Jahner is working on the plan and budget for the work on the sanctuary. Currently, we are able to proceed with the painting portion of the plan. The flooring work will have to wait until funding is available. The painting will take place the last two weeks of August. |
| **Pastor’s Report** | Pastor Chris Marien | During the last two weeks of August, worship will take place in the East Hall due to the painting of the sanctuary. The painting will be done on Sept 4th and we will start moving back on 5th for worship on the 7th.  Pastor Chris has started working with metal fabricator/artist and member, Mark Otto, on the development of a permanent cross that will be placed behind the altar. Funding for the cross was provided by 3 families of Ascension.  Service on September 14th will honor the anniversary of Ascension. The new screens and cross should be in place by then. Jim Bickel will be leading each service and all former Pastors will be invited to attend. The congregation will receive a special notice of this service.  Money has been set aside for ceiling in youth room. Lighting needs to be addressed at this time because the bulbs are becoming difficult to find. |
| **Call Team Report** | Pastor Chris Marien  Marcy Schaefer | *This portion of the Council minutes can be accessed in the church office.* |
| **ARISE 2025 Vision Work** | Pastor Chris | The Council members were given the beginning of the working document of ideas collected at the Council Retreat. Pastor Chris asked that before the next meeting we go through the document to try and whittle each list down to 5 or 6 items by asking ourselves if each item is an actual vision\*. He also asked that we try and match each action up with one of our wings and if it would be a 1,3,5,7, or 10 year goal. Craig Greenwood, Alice Bissett , Dave Hammer, and Pastor Chris are the team who will also be working on developing these goals.  *Handout: ARISE 2025 The Developing Church of Ascension Lutheran Church* |
| **History as God’s People** | Katie Voss | Katie noted that the council information is now online. Notes will be included. Members of the council asked that the notes that are posted online will be edited. Katie will send one version of the notes to Kate to post online and another to Amy G to catalog. Members interested in the original versions can view them at church.  Supermoms will be working on the Fall Fest/Trunk or Treat again this year and is hoping to get other small groups/ministries involved. We may tie this in with the culmination of the Fall Campaign on October 19th.  **Discussion:**  CR noted that this would be an opportunity to reach out into the community. |
| **Director of Music Ministry** | Pastor Chris | *This portion of the Council minutes can be accessed in the church office.* |

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| **Motion** | **Description** | **Approval** |
|  | Approval of June Council Minutes | All in Favor |
|  | Approval of an increase in hours, responsibilities, and compensation for the Director of Music Ministries starting in September | All in Favor |

**Action Items:**

* **\*Before the August meeting, Council members will review the ARISE lists and** 
  + **1. Cross off any ideas that are not actionable or are not considered a vision in order to**

**whittle each list down to 5 or 6 items.**

* + **2. Assign each vision to one of the four wings.**
  + **3. Determine if each vision could be a 1,3,5,7, or 10 year goal.**

**Meeting adjourned by Nada Draeger.**

**Next Meeting is Tuesday, August 19th at 7:00 p.m.**