

**Alma Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
November 19, 2020  
7 pm**

**Person in Attendance: Pastor Quinlan Koch, James Nygren, Mike Couch, Lynn Nygren, Angie Johnson, Jason Felty, Don Treptow**

**Meeting called to order by James Nygren**

**1. Opening Prayer and Devotion – Led by Pastor Quinlan, How is everyone?, Time for Reflection**

**2. Review Agenda – James Nygren**

**3. Review October 2020 Meeting Minutes – Jason Felty Motion, Lynn Nygren Second, Carried**

**4. Treasurer's Report – Jason Felty Motion, Angie Johnson Second, Carried**

- Church budgeting is in good shape at the moment.

**5. Pastor's Report**

- **Suspending in-person visits until risk profile is reduced.**
- **Bring your card to church, also put addresses in bulletin.**
- **Pastoral Care for Richards Family – will continue to be there for them.**
- **Update on being supervising pastor for Grace Lutheran's CS.**
  - Didn't work out financially, but will continue to be in touch with them.
- **Thanks Offering Service on 11/22.**
- **Longest Night/Blue Christmas Service on 12/21.**
- **Confirmation – 3 weeks so far, has gone well.**
  - Went over Biblical Geography, The New Testament, and Christ Hypostatic Union.
- **Continuing Education**
  - Synod Conference – Speakers Rev. Lousie Johnson and Rev. Katherine Shaner
  - Idea of "Ecclesia" – early church. "Important, Immediate, Impossible Work".
- **Other Report Items noted in written form**
  - Weekly Services
  - Mission and Outreach
  - Group Studies

**6. Old Business**

- **Calendar Items**
  - Thanks Offering Service on 11/22.
  - Advent
    - November 29 – have out decorations.
    - December 6
    - December 13
    - December 20
  - Budget Meeting possibly between 12/6 and 12/13 – call Jenna
  - Christmas Eve Service, 12/24 – changed to 8 pm this year, survey to gauge attendance.

- December 25 – no service
- December 27 – service
- January 6 – Epiphany
- Weekend of January 10 – take down decorations.
- Edensburg Annual Meeting is January 10.
- Plan to have Alma Annual Meeting on Jan. 17 and reading of the minutes on Jan. 24.

## **7. New Business**

- **Nominating Committee – will reach out to search for people to serve on council.**
- **Plan to have Alma Annual Congregational Meeting on January 17.**
- **Play it by ear for church services moving forward, monitor health department’s severity scale.**
- **Talked about church newsletter availability.**
- **Hold off on nativity or caroling activity at the moment.**

## **8. Committee Reports**

- **Christian Education and Youth**
  - Bibles are here for kids, discussed ideas of how to distribute.
- **Stewardship**
  - Budget in good place at the moment.
- **Worship & Music**
  - Meeting 11/20 morning.
- **Property**
  - Majority of landscaping/grading work has been complete in front of church.
  - Plan on having the area put to sod.
- **Cemetery**
  - No report.
- **Evangelism, Fellowship and Social Outreach**
  - Had lots of Panera Bread, Jeff picked up.

## **9. Additional Items**

- **Funeral at Bethany church.**
  - Last minute arrangements, were very accommodating.
  - \$250 to Bethany church. Angie Johnson Motion, Mike Couch Second, Carried.

**Meeting Adjourned**

**Closing Prayer – Lord’s Prayer recited by everyone**

**Next Meeting – December 17, 2020 at 7 pm**

**Respectfully Submitted-  
Don Treptow**