

MLC Church Council  
January 29, 2017

Present: Pastor Glenn, Carolyn Barden, Gary Decker, Sue Fletcher, Sharon Mros, Barbara Nybakken, Roger Smith, Pete Rathfelder.

President Barbara Nybakken called the meeting to order and led us in devotions, reading from Jesus Calling.

The minutes of the December council meeting were approved; motion by Sharon Mros and seconded by Gary Decker; motion passed.

Since we had the annual meeting just last week with the treasurer's report, there was no need for this at this meeting. A motion by Sue Fletcher was made for Sharon Mros to become the 3<sup>rd</sup> check signer for MLC; seconded by Carolyn Barden; motion passed.

The first order of business was the election of officers. We welcome Roger Smith as our new president, Sharon Mros as our new vice president, and Kathie Miller as secretary. Congratulations to all!

Barbara asked that we sign up as liaisons for the committees of the church. The result was as follows: Education – Sharon Mros and Pete Rathfelder; Evangelism – Carolyn Barden; Fellowship – Roger Smith; Properties – Gary Decker; Stewardship – Sue Fletcher and Barbara Nybakken; Worship – Sue Fletcher.

Pastor's Report:

- Lutheran/Catholic Dialog – this group has been meeting for 50 years and Pr. Glenn emphasized how important this dialog is at this time with the country becoming less Christian.
- Hidden Treasures Thrift Shop – information to be presented to the congregation on February 5. We are hoping to get people interested in helping out in this endeavor.
- Pr. Glenn ordered “With All Your Heart” – six faith lessons for Lent. The Wednesday evening Lenten programs will be held at Terry and Bonnie Oldfield's.
- The Tuesday afternoon discussion group on Jesus and His Jewish Influences has one more session on Tuesday, 1/31. They will begin a new series Jesus and the Gospels on February 7 at 2 p.m. at Pr. Glenn's.
- 2017 is the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation and Augsburg Fortress has offered 16 books on this subject to each congregation. We will have a book fair in March to sell these books. Augsburg donated one copy of each to each congregation.
- Pr. Glenn is doing his continuing education using a webinar rather than traveling. In February, he will take a course called “Questions of a Skeptic”.
- The Grand Canyon Synod is having a Missional Church Conference on Saturday, February 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Pr. Glenn, Kathie Miller, and Sue Fletcher will attend.

- Each ELCA congregation has been given the Rick Steves' PBS special on Luther and the Reformation. We will schedule times for our congregation to view this special.
- Flyers will be made available for those in the congregation who would like to participate in a food drive in their neighborhoods.
- We now have an "outreach" page on our website.
- Pr. Glenn will explore working with the Arizona Faith Network this year. This group also works with the Lutheran/Catholic Dialog group.

The Synod has appointed a building consultant – Jeff Spahn – who will meet with our building planning task force on Tuesday, February 21, at 4 p.m. Therefore, we need to be sure to have this task force in place by then. We will ask the current members of our building committee if they are interested in serving. In addition, Gary Decker, Roger Smith, and Pete Rathfelder have volunteered to serve. This task force is separate from the building finance committee which currently consists of Roland Barden, Keith Bjerke, and Claude Marsh.

Discussion was held about our annual council retreat where we do our mission planning. It was decided to have not only council, but additional members of the congregation attend this retreat. We will meet either March 18 or March 25 (depending on availability of the conference room at the Villages) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The retreat will be from 9-1 and council will have their March meeting from 1-2.

There being no further new business, a motion was made by Gary Decker to adjourn. This was seconded by Roger Smith. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next council meeting will be February 19 at 1 p.m. at Barbara Nybakken's.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Fletcher