

**Living Hope Lutheran Church**  
Council Meeting Minutes  
October 18, 2023  
6:30 pm

1. Attendance: Pastor Daniel Flucke, Jen Eason, Gary Myrah, Joe Georgeson, Chris Lear, Brad LeDuc, Patti Luedtke
2. Devotion: Stewardship and “what does it mean to be created in the image of God”?  
Matthew 22:15-22
3. Approval of Minutes  
Motion to approve the Minutes of the 9-26-23 Council meeting as submitted was made by J. Georgeson, seconded by G. Myrah, motion approved.
4. Pastor’s Report  
Pastor’s complete report is available in the Google Shared drive.  
Discussed all the upcoming dates on the Living Hope/Christ the King calendars.  
**10-29-2023** Trunk or Treat  
**11-19-2023** Worship service times will be “flipped” with CTK, LH will be at 8:30 AM, CTK will be at 10:30 with a luncheon to follow. Please RSVP if planning to attend the luncheon at CTK.  
**11-21-2023 (Tuesday)** Community Thanksgiving service will be held at 7:00 PM at RCCG Household of God in Saukville. They ask that attendees bring pie. A community choir will be arranged.  
**11-28-2023 (Tuesday)** Lighthouse spaghetti dinner and fundraiser, tickets are available from Pastor and C. Flucke.  
**12-17-2023** Joint service at CTK at 9:30 AM followed by a “baby shower” for donations of diapers to Ozaukee County.  
**12-24-2023 (Sunday)** NO MORNING SERVICES at Living Hope. Members are encouraged to meet at 10:30 for a service project. Christmas Eve services are at 4:00 PM at CTK and 7:00 PM at Living Hope.  
**12-25-2023 (Monday)** Joint Christmas service at Living Hope at 9:30 AM.  
**12-31-2023 (Sunday)** Joint New Year’s Eve service at CTK at 9:30 AM.  
**1-28-2024** Annual Congregational meeting after worship (approx.. 11:30 AM).
5. Financial Report
  - a. J. Georgeson reviewed the financial report and notes for August and September, they are available in Google Shared Drive. A motion to approve the financial report as submitted was made by P. Luedtke, seconded by G. Myrah, motion approved.
  - b. Designated Funds-The designated account fund and Scrip account were closed at Port Washington State Bank. The monies were deposited in the LH checking account at Kohler Credit Union. A motion was made by J. Georgeson, seconded by G. Myrah to

transfer the designated funds to the Reserve account as discussed at the 9-26-2023 meeting. No further discussion, motion carried.

6. Construction Update

Property improvement Financial Report was distributed by G. Myrah.

Payne and Dolan began the parking lot paving project this week, plans to be completed by Sunday for Church service.

A landscaping bid (\$1400) was received from Lone Wolf Tree Service/Roger Thein to level ground and reseed the areas that were disturbed when the water and sewer lines were connected to the church building. Discussed that the bid would put us into deficit spending on the project. Will await the final cost of the backfill needed for the parking lot prior to approving the landscaping bid.

7. Trunk or Treat

Door hangers advertising the event are available, Council and congregation members are encouraged to distribute them throughout the Village of Saukville early next week.

There is a "Sign -Up Genius" available, there are still slots available for food and trunk decorating.

8. Church Musician

Further discussion about updating the job description was tabled at this time. Discussed a need for a Worship Life committee to assist Pastor in planning for worship and music. Discussed that all musicians should be paid for providing music at worship services.

A motion was made by G. Myrah, seconded by B. LeDuc to pay Christin Flucke for providing music at the 10-15-2023 service, motion carried.

9. Stewardship Campaign

Pastor and the Council will send a letter to the congregation for pledges.

The following Council members will speak about stewardship the next 4 weeks: C. Lear will speak on 10-22, G. Myrah will speak on 10-29, J. Eason will speak on 11-5 and J. Georgeson will speak on 11-12.

10. HWG Employee Retention Tax Credit

Josh Friesen has been paid approximately \$13,000, as approved, to prepare the amended tax return to move forward on the Tax Credit. There was discussion that the Federal government is "pausing" the program until January 2024.

Next meeting: **Tuesday, December 5 at 6:30 PM.**

A Joint Council Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 17th, 2024, at 6:30 PM at Christ the King**, LH Council will meet immediately after the Joint Council meeting.

Lord's Prayer and meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patti Luedtke