

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
3711 Ridge Road
Highland, Indiana

April 13, 2010 Council Meeting
Archived Agenda and Reports to Council

Includes uncorrected meeting minutes.

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DEVOTIONS SIGN UP

Month	Name
January	David Adams
February	Tom Schiller
March	Pam Daniels
April	Dan Kerr
May	Eric Socin
June	Barry Fry
July	Randy Vates
August	Douglas Rddell
September	Don Heintzman
October	Sandy Trexler
November	Donora Gard
December	Fran Abatie

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Agenda for Council Meeting
Tuesday ~ April 13,2010 - 7:00 PM

- 1) Opening Devotion / Prayer / - Pam Daniels
- 2) Caring and Sharing
- 3) Review of Minutes from March Council Meeting
- 4) Financial Reports
- 5) Old Business - Joyce Partyka - Financial Aid (FTE Fellowship)
- 6) Committee Reports
- 7) Pastor Trexler / Vicar Dan Reports to Council
- 8) New Business - Audit Committee Information
View/Discussion regarding new Church sign
- 9) New Business to be recommended for next Parish Council Meeting Agenda
- 10) Correspondence
- 11) Adjournment of Council Meeting
- 12) Closing Prayer
- 13) Next Scheduled Meeting - May 11,2010 - Devotions - Eric Socin

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm with President David Adams presiding.

Present: Rev David Trexler, Vicar Dan Kerr, David Adams , Debbie Thinnes, Donora Gard, Sandy Trexler, Tom Schiller, Douglas Riddell, Fran Abatie, Eric Socin, Pam Daniels, and Barry Fry

Absent: Lauri Novak, Don Heintzman and Randy Vates

DEVOTIONS

Pam Daniels led devotions relating an inspirational story and offered an opening prayer.

CARING AND SHARING

Refreshment sign-up sheet passed out for Spring Retreat on April 25th.

REVIEW OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

All in attendance were directed to review minutes of the previous council meeting on March 9.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

David Adams called for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was made by Doug Riddell and seconded by Barry Fry. David Adams called for a voice vote on the motion which passed unanimously.

TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurers report was presented to council by Pam Daniels and reviewed by council.

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT

David Adams called for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion to approve was made by Sandy Trexler and seconded by Fran Abatie. David Adams called for a voice vote on the motion which passed unanimously. The report will be archived for the records with these minutes

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Other committee reports reviewed by council were from the Service committee, the Witness Committee and the 25th Anniversary Planning Committee. These committee reports are archived for the records with these minutes.

PASTOR DAVID'S REPORT

Pastor David's report was reviewed by council. Report archived for the record with these minutes.

VICAR DAN'S REPORT

Vicar Dan's report reviewed by council. Report archived for the record with these minutes.

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NEW BUSINESS/ AUDIT COMMITTEE

Constitutional obligation called for naming the audit committee at the previous council meeting. Details of what an audit entails can be found in ELCA guidelines for church congregation's financial audits from the ELCA website. Pam Daniels volunteered that as a CPA she could assist the audit committee in doing an audit. It was noted that there is plenty of time left to do an internal audit using church members.

NEW BUSINESS/ CHURCH SIGN

Preliminary discussions for acquiring a new electronic LED wirelessly programmable church sign brought to light these facts.

- A picture of the proposed new church sign was passed among council members.
- The new sign will be ten feet tall to comply with town ordinances for residential zoning laws.
- The new sign will allow for often and easy changing text messages on the sign.
- The sign will be much more visible and attention gaining than our present sign.
- The LED sign will be low maintenance and last a very long time.
- It will take approximately six weeks from when the sign is ordered until it is installed.
- The sign can be paid for as the money is available interest free.
- It is noted however that the cost of the sign will mean incurring debt beyond what the council can approve without a special congregation meeting and approval.
- A tentative congregation meeting date of June 29 was made which would occur during our worship schedule time.
- Exact language for the congregation meeting motion to be voted on by the congregation for notification will need to be written.
- Further information will need to be collected for presentation including exact cost and sign company arrangements.

