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*Board of Elders*

**Crown of Life Lutheran Church**

Minutes – Meeting of February 1, 2011

The February 1, 2011 Elders meeting was opened at 8:30 am with refreshments and a rousing singing of “Happy Birthday” to Pastor Phill on the occasion of his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. Pastor Phill then began today’s meeting with prayer.

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

Vicar Gary led continuing discussion on Chapter 17 (Baptism) of the book, *Called to Believe, Teach, and Confess*. Next month we will discuss Chapter 18 (The Lord’s Supper).

Minutes of the January meeting were approved as submitted.

Pastor’s Report

Currently: 814 baptized members

New member class starts this week

On Ash Wednesday (March 9) we will have two services; ashes will be imposed at the rail

Pastor is putting together a Bible Study plan for Lent

Elder Reports

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

Church Council Report

Chairman Ron Pearson reported the following from the September Council meeting:

Treasurer’s Report (December): YTD Revenue--\$779,079; Expenses--\$656,407.

Dr. Paul Maier was at COL January 21 – 23; Joel Lampe, Director of the Bible Museum in Goodyear will be at COL on February 23 – 24 with a short talk and materials.

Trustees: Shrubbery has been removed; a committee is reviewing plans for painting the interior and exterior of the church; sanctuary lighting is being reviewed for possible improvement; cracked beams are being checked; examining enclosing outside tower to eliminate a pigeon problem.

Howard Johnson will serve in the position of Assistant Treasurer (replacing Larry Kuppler).

The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration will be April 3 at the R.H. Johnson Social Hall. Pastor Steve Kappler will preach the sermon on that date.

51 Current Month Communion Schedule

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53 Duty Elder, Don Poppen. First and Third Sat., Don Poppen and Don Lee. Second and Fourth  
54 Sun., Tom Goodnight and Mike Krischler – early; Jack Skriden and Don Poppen -- late.

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56 Old Business

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58 Elders reported that most of the pictorial directories have been delivered.

59 Reaction to meditative music during communion was tabled.

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61 New Business

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63 Discussion regarding children at the communion table. When in doubt, we should not  
64 hesitate to ask a child if they have received instruction in communion and/or if they take  
65 communion on their home church.

66 Also...regarding communion...if the host is dropped, it is preferable that we pick it up  
67 and eat it.

68 At the recession from a funeral, when there are remains of the deceased up front, the  
69 remains go out first, followed by the family.

70 Discussion on pros and cons of allowing a eulogy at a funeral service. While it offers the  
71 family an opportunity for memories, the eulogy can be too long, inappropriate for a  
72 church service, or given by someone who is overcome with stage fright or uncontrolled  
73 sobbing. Pastor Phill offers a choice to the family of a eulogy in the service or later, in  
74 the Parish Hall, and he cautions the family on timing and appropriateness. Several  
75 elders mentioned some discomfort with allowing a eulogy in the church service.

76 Vicar Gary announced that he will be sending each elder an e-mail asking us to respond  
77 to the question, "Why don't many Lutherans serve in public office?" Our input will assist  
78 him on an assignment for one of his current seminary courses.

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80 The next Elders Meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2011 at 8:30 am. Chuck Wasem will have  
81 the closing prayer. Chairman Ron Pearson asked that we discuss at the March meeting  
82 President Obama's comment in his State of the Union address, "No one will be prevented from  
83 serving the country they love because of who they love"...a reference to repeal of the 'don't ask;  
84 don't tell' law.

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86 The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Mike Dill at 10:15 am.

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94 Secretary, Board of Elders

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