

1 **CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES**

2 **Crown of Life Lutheran Church**

3 **November 2, 2011**

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5 Vice President Bill Stark called the monthly Council meeting to order. Pastor Phill began the meeting  
6 with a devotion using Mark 1:1-8 and ended with a prayer. Those members present at this meeting were  
7 Pastor Phill, Vicar Gary, Daryl Irmer, Bill Stark, Dan Mehner, Lowell Koelling, Ron Pearson, Bob  
8 Gehrke, Jerry McCall and Howard Ludden. Bob Mansfield was absented. No guests.

9 **A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the October 18, 2011 Council meeting.**  
10 **Motion carried.**

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12 **TREASURER'S REPORT:** (Dan Mehner reported)

- 13 • Y.T.D. Actual Receipts: \$624,740.00 Y.T.D. Preliminary Exp's: \$554,695.00  
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15 • Because the rest of the information has not been received as yet, this is the report.  
16 • Dan then presented the 2012 Budget for COL. There was some discussion about the proposed  
17 budget. A motion was made to accept the budget as presented with changing the Operating  
18 Income to Operating Income Projected and showing the budget figures for 2011 and 2012.  
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20 **A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2012 Budget as amended and present it to the**  
21 **Voters. Motion carried.**

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24 **FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:** (Lowell Koelling reported)

- 25 • Lowell reported that the 2012 envelopes have arrived. There were fewer envelopes order than in  
26 2012 and were renumbered. He stated that an announcement will be in the December "Jewels" to  
27 let people know that their envelope number will be changed. There have been a few extra  
28 envelopes ordered for any new members.

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30 **BOARD OF ELDERS:** (Ron Pearson reported)

- 31 • He reported that he has appointed Howard Ludden to the Board of Elders, starting in January,  
32 2012.  
33 • The Elders voted on the 'Resolution to Issue a Divine Call to Gary Smith'. It was approved and  
34 will be presented at the November 20 Voters Meeting. A short discussion was held on this  
35 resolution.  
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37 **A motion was made and seconded to approve this resolution and present it to the Voters. Motion**  
38 **carried.**

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40 • The Elders reviewed the fact that we did not go to two services until Reformation Sunday and  
41 they plan on continuing that next year.

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43 **BOARD FOR STEWARDSHIP:** (Position vacant – no report given)

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45 **BOARD FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** (Bob Gehrke reported)

- 46 • He stated that the Community Outreach Study Team will be meeting this Saturday. They will be  
47 talking about what they feel is perception of COL by the general community, how to manage it  
48 and what can be done to change any negative perceptions. The second discussion will be about  
49 what we feel the community's perception is when they come here and what COL can do to make  
50 coming to COL more inviting. An additional discussion from the first meeting was about service  
51 times and committee meeting times and if we begin to have a younger congregation in the future,

52 there may need to be thought to changing them to later times to accommodate any of the new  
53 members who may still be working. It was mentioned for example there could be a 7 P.M.  
54 Advent service, etc. A third meeting will be held in December at a date and time to be  
55 determined.

56 • He then presented the resolution with regard to the Endowment Fund. As background the  
57 Endowment Fund is currently assigned to the Stewardship Committee. The resolution reassigns  
58 the financial custody to the Finance Committee. It also establishes the policy for this fund. This  
59 does not change what the Endowment Fund is and for what it is to be used. A discussion was  
60 held about adding a note to this resolution showing the Endowment Fund balance and the  
61 Endowment Interest Fund balance. The reason for this change is because Stewardship is not  
62 equipped to handle the Endowment Fund, but at the time we had no Finance Committee to be  
63 responsible for this fund.

64 **A motion was made and seconded to approve this resolution and present it to the Voters. Motion**  
65 **carried.**

66 • The next resolution he presented was in regard to restate our Constitution and Bylaws in  
67 accordance with Synod's recommendations. This resolution will be presented prior to the  
68 'Resolution Amending the Congregational Endowment Fund'. A discussion was held about this  
69 resolution; e.g., to furnish copies of the revised Constitution as a handout for the Voters Meeting  
70 and how to the vote shall be taken.

71 **A motion was made and seconded to approve this resolution and present it to the Voters. Motion**  
72 **carried.**

73 • He then presented the 'Resolution to Change Qualifications for Holding Office' at Crown of Life  
74 Lutheran Church. He also presented the background, etc., on this proposed change. A lengthy  
75 discussion was held about this resolution. Vote to be taken by written ballot.

76 **A motion was made and seconded to table this resolution for further discussion. Motion not**  
77 **approved.**

78 **A motion was made and seconded to approve this resolution and present it to the Voters. Motion**  
79 **carried.**

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81 **BOARD OF MISSIONS:** (Jerry McCall – no report given)

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83 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** (Bob Mansfield absent – no report given)

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85 **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** (Daryl Irmer reported)

86 • As information, he stated that COL is required to elect delegates to circuit forums for next year.  
87 He does not have any details at this time. This occurs once every three years.  
88 • He then presented a request made by letter from the Sunday Organist to amend the current sick  
89 leave policy that allows for using previous year's sick leave, if not taken. His current contract  
90 does not allow for that. A discussion ensued on this request. The item of sick days was talked  
91 about and suggestion was made to look at the policy of sick days for the future. It was  
92 suggested that a committee be formed to look into the policy of sick days. Further, it was  
93 discussed and suggested to look at other items the contract for possible updating.

94 **A motion was made and seconded to pay the Sunday Organist for the two extra sick days not paid.**  
95 **Motion not approved.**

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97 **VICAR GARY'S REPORT:** (Vicar Gary – no report given)

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100 **PASTOR'S REPORT:** (Pastor Phill reported)

- 101 • Earlier in the meeting in the discussion about the Budget for 2012, he mentioned that we started  
102 the year with 815 baptized members and our current baptized membership stands at 781. During  
103 the intervening period COL has lost 59 members through death, transfers, and/or  
104 removed/released and gained 25 new members.
- 105 • AS information, Pastor read the members who have consented to serve on the ballot for election  
106 to the various positions.

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108 **OLD BUSINESS:** None

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110 **NEW BUSINESS:** None

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112 **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

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114 **A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.**

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116 The next monthly Council meeting will be held Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at 9:00 A.M.

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118 Pastor Phill closed the meeting with prayer.

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120 Howard R. Ludden

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123 Recording Secretary