ADJOURNMENT OF COUNCIL MEETING/CLOSING PRAYER

Having no more business to discuss motion was made by Doug Riddell and seconded by Sandy Trexler to adjourn the meeting. David Adams called for a voice vote which passed unanimously. The meeting was closed with prayer at 8:43 pm Amen

Respectfully Submitted
Eric Socin

TREASURERS REPORT

March 2010

	<u>March</u>	<u>Year to date</u>
Beginning Balance	20,087.64	18,059.45
Receipts:		
Envelope	11,317.00	43,107.00
Loose	306.00	678.86
Sunday School	0.00	0.00
Rentals	0.00	0.00
Initial Offering	0.00	143.00
Altar Guild	35.00	50.00
Lent	250.00	739.00
Thanksgiving	0.00	0.00
Christmas	0.00	5.00
Total	<u>11,908.00</u>	<u>44,722.86</u>

Disbursements

		<u>Monthly Budget</u>	<u>Under/ (Over)</u>	<u>YTD Disb.</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Under/ (Over)</u>
Benevolence	675.00	666.6	(8.33)	1,850.00	2,000.01	150.01
Pastoral	9,598.63	9,774.99	176.36	28,345.67	29,324.97	979.30
Office	887.80	1,158.33	270.53	3,251.56	3,474.99	223.43
Prof Staff	0.00	83.33	83.33	0.00	249.99	249.99
Worship	1,194.87	1,518.75	323.88	4,636.03	4,556.25	(79.78)
Learning	245.85	125.00	(129.85)	284.96	375.00	90.04
Stewardship	0.00	58.33	58.33	0.00	174.99	174.99
Witness	0.00	416.67	416.67	7,249.37	1,250.01	681.56
Property	2,788.22	3,344.17	545.95	7,249.37	10,002.51	2,753.14
Total	<u>15,399.37</u>	<u>17,136.24</u>	<u>2,510.49</u>	<u>46,186.04</u>	<u>51,408.72</u>	<u>5,222.68</u>

Ending Balance	<u>16,596.27</u>	<u>2,510.27</u>
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TREASURERS REPORT

March 2010

Restricted Funds

	Beginning	<u>Current Month</u>		Ending
	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Rceipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Anniversary	3,154.95	15.00		3,169.95
Bereavement	664.10			664.10
Christian Aid	6,831.97		2,960.00	3,871.97
Designated	538.36	143.00	85.00	596.36
Grace Notes	2,743.60		4,010.50	2,743.60
Memorial	25.00	200.00		225.00
Organ	339.65			339.65
Seminary	454.13	510.00		954.13
Souper Bowl	335.34			335.34
World Hunger	25.00			25.00
Youth	1,774.45			1,774.45
Total	<u>25,771.55</u>	<u>868.00</u>	<u>7,055.50</u>	<u>19,584.05</u>

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	<u>Balance</u>			<u>Balance</u>
Anniversary	3,154.95	15.00		3,169.95
Bereavement	364.10	300.00		664.10
Building	6,831.97		2,960.00	3,871.97
Christian Aid	387.36	454.00	245.00	596.10
Designated	3,646.50	6,057.00	4,829.00	4,874.50
Grace Notes	3,743.60		1,000.00	2,743.60
Memorial	0.00	225.00		225.00
Organ	4,339.65		4,000.00	339.65
Seminary	424.13	540.00		964.13
Souper Bowl	170.72	328.83	164.21	335.34
World Hunger	225.00		200.00	25.00
Youth	964.45	810.00		1,774.45
Total	<u>24,252.43</u>	<u>8,729.83</u>	<u>13,398.21</u>	<u>19,584.05</u>

* Designated

Golden Opportunity	360.00
Sign	6,000.00
Tractor	2,500.00
Tate Publishing	-3,985.50
Total	<u>4,874.50</u>

