

**Joint Church Council Meeting Minutes
Bethesda Lutheran & Immanuel Lutheran
December 10, 2020**

Date/Time: December 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Bethesda Council members--Lynette Benzschawel, Jane Hauser, Paul Lundberg, Mark Ludeking; Immanuel Council members--Gordy Anderson, Sharon Bestul, Leanne Homa, Al Reedy, Chuck Perry and Ex-Officio member: Pastor Mary Meierotto

Absent: from Immanuel—Tom Mason; from Bethesda: Ed Metelica and Yvonne Cox

Agenda:

Call to Order

Check-in

Devotions--Mary

Secretary's Report--Minutes from November

Pastor's Report

Old Business

1. Online Services
2. Budget Meeting for 2021

New Business

1. Annual Meeting on Zoom??

2. Giving Tree

3. Lent

Other Business

Next Meeting

Next Meeting Devotions

Adjourn

Joint Council Meeting Report

Call to Order—6:10 p.m. by Al Reedy

Check-in: see above for attendees

Devotions: by Mary; this included a video of one of the five resolutions coming up in the April ELCA Synod assembly. The video was on Resolution for LGBTQIA Community.

Secretary's Report—Approved--MM by Jane, 2nd by Paul, vote unanimous

Pastor's Report

- Mary offered her thanks for the vacation time. She said it was wonderful!
- For Christmas Eve: Mary will be contacting church members and videotaping us reading or singing or offering a greeting. The video will be available online beginning Christmas Eve. More to come.

Old Business

1. **Online Services** are still continuing. Christmas Eve service will be prerecorded—see above “Pastor's Report”
2. **Budget 2021**—per Paul it is nearly complete. The budget teams will hold a meeting on Zoom on January 7, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. to vote on the budget. Once approved, the budget will be ready for the annual meetings.

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New Business

1. **Annual Meetings on Zoom??**—They will be held on Zoom. All church members will be notified with the dates, times and Zoom information.
Dates: Bethesda Annual Meeting: January 24, 2021
Immanuel Annual Meeting: January 31, 2021
2. **Giving Tree:** Mary will provide a list of things for our Russian family.
3. **Lent:** Looking ahead, it has been suggested that Ash Wednesday there be “a drive-by for ashes” available at both churches. More on this will be determined at a later date.

Other Business

1. **Book Clubs:** have begun again on Mondays and Thursdays. Books are available at the churches.
Just This by Richard Rohr is being used at 1:00 p.m. on Mondays during Advent.
Braving the Wilderness by Brene' Brown is being used at 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays.

Next Meetings:

Budget Teams meet--Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Annual Meetings: Bethesda on January 24th and Immanuel on January 31st. More info later.

Next Meeting Devotions: Mary

Adjourn: 7:07 p.m.; MM by Gordy, 2nd by Chuck, vote unanimous

Recorded and submitted by

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Council Secretary