

**First Lutheran Church
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2020 4:00 p.m. via Zoom**

“Renewed by Christ in Word, water, bread and wine, we serve our community and the world”

Members Present: Carolyn Trnka, Gordon Long, Intern Miranda, Laura Lindell, John Sylvester, Bill Kautt, Pastor Gwen Hermanson, Harry Hunt, Ryenne Pettis, Cindy Nadeau, Ken Westphal, Shanon Nowell

Members Absent: Sue Gray, Mary Thompson, Josh Drinkall

1. Call to Order: Bill Kautt at 4:07 p.m.

2. Gathering and Devotions: Pastor Gwen

3. New Business:

A. Ratify hiring of Office Coordinator Craig Wolfe M/S/C

B. Bank Account Update: “First Lutheran Church Congregational Council of St. Peter, MN, moved to authorize Gwen Hermanson (Pastor), William Kautt, and Harry Hunt (Treasurer) to conduct all necessary transactions as outlined on the “Corporate Authorization Resolution” form relative to the First Lutheran Church Memorial Fund (#3008281) at First National Bank of St. Peter, MN effective when paperwork is complete” M/S/C

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C. Approval of Stefanie Menning for Staff Support Committee M/S/C

D. Access to safety deposit box: David Fienen will replace Paul Aasen for access to safe deposit box and hold a key. M/S/C

E. Coronavirus Update: Pastor Gwen

1. Live streaming videos at 10:00 am each day Sun- Fri

2. Quarantine care added to established prayer buddies to reach out to more people.

3. Encouraging congregation to continue to send in offering money and drop off donations to the food shelf directly.

4. Use of building: Motion made to close the church building effective immediately to all but employees of First Lutheran Church and those with legitimate church business as determined by Pastor or her designee. M/S/C

Rationale and context for this resolution: Out of an abundance of care for the health of the members of First Lutheran Church, its visitors, its employees, and any other individuals or entities, the Church Council made the difficult decision to temporarily close the church building. Although we are saddened by this closing, the health and safety of everyone in our community is our top priority during this time of a global pandemic.

4. Next meeting TBD: Email or call Craig with availability for next Zoom meeting

5. The Lord’s Prayer

6. Adjourn: 5:48pm

