

Council Minutes
December 9, 2018
Budget meeting

Opening Prayer-Laura
Call to Order

Members present: Mark Amdahl, Kathy Brink, Tamijo Bronson, Laura Frankenhoff, Billi Whempner, Stacey Amdahl.

Absent: Kelly Faeth, Ben Graff, Thomas Frankenhoff, Matt Amdahl.

Others: Anne Seffrood, Dawn Wright

Reports read and approved. Billi motion, Kathy 2nd to approve the monthly Treasurer report.

Wages discussed. Dawn left during discussion of Secretary/Janitor wages. Billi motioned, Kathy 2nd to approve increase in Secretary wages and Janitorial to stay the same.

Billi motioned, Mark 2nd to approve 2019 Budget with possible changes if a new Pastor is hired.

New Business:

Christmas gifts for staff, Christmas bags for Christmas Eve discussed. Laura, Earline, Val Moen will put bags together for Christmas Eve in Memory of Julie Birney.

Congregational meeting-January 13 to vote on accepting call of new Pastor. All confirmed members are encouraged to attend and vote!

Laura and Anne will take care of submitting call forms to the Synod.

Upcoming Services:

December 16th-Sunday school Christmas program

December 23rd-Communion Worship with Pastor Solveig leading

December 24th-Candlelight service-Pastor Solveig leading

December 30-SOW service with Pastor Janet Miller leading.

Annual Meeting-January 27th. Reports are due January 6th ! Election of New Council members will take place at the annual meeting also. Thanks to Kathy Brink, Laura Frankenhoff, Tamijo Bronson, Mark Amdahl and Thomas Frankenhoff for their service to the council!!

Next Meeting-Following Annual Meeting.

Gift of Grain

With the new tax laws for 2018 many people think that charitable donations are not tax deductible. Yes, donations are still deductible, but..... The standard deduction was raised from \$12,700 to \$24,000 per couple. People who itemized their deductions (mortgage interest, property tax, health costs, charitable donations) in 2017 might find that the standard deduction in 2018 is larger than the itemized list. This can make it feel like the donations are not deductible.

Farmers have a special charitable donation option available to them. A Gift of Grain reduces income before any itemized deductions. It can be used in addition to the \$24,000 standard deduction. The Gift can also reduce the self-employed payroll tax.

A donor should always consult with his/her tax preparer to determine the tax implication prior to making a gift. The following information is not to be construed as specific tax advice.

How a Gift of Grain Works:

1. The farmer completes a Letter of Understanding and then delivers the grain or agricultural commodity (ex. livestock) to the elevator.
2. The farmer asks the elevator to transfer xxx bushels to Hope Lutheran Church.
3. Hope Lutheran Church receives the elevator receipt and pays any subsequent ownerships costs such as storage, etc.
4. Hope Lutheran Church authorizes the sale and collects the proceeds from the commodity.
5. The farmer includes the production expenses on his/her tax return, but NOT the income from the sale of the gifted bushels. The farmer does not take a separate charitable contribution itemized deduction on the amount of the sale.

NOTES:

1. Gifts of Grain are available only to cash basis farmers
2. Crop share landlords cannot gift grain.
3. The farmer must give up "dominion and control" of the commodity
4. The farmer cannot sell the grain and direct the elevator to send the check to Hope Lutheran Church.
5. Hope Lutheran Church assumes all risk after the transfer. The church must direct the elevator when to market the grain. The Hope Lutheran Church Council has decided to sell all grain upon delivery. Please notify the church prior to delivering any grain.
6. The gift should be from unsold crop inventory. No sale commitment should be made prior to the gift by the farmer.

To request more information or a copy of the Letter of Understanding, please call 605-949-5658 or email seffrood@tnics.com

