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Board of Elders

Crown of Life Lutheran Church

Minutes – Meeting of February 7, 2012

The February 7, 2012 Elders meeting was opened at 8:30 am with a prayer by Pastor Phill.

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

Vicar Gary led a discussion on Chapter 5 (Creation) of the book, *Called to Believe, Teach, and Confess*. There was extensive discussion on this chapter as it contains information on a number of topics, such as angels. At the March meeting, we will continue our discussion on Chapter 5, "Creation".

Minutes of the January meeting were approved with one correction (in line 74, the correct date is Feb. 4).

Pastor's Report

Pastor reported that our current membership stands at 773. There are five in the new member class that are not currently members of Crown of Life.

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

- Year-End Treasurer's report is not yet finalized. Motion made and approved to place 10% of excess revenue from 2011 in the Endowment Fund and 90% in the Clearing Account.
- Bob Gehrke reported that on Saturday, Feb. 4 at 9:00 am the Outreach Study Committee will meet with the Church Council. Elders are invited to attend.
- A sick leave policy was approved for all church workers.
- Gene Axelson volunteered to be our District Delegate to the June Synodical Conference. An alternate is needed.
- Pastor Phill reported that a piano was being purchased for the Parish Hall at a cost of \$3,000 - \$3,500.

- 51 • Word of Life will use our facility on the afternoon of Jan. 29 for installation of their new
52 pastor.
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54 • The Mission at ASU is being closed, and the District Board is planning to sell the
55 property.
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57 Old Business

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59 The Outreach Meeting on Feb. 4 was attended by three Elders: Ron Schumann, Ron Christ,
60 and Merv Tvinnereim. They and Pastor Phill reported the following:
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- 62 • Bob Gehrke went over priorities and attempted to assign member names to head up
63 each priority.
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65 • We are in conversation with several companies regarding new signage in front of the
66 church.
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68 • Discussion is underway regarding inside signage...location and language.
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70 • Video screens...technology is changing; installation of these may not take place for
71 some time.
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73 • Inside lighting...a meeting with Lutron has already taken place.
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75 • Other items such as an evening Bible Study hour and church music were also
76 discussed.
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78 New Business

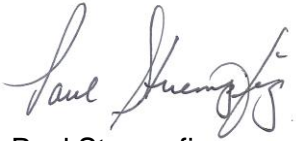
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80 • Pastor Phill reported his policy regarding non-member funerals. He said he feels that
81 this can offer an opportunity to witness to non-members, and that he will conduct these
82 funerals if he can meet with the family beforehand, talk with them and get to know them
83 and can obtain some knowledge that the deceased person was a Christian.
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85 • Due to some concerns regarding the Christmas Eve baptism, the board viewed the video
86 of the service. All Elders thought that having the children from the congregation come to
87 the front of the church to witness first hand this child becoming a member of the family of
88 believers was a great teaching moment. Overall the Elders agreed that baptism should
89 be a joyous occasion, and this was a joyous occasion. However, it was also noted that
90 caution should be used when making offhand comments during the ceremony to ensure
91 that the reverence of this Holy Sacrament is maintained, and both Vicar Gary and Pastor
92 Phill agreed. The Elders were also supportive of Pastor Phill having the family and
93 sponsors apply water to the child.
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95 • John Thomas suggested that we inquire about the cost of hiring a bus service to bring to
96 church services members who cannot drive themselves. Questions asked in this regard
97 were: Why can't member/neighbors bring them? How many really need this service?
98 Should we put a note in the newsletter asking those needing this service to identify
99 themselves? Chairman Pearson tabled this item and asked that Elders check their
100 areas to determine how many need this service.

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The next Elders meeting is scheduled for March 6 at 8:30 am. Merv Tvinnereim will offer the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Chuck Wasem at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Stuempfig
Secretary, Board of Elders