



CONGREGATION MEETING NOTES  
Christ Lutheran Church and PreSchool  
Sunday, April 23, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER:** The April 23, 2017 Congregation Meeting was called to order at approximately 10:15 a.m. Vice President Tom Pfenning determined that there was a quorum present. President Lynn Brandl gave a quick introduction, including our efforts to continue to be a joyful ministry.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor Padraig McGuire was not present due to health reasons. Lynn Brandl re-iterated earlier announcements that Pastor had requested to be out during Holy Week, and that he had been given time away for the subsequent four weeks, during which three of the Sundays will be covered by Rev. Dr. Arthur Puotinin, who has been secured for us by the Bishop's Office. Pastor Puotinin will confirm six students (Bobby Belzer, Emily Jones, Brooke Pieper, Jake Pieper, Allie Menis and Tyllie Menis) on May 7, as previously planned. This month of respite will be "God's Time" when Pastor McGuire can recover and reflect. We will make no decisions or program changes during this time. We will take care to protect Padraig's confidentiality and privacy. Upon the conclusion of the month's respite, the Bishop's office will meet with Christ Lutheran Council to discuss progress and next steps. Those gathered expressed great care and appreciation for brother Padraig, and we will all continue to hold him in prayer.

**BUDGET APPROVAL:** Vice President (and acting Treasurer) Tom Pfenning presented the budget (*spreadsheet dated 3/7/17; summary dated 4/12/17*), which had been routed electronically and posted on the website prior to this meeting. Thanks to strong PreSchool attendance, faithful congregation giving, and continued cost cutting, we run at break even. All bills are paid. There is no reserve for capital expenses, should we have "rainy day" needs. It is hoped that the parking lot can be repaired with cold patch, and that we can handle that work ourselves. The PreSchool is saving money for a new playground fence. The largest pine tree in front is failing, and we will look for low-cost options for when it gets farther along on it's life cycle. The organ construction is no farther along. Financially, we expect to be able to continue to pay for Pastor McGuire's health insurance as a paid invoice, rather than a formal part of the benefits package (we began paying late last year). We also pledge to pay at least his part-time base salary during his respite.

*MOTION: Doug Moore motioned to accept the Budget provided; Barb Williams seconded; Approved.*

**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS:** The Congregation formally received Constitution/Bylaws dated 2013. Based on incomplete records, we are ensuring that the appropriate process has been followed, therefore we are formally presenting this document to the congregation at this meeting, for subsequent amendment or approval at the next congregation meeting. Upon final approval, we will file the document with the synod.

**CALL PROCESS/NEXT MEETINGS/LEADERSHIP:** Formal Call Process tasks were not discussed as the Congregation must first determine next steps following the month-long Pastoral respite. When paths become more clear, we will communicate with the Congregation, either through a formal Congregation meeting or informal Cottage Meeting settings. Generally, we hold another Congregation Meeting toward the end of summer to confirm leadership and update the group on financial status and other news. Members are encouraged to think about how they want to participate in volunteer and leadership roles. Harrison Menis was thanked for his efforts to re-start Youth Ministry. His work and life schedule makes it difficult for him to continue in this role. We thank him for his tremendous efforts as Minister of Fun.

**ADJOURN:** *Harrison Menis motioned to adjourn the meeting; Allysia Dahlke seconded; Meeting adjourned at 11 a.m. with the Lord's Prayer.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lynn Brandl