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Board of Elders

Crown of Life Lutheran Church

Minutes – Meeting of October 11, 2011

The October 11, 2011 Elders meeting was opened at 8:30 am with a brief devotion and prayer by Vicar Gary.

Those in attendance were: Ron Pearson, Chuck Wasem, Paul Stuempfig, Tom Goodnight, Don Lee, Jack Skriden, Mike Dill, Mike Krischler, and Vicar Gary. Absent: Don Poppen, Ron Schumann, Merv Tvinnereim, Don Nicolay, and Pastor Phill. Also present was John Thomas who has been appointed to fill out the term of Don Lee. Don has asked to be relieved of his duties for medical reasons.

Vicar Gary led discussion on several pages from Chapter 20 (Church Governance) of the book, *Called to Believe, Teach, and Confess*. Vicar Gary will contact elders regarding which chapter will be discussed in November.

Minutes of the May meeting were approved as submitted.

Parochial Report

- Currently: 780 baptized members
- To date in 2011, we have gained 18 members and have lost 55 members (primarily because of deaths and transfers). This also includes a number of associate members who no longer come to this area during the winter.

Elder Reports

Each elder reported on zone activity in the past month citing those who are delinquent in attendance and those with special needs.

Communion Schedule

Schedule changes in October:

- Oct. 15: Ron Pearson will serve for Duane Neal
- Oct. 23: Ron Pearson will serve for Merv Tvinnereim
- Oct. 29: Mike Krischler will serve for Duane Neal

Church Council Report

- YTD Receipts through August: \$508,060
- YTD Expenses through August: \$477,279
- Motion carried to approve a request to pay Vicar Gary's tuition for the fall quarter in the amount of \$1,895.

- 50 • Motion carried to approve the request to seal the parking lot at a cost not to exceed
51 \$13,000.
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53 • Motion carried to approve the request to paint the outside of the church at a cost not to
54 exceed \$14,000.
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56 Old Business

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58 • In the proposed changes to the Constitution/Bylaws is a provision that allows the
59 President of the congregation to be either a male or a female. Chairman Pearson asked
60 the elders for their views on this topic. None of the elders present voiced an objection to
61 this provision.
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63 • Chairman Pearson once again reminded the elders that, at the completion of serving
64 communion, it is our responsibility to “clean up” the items on the altar (stack and cover
65 the wafer and wine trays).
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67 New Business

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69 • Chairman Pearson asked for a motion to approve his appointments of John Thomas and
70 Don Nicolay to fill out the terms of Don Lee and Duane Neal. Motion was made,
71 seconded and carried. Pearson will also be appointing someone to complete the last
72 year of Jack Skriden’s term. Jack is retiring for health reasons.
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74 • Current elders planning to run for a second three-year term are Ron Schuman and Paul
75 Stuempfig. Mike Dill will not run for another term. Don Poppen has not yet been
76 contacted to determine whether or not he will run for another term.
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78 • Chairman Pearson presented consideration of administering communion on the 5th
79 Saturday/Sunday of the month. After discussion, this item was not approved.
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81 • Chairman Pearson presented consideration of standing for the final stanza of a hymn
82 that is marked with the Trinity symbol (Δ). This is to give additional honor to the Holy
83 Trinity and is done at many Missouri Synod congregations. After discussion, this item
84 was approved by motion.
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86 • Chairman Pearson will submit the 2012 Elder budget for an amount similar to 2011.
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88 • Discussion on a Call to Vicar Gary was tabled until the November meeting.
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90 Music Committee Report

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92 • Music Committee Chairman submitted a report on the Sept. 24 meeting of this
93 committee. Present were Pastor Phill, Dennis Lilleberg, Byron Blackmore, Linda
94 Sawyer, and Ron Schumann.
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96 • The music budget for 2011 is \$2,500. YTD expenditures are \$1,977. Proposed budget
97 for 2012 is \$2,500. In 2011, the budget included \$300 for robe cleaning. This was done
98 at a cost of \$150. No amount for robe cleaning is included in the 2012 budget. An
99 additional \$1,900 is also requested for continuing education expenses for Byron

100 Blackmore. (This item was included in another budget in 2011 and is to be added to the
101 Music budget in 2012.)
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103 • On Reformation Sunday, there will be a choir processional at both Sunday services;
104 uncertain about a processional at the Saturday service.
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106 • Other festival services:

107 - New Years Eve, Sat. 12/31 at 4:00 pm

108 - New Years Day, Sun. 1/1 at 10:00 am only
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110 - Easter Service, Sat. 4/7 at 4:00 pm

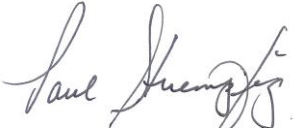
111 - Easter Sunrise Service, Sun. 4/8 (time TBD)

112 - Easter Services, Sun. 4/8 at 8:00 am and 10:30 am
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114 The next Elders Meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2011 at 8:30 am. John Thomas will
115 have the closing prayer.
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117 The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Ron Pearson at 9:45 am.
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119 Respectfully submitted,
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124 Paul Stuempfig

125 Secretary, Board of Elders