

**Living Hope Lutheran Church**  
Council Meeting Minutes  
March 28, 2023  
6:30pm

1. Attendance: Pastor Daniel Flucke, Gary Myrah, Joe Georgeson, Brad LeDuc, Chris Lear, Patti Luedtke, Shannon Stoker
2. Opening Prayer/Devotion  
Pastor Daniel shared a song written by Pastor Bryran Sirchio, The Perfect Church, discussion followed.
3. Here We Grow/Living Hope Garage  
Cliff Pohlheber and Becki Tetzlaff presented plans for the garage that will be taken to the Saukville Village Board for approval. The garage measures 20x30, 600 square feet. There is a 6' set back around the structure and the garage will visually shield the dumpsters from the drive into the new subdivision. Estimated cost is \$35,000 which is \$10,000 more than estimated previously due to the increase in size. Currently the amount estimated from the Equipping The Saints campaign for the Living Hope portion of the project is \$12,500, the increase in cost will need to be addressed if the plan as presented is approved by the Village. Congregation members will assist in the building of the structure.  
A motion was made by J. Georgeson, seconded by B. LeDuc to present the current plans to the Village for approval, HWG to cover the cost of the filing fee. No further discussion, motion carried.
4. Approve 2/28/23 Minutes, J. Georgeson motioned to approve the minutes as submitted, B. LeDuc seconded, no discussion, motion carried.
5. Financial reports: The initial results from the Equipping The Saints (ETS) campaign were shared; \$42,970 in commitments were made, \$15,000 of that amount was from Jerry Baganz. We have \$23,210 in hand with the rest to be given over the 3 year period. These commitments represent 13 families in the congregation, a follow-up letter will be sent to families that haven't committed.  
A motion was made by J. Georgeson, seconded by B. LeDuc to approve the financial report as submitted; discussion included the addition of line items for the budget of ETS Capital Campaign and ETS Capital Expenses. No further discussion, motion carried.
6. Pastor's Report: See submitted report for March, 2023  
Pastor highlighted the pastoral coverage for his parental leave. He presented a draft of the letter to be sent to families who have not made a commitment to the ETS campaign, the letter will be sent next week. There was also a discussion regarding decorating the Church for Holy Week, arrangements have been made.

7. Lenten Meal

Living Hope will host the final Lenten meal tomorrow evening; the meals have been well attended, about 40 people at each Church.

8. Property Updates

B. LeDuc reported that the doors are in and that the bill will be paid from the ETS funds, he is currently training people on the operation of the new doors.

B. LeDuc will be seeking estimates to replace the 2 concrete pads directly in front of the new doors, this will be scheduled in the next 4-6 weeks. The concrete replacement costs will be drawn from the building maintenance budget. The rest of the concrete walkway will wait until funds are available.

B. LeDuc also reported on the driveway replacement. The drive into the church parking lot is scheduled to be removed in early April. The sewer and water lines will need to be completed prior to the repaving. Living Hope has a signed contract with Stark Pavement to repave the parking lot. The current contract does not cover a 19' section of drive on the north side of the parking lot, for safety and traffic flow B. LeDuc suggests that that section be included in the repaving.

A motion was made by B. LeDuc, seconded by J. Georgeson to approach Stark Pavement for an estimate for the additional paving. Discussion included the potential cost of the additional paving and the amount that has been budgeted for the project. The estimate will be brought back to the Council for further discussion. Motion carried.

9. New Business

The Easter breakfast will be a "continental" breakfast, an updated sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

C. Lear requested approval for the return of the "Gathering of Saints" clip boards, Council approved. Pastor will make an announcement at the beginning of the service.

C. Lear will also call a meeting of the "Greeters" to discuss hospitality and being aware of visitors. He emphasizes that the entire congregation should participate in evangelism. In the past, Living Hope has visited people who were visitors to the Church and had given them information about the church (and maybe some baked goods). Suggestions going forward are "Welcome to the Neighborhood" bags. These bags could include information about the church and daycare, live streaming options and the children/teen ministries. Also discussed a "Neighborhood Block Party" this fall on Rally Sunday.

10. Next Meeting

There will be a Joint Council meeting on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 6:30 pm at Living Hope **followed by a LH Council meeting**; there will be no Council meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

11. Lord's Prayer and adjournment

Respectfully submitted,  
Patti Luedtke