

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

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

Meeting called to order by James Nygren

- 1. Opening Prayer and Devotion – Led by Pastor Quinlan, Sermon on the Mount**
- 2. Review Agenda – James Nygren**
- 3. Review August 2020 Meeting Minutes – Angie Johnson Motion, Mike Couch Second, Carried**
- 4. Treasurer’s Report – Jason Felty Motion, Lynn Nygren Second, Carried**
 - Jenna requested open enrollment election for Portico (HSA). (Selected the Silver + option, same as the 2019 election.)
- 5. Pastor’s Report**
 - **Suspending in-person visits until risk profile is reduced.**
 - **Pastor Glenda Retirement**
 - **Three Works in Play**
 - Immediate – church repairs, modifications, etc.
 - Important – Panera Bread; needs of community; etc.
 - Impossible – What God Can Do! What barriers are in place to keep us from the ability to perform? Witness to the impossible is what separates us from other institutions.
 - **Other Report Items noted in written form**
 - Mission and Outreach
 - Group Studies
 - Adult Education
 - Continuing Education
- 6. New Business**
 - **Calendar Items**
 - Advent
 - November 29
 - December 6
 - December 13
 - December 20
 - Thanksgiving Eve? (Wednesday, November 25) Typically, it would be Service, followed by a pie social. This year it would “no pie.” Not likely to be well-attended (as congregation gets younger, less have attended Thanksgiving Eve. Plan to see online message indicating there will be no plans to meet in person this year.
 - Christmas – need to start planning for church decorations for Advent.

7. Committee Reports

- **Christian Education and Youth**
 - No kids at Sunday School last week – may need to consider online programming.
- **Property**
 - Parsonage A/C – time to replace.
 - Outdoor work has started on yard/landscaping for managing surface water.
- **Evangelism, Fellowship and Social Outreach**
 - Panera Bread issues continue to be challenge (likely, a COVID-related problem).
- **Stewardship**
 - Backpack program keeping up with need.
- **Worship & Music**
 - Change to Setting 10.
- **Cemetery**
 - No report.

Meeting Adjourned – Jason Felty Motion, Dale Nygren Second, Carried

Closing Prayer – Lord’s Prayer recited by everyone

Next Meeting – November 19, 2020 at 7 pm

Respectfully Submitted-
James Nygren