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Cash Basis

Hope Lutheran Church
Offerings and Expenses
November 2018

	Nov 18	Oct 18	Jan - Nov 18
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
41000 · Offerings			
41100 · Regular Offerings	7,287.00	5,033.23	79,254.02
41200 · Special Services Offerings	0.00	0.00	2,473.00
Total 41000 · Offerings	7,287.00	5,033.23	81,727.02
42100 · Gifts & Memorials	0.00	0.00	1,070.00
44000 · Other Income	50.43	0.36	938.46
Total Income	7,337.43	5,033.59	83,735.48
Expense			
66000 · Payroll Expenses			
66100 · Pastoral Payroll	0.00	0.00	47,611.90
66190 · Relief Pastor Expenses			
66191 · Relief Pastor Salary	700.00	700.00	2,975.00
66192 · Relief Pastor Mileage/Housing	754.90	500.00	2,128.77
Total 66190 · Relief Pastor Expenses	1,454.90	1,200.00	5,103.77
66300 · Other Church Payroll			
66310 · Secretary Salary	320.00	320.00	3,520.00
66320 · Janitor Salary	200.00	200.00	2,200.00
66330 · Organist Salary	0.00	240.00	900.00
Total 66300 · Other Church Payroll	520.00	760.00	6,620.00
Total 66000 · Payroll Expenses	1,974.90	1,960.00	59,335.67
60200 · Auto/Mileage Expenses	0.00	0.00	977.51
61800 · Continuing Ed & Conferencs	0.00	0.00	0.00
63100 · Worship & Education	167.17	122.54	1,648.77
63200 · Fellowship Expenses	53.77	0.00	390.71
62000 · Office Expenses	297.52	125.75	2,158.11
67000 · Church/Building Expenses			
67500 · Church Decorations	45.34	0.00	45.34
67100 · Landscaping Expenses	100.00	0.00	4,000.00
67200 · Repairs and Maintenance	1,200.00	1,296.97	7,327.88
67400 · Utilities			
67410 · Propane/Heat	777.84	0.00	4,027.63
67420 · Electricity	72.56	57.32	1,490.33
67430 · Water/Sewer	51.00	51.00	561.00
67440 · Telephone & Internet Expenses	92.60	92.60	1,026.95
Total 67400 · Utilities	994.00	200.92	7,105.91
67000 · Church/Building Expenses - Other	0.00	0.00	260.30
Total 67000 · Church/Building Expenses	2,339.34	1,497.89	18,739.43
61400 · Charitable Contributions			
61410 · Synod Mission Support	0.00	1,750.11	5,354.71
61450 · Special Offerings Sent On	0.00	0.00	1,420.05
61400 · Charitable Contributions - Other	0.00	0.00	275.00
Total 61400 · Charitable Contributions	0.00	1,750.11	7,049.76
63400 · Interest Expense	0.00	0.00	16.00
69000 · Miscellaneous Expenses	4.95	4.95	1,014.89
Total Expense	4,837.65	5,461.24	91,330.85
Net Ordinary Income	2,499.78	-427.65	-7,595.37
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HOPES HAPPENINGS

*WELCA- The ladies will meet on January 3 at 9:00 for quilting. Business meeting and Bible study at 1:00. Devotions-Carroll, 2018 History: Myla, Cause of the Month: Ephpatha. A second quilting day will be on January 17 at 9:00 am.

*A special congregational meeting will be held on January 13 during Worship to vote on accepting the call of a new pastor. More info to come. Every member is encourage to be in attendance that day!

*Annual meeting will be held on January 27. ALL REPORTS ARE DUE TO THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 6!! This is to give the Auditing committee time to review the financials before I print the final copy on January 18th. Thank you!-Dawn

Another New Year

Happy New Year! The start of a new year is always interesting. It is full of people making resolutions and plans and generally hoping for the best. Some had awful years last year and are just hoping and praying for something better, while others had great years and are hoping for more of the same. Regardless, new years tend to involve a mix of anticipation, excitement, and anxiety. For some, there could already be life events and changes that you already know about while others may be trying to get a break in the monotony or are thankful they are finally feeling settled. However, the fact remains, for all of us, that although we may have some expectations; we don't know exactly what this year will hold and that can be both exciting and scary.

It can be easy to get busy this time of year with trying to do things on our own that we think will ensure a better year for us like getting healthy, managing our finances better, making changes, etc. These things are good to do, but ultimately there are a lot of things that occur that are out of our control. However, there are some things that we do know and that is that God will always be at our side regardless of what happens and that we can always trust in Him. We can also know that there will always be something to be thankful for if we look for it because we will always have God's unfailing love, forgiveness, comfort, and care even if other things start to feel like they are falling apart. I don't know what this year will hold for you, but I pray that you will see blessings and thank God for them and that you will feel his comfort, love, and forgiveness in difficult times. Most of all, I pray that you will be able to trust in Him and seek Him first before you get busy trying to do everything on your own without Him.

"Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need." – Matthew 6:33

-Written by: Kristin Hatton (Salem Lutheran Ministries)



January 2019

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3 9:00 WELCA quilting 1:00 Business meeting	4	5
6 white NO SUNDAY SCHOOL <u>ANNUAL REPORTS DUE!!</u>	7	8	9 4:00 Confirmation	10	11	12
13 white Sunday school resumes Congregational meeting to vote on new Pastor. Undecorating after Worship: (all help is welcome)	14	15	16 4:00 Confirmation	17 9:00 WELCA quilting	18 Newsletter items due Annual report print day.	19
20 green	21	22	23 4:00 Confirmation	24	25	26
27 green Annual meeting	28	29	30 4:00 Confirmation	31		

Notes

Worship Times: (unless otherwise noted)-9:15 am Sunday school, 9:30 Coffee, 10:30 Worship
 Communion: 13th and 27th (subject to change)
 Communion Committee: Val Amdahl, Diane Kneeland
 Servant Team: Scott and Laurie Kneeland

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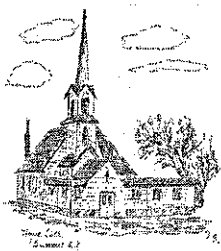
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January Birthdays and Anniversaries

2- Elsie Seffrood
6-Sophia Seffrood
10-Jennifer Brus
11-Mark Larson
11-Morgan Lewandowski
12-Randy Holt
18-Val Amdahl
19-Preslee Zubke
20- Pete Eccles

21-Gene Olson
22-Ethan Lewandowski
23-Tamijo Bronson
25-Diane Kneeland
28- Montanna Crandall
30-Becki Steinocker
30-Roshanna Bourassa
30-David and Penny Cardwell