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Board of Elders
Crown of Life Lutheran Church
Minutes – Meeting of October 12, 2010

The October 12, 2010 Elders meeting was opened at 8:35 am with devotion and prayer by Pastor Phill.

Those in attendance were: Mike Dill, Ron Pearson, Paul Stuempfig, Duane Neal, Chuck Wasem, Don Lee, Tom Goodnight, Bob Turk, Pastor Phill and Vicar Gary. Absent: Don Poppen, Jack Skriden, Don Oberdeick and Ron Schumann.

Vicar Gary led discussion on Chapter 9 (The Person of Christ) of the book, *Called to Believe, Teach, and Confess*. Spirited discussion by all made the session interesting. At our next meeting, we will discuss Chapter 10, "The Work of Christ".

Minutes of the May meeting were approved with one minor correction. (Ron Schumann, not Ron Pearson, substituted for Don Oberdeick on May 9 communion duty.)

Pastor's Report

Membership for 2010 is down 10 from the beginning of the year with a total of 831 baptized members.

2011 budget parameters have been given to the Boards. If a Board feels it needs more money than the budgeted amount, it may submit a written request to the Church Council.

It appears as though we will end 2010 with a surplus of funds. The Council will propose how to use the surplus. Since no money was budgeted for the Reserve Account in 2010, the surplus may well be put into that account.

The Nominating Committee is currently working to fill positions on a slate of officers for 2011 to be presented at the November Voters Meeting.

Vicar Gary continues to do well with his studies at Concordia Seminary.

Pastor Ron and Vicar Gary will be preaching at the Advent services.

(In response to an Elder request to provide impressions on our new Synod President, Pastor Phill shared his thoughts...) President Matthew Harrison is definitely more conservative than former President Kieshnick was, but it's unclear if that will have much influence on Synod. We may see more "confessional" communications from St. Louis than in the past, and his election may well embolden conservative pastors. So far, public documents from the Synod office have been very gracious.

Elder Reports

Each elder reported on zone activity in the past month. Duane Neal will substitute for Don Oberdeick and Tom Goodnight will substitute for Jack Skriden on October 24 communion duty.

Church Council Report

Chairman Pearson reported the following from the August 31, 2010 Treasurer's Report: YTD Revenue--\$509,313; Expenses--\$431,524.

51 Old Business

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53 Mike Dill presented a report to the Elders on Small Groups. The Small Group Team will be
54 holding one or two information sessions for those who express an interest in forming or
55 participating in a Small Group. Elders were asked to review the provided summary outline and
56 complete and return an interest/no interest form. Elders were encouraged to consider the
57 possibility of Small Groups as a contact and care tool to use in our Zones, especially as a way
58 of cultivating "women on women" contact to assist where men are often not as effective.

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60 Pastor Phill stated that the Stephen Ministry is currently "underused". Elders were asked to
61 contact Pastor or Vicar Gary if someone in our Zone might benefit from Stephen Ministry.
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63 New Business


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65 Pastor Phill reported on the October Music Committee meeting.
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67 (1) The meeting was mainly a budget discussion with Dennis Lilleberg and Byron
68 Blackmore. They pretty much planned to go into 2011 with budget levels similar to
69 2010. In 2010, Dennis is more than \$400 over budget. (2) Byron is being sent to the
70 Organ Guild Conference every year at a cost that is approaching \$2,000 a year. (3)
71 Linda Sawyer was asked and has agreed to accompany the choir (or other singing
72 group) occasionally on Sunday mornings. She offered to do this at no extra pay.
73 Ron Pearson led discussion on the proposed 2011 music budget that Elders submit to
74 the Council. (1) It was agreed to ask that the choir budget (Saturday/Sunday) be
75 increased from \$2,000 to \$2,800 in 2011 to cover additional cost of music and the dry
76 cleaning of all choir robes. (2) The Ablaze budget of \$700 would be unchanged in 2011.
77 (3) An amount not to exceed \$2,000 for Byron Blackmore to attend the 2011 Organ
78 Guild Conference is included in the proposed budget, but Ron Pearson will talk to Byron
79 about this matter and inform him it may well be that, in the future, we'll only be able to
80 fund his attendance at the Conference on a every other year basis.

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82 The next Elders Meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2010 at 8:30 am.
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84 The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Ron Pearson at 10:10 am.
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92 Secretary, Board of Elders