

**Trinity Lutheran Church, Moline**  
**Council Minutes**  
**Tuesday, September 11, 2018**  
**Faith Hall**

**Attendance:** Jane Bahls, Bob Blew, Pastor Larry Conway, Dan Haskill, Gail Hess, Len Lindell, Brenda Ray, Bob Ruud, Craig Tillman, Alli Vandermyde, Heather Yodts, Russ Zeskey. Visiting: Eric Sandburg (budget planning only), Bill Lootens (visiting), Pastor Peter Bredlau.

Devotion: Alli offered a devotion on leaning on God no matter how overwhelmed we are, and whether or not God gives us the answer we want.

**2019 budget planning:** Eric Sandberg presented a confidential proposal for 2019 budget planning, along with simulations for 2020-2023. The projections show income less than expenses, increasingly so in 2019, 2020 and 2021. Eric presented multiple possibilities for balancing future budgets.

**Call Committee Report:** Russ Zeskey, chair of the Call Committee, presented the Rostered Minister Profile of Rev. Peter Bredlau. Pastor Peter joined the Council. Council members introduced themselves, and Pastor Peter introduced himself. Questions and responses followed. Pastor Peter's wife Joanna, daughter Lauryn and son William arrived for introduction. After they left the room, there was a brief discussion of transition. Bob Blew affirmed that Trinity's tradition has been to keep staff salaries confidential. Craig Tillman moved and Alli seconded to recommend Pastor Peter Bredlau to the congregation as the next pastor of Trinity Lutheran Moline, with the financial package in the draft Letter of Call. Motion approved unanimously. Bob Blew outlined a process for introducing him to the congregation. Dan moved and Len seconded that there be a single service at 10:00 on Sept. 30 followed by a Congregational meeting at 11:15 to vote on calling Pastor Peter Bredlau, to start October 1. Motion passed.

**Ministry and Staff Reports:** Len moved and Alli seconded to accept the ministry and staff reports and the minutes of the August meeting. Motion passed.

**New Business**

- **Meeting Date.** Bob reported that several people have suggested that we change the dates of the Executive Committee meeting to the second Tuesday of each month and the Congregation Council meeting to the third Tuesday of each month. This is due to the difficulty of getting financial reports ready in a timely manner for proper review by Council members. It was unanimously approved to change the dates. This will start in October. The meeting times will remain the same.
- **Mural.** There has been a proposal from the Moline Bluffs Neighborhood group to use the maintenance garage for a mural. This would be designed and painted by Sarah Robb who has done other very nice murals in the Quad Cities. The neighborhood is applying for a grant to pay for the project. There was no objection from the council to have a mural as long as the design was appropriate. Jane Bahls will take charge of the project and work further with the neighborhood.

- **Growers Market.** A Growers Market that is currently located in the parking lot of Unity Point Hospital on 7th Street in Moline is looking for a new location. They are considering our parking lot as a new location. They are open on Saturday mornings from 8:00 - 1:00, March - October. They will also need to park a small shed next to our maintenance shed to store supplies. It was agreed to proceed with talks with the Growers Association to work out an agreement. They would need to show proof of insurance and give us a copy of the existing lease from the hospital for review. Diana Alm is working with the group and will keep us informed.
- **Coffee With a Cop.** Moline Bluffs Neighborhood is requesting the use of our church for a site for "coffee with a cop". It is a one-time event. There were no objections for their use of our facility and Pastor Larry is to continue gathering information.

### **Announcements**

- NIS has yet to schedule a representative to visit our Congregation Council meeting. Karen Anderson will let us know when that person would like to schedule a date.
- Stewardship plan dates have been scheduled for 10/7 - 11/18
- The Annual Congregation Meeting has been scheduled for February 10, 2019. There will be only one worship service that day.

### **Good Fruits**

- Alli for devotion and snack
- Call Committee for the extra effort in the call process
- Art Milton, Patty Jo Dooley-Jones, and Russ Zeskey for getting an interim choir director and accompanist.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, October 16, 6:00 PM.  
Russ Zeskey will do devotion and snacks

Submitted by Jane Bahls, with thanks to Bob Blew for notes on the final portion of the meeting.