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*Board of Elders*

**Crown of Life Lutheran Church**

Minutes – Meeting of December 6, 2011

The December 6, 2011 Elders meeting was opened at 8:30 am with a prayer by Pastor Phill.

Chairman Ron Pearson welcomed the new elders for 2012: Al Stoudemire, John Thomas, Howard Ludden, and Ron Christ. Mike Dill received thanks for his service over the past three years.

Those in attendance were: Ron Pearson, Chuck Wasem, Ron Schumann, Merv Tvinnereim, Paul Stuempfig, Tom Goodnight, Mike Dill, Mike Krischler, Don Poppen, Al Stoudemire, Howard Ludden, Ron Christ, Vicar Gary, and Pastor Phill. Absent: John Thomas and Jack Skriden.

Vicar Gary led a discussion on Chapter 3 (Law and Gospel) of the book, *Called to Believe, Teach, and Confess*. Discussion centered on the “what is law” and “what is gospel”. At the January meeting, we will discuss Chapter 16, “Means of Grace”.

Minutes of the November meeting were approved as submitted.

Pastor’s Report

Pastor Phill is treasurer of Region 4 (Arizona and part of Nevada) Mission Council of our District. He reported that Crown of Life is the only congregation in our circuit that is financially able to put money into the Region mission fund for the support of missions. Currently, support is going to the new church in Buckeye and to the Hispanic missions in this area.

Pastor also reported on the difficult time the small church in Prescott Valley (50 members) is having, working in an area that is filled with Mormons and other cults. The pastor of that church receives an annual salary of \$24,000 and receives no health insurance.

HOW BLESSED WE AT CROWN OF LIFE ARE!

Elder Reports

Each elder reported on zone activity in the past month, bringing up any concerns or special needs that zone members, or our elders themselves, have at this time.

Church Council Report

YTD Receipts through October: \$624,740

YTD Expenses through October: \$554,695

The 2012 budget was presented and approved with a few cosmetic changes

Financial Secretary, Lowell Koelling, reported that the 2012 envelopes have arrived

51 Community Outreach Chairman, Bob Gehrke, presented a resolution to transfer the  
52 responsibility for the Endowment Fund from the Stewardship Board to the Finance  
53 Committee. Approved. Bob also presented a resolution to change the qualifications for  
54 holding office. Approved.

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56 Communion Schedule

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58 Schedule changes in December:

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60 Communion will be served at all weekend services on Dec. 10 – 11 and Dec. 17 - 18  
61 Howard Ludden will serve for Jack Skriden at the Sunday 10:30 services

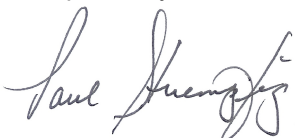
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63 New Business

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65 Discussion regarding the November Voters Meeting centered on the defeat of a proposal  
66 to allow women to hold the offices of congregation President and Vice President.  
67 Elders were reminded that, when they have communion duty, they should check in  
68 advance to be sure there are enough elders and pastoral assistants present.  
69 By acclamation, Ron Pearson was re-elected Chairman of the Board of Elders; Chuck  
70 Wasem was elected Vice Chairman. Paul Stuempfig agreed to stay on as Secretary and  
71 Ron Schumann agreed to continue serving as Music Committee Chairman.  
72 Vicar Gary reviewed upcoming documents, reviews and exams that will take place  
73 leading up to the Call date of April 20, 2012.  
74 The communion duty schedule for 2012 was reviewed; some changes were made; a  
75 revised schedule will be distributed.

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77 The next Elders Meeting is scheduled for January 3, 2012 at 8:30 am. Mike Krischler will offer  
78 the closing prayer.

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80 The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Mike Dill at 10:00 am.

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86 Paul Stuempfig  
87 Secretary, Board of Elders

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