Pastor's Report to Council — April 13, 2010

- Presided at Sunday worship
- Pre-sided at Saturday worship
- Presided at Lenten worship
- Presided at Maundy Thursday worship
- Presided at Good Friday worship
- Presided at Easter Vigil
- Presided at Wednesday Bible Study/Worship
- Presided at Seven Baptisms for Landon, Lily, Dylan, Avery, Brandon, Kaitlyn, and Payton
- Presided at two funerals and attended wake for: James Bures and Betty Miller
- Presided at Saturday worship service at Brentwood nursing home
- Preside at Highland Centennial Celebration with short message and dinner prayer
- Prayed for the church, the world, and individuals daily
- Taught Confirmation
- Attended conference council
- Attended annual 'Chrism Mass' with Bishop Stuck
- Attended two meeting in regards to trip to the Dominican Republic with 1st Christian Reformed
- Attended meeting with pastors Dan/Larry/Laura regarding starting back up a Highland ministerium
- Attended men's breakfast
- Attended 50th anniversary committee meeting
- Wrote monthly newsletter, letter for 50th anniversary, letter for Spring assembly
- Met with two couples regarding baptism
- Met with one couple regarding wedding
- Applied to Wabash Leadership Training Program
- Made 10 hospital visits
- Fellowship with various members
- Worked with Tate Publishing regarding "Revealed Knowledge"
- Worked on lighting in sanctuary and outside grounds
- Worked with Vicar Dan regarding upcoming projects

Vicarr's Report to Council — April 13, 2010

- Assist with Saturday worship.
- Assist with Sunday worship.
- Preach on Saturday and Sunday.
- Assist with Lent.
- Participated in the prayer vigil on Maundy Thursday
- Assist with Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter services
- Many hospital visits.
- Shut-in visits
- Teach Sunday mornings on the Heidelberg Dispensation.
- Class continues to see visitors from outside the church as well as a core group of about 10 to 12 people, (not too late for more people to attend)
- Teach 1st computer class - 11 people attending
- Attended ministerium
- Performed funeral and attended prior day's viewing
- Attended 50th Anniversary Event planning.
- Working on e-mail database for 50th anniversary event.
- Working on mail-out list for 50th anniversary event.
- Worked on entertainment for hog roast event
- Dialed for church-wide events.
- Men's breakfast.
- Talked to contact for large anniversary gathering for music.
- Wrote Vicar's letter for the monthly bulletin.
- Assist with confirmation class.

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March 28, 2010

It is with great pleasure that we at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church are nominating Joyce Partyka – and sharing information related to the ministry at our Church – and the journey that has brought Joyce to her calling. We trust the following summary of our history – and Joyce's devotion to Jesus Christ – will assist FTE in selecting Joyce for one of the FTE Congregational Fellowships.

How does our congregation address both vocation as a component of Christian Discipleship and the call to ordained ministry with youth and young adults in our congregation?

Our congregation addresses vocation and call by nurturing our Church environment with the understanding that we are part of – "The Priesthood of All Believers". At Gloria Dei we stress God's call through Word and Sacrament and encourage all of our members / guests – from our young elementary school children – to our confirmation class members – to our adult members – to live out their vocation in the presence of God.

We ask quite often "What might that Call be?" – we then encourage our members / guests to listen and to pray for the Spirit's guidance.

At Gloria Dei we share the understanding that all vocations are ordained by God!

However, ever so often, someone displays the qualities that would seem to lend well to the administration of Word and Sacrament in a Parish setting. At that time, the church encourages that individual to think about this and then offer roles that would compliment this possible call – such as assisting, teaching, and even preaching.

Some of our members along with Joyce – without initiating encouragement from the church – have expressed their sincere and devout interest in sharing Word and Sacrament with God's children. Because of the foundations we lay in the preaching and teaching of God's word to all age groups, Gloria Dei has sent 4 of its members to seminary in the past 15 years.

How has our congregation nurtured the nominee's sense of Christian vocation and interest in congregational ministry?

Both myself – and our Senior Pastor – the Reverend David Trexler – have known Joyce for only a part of her life – but through her participation in church – and the sharing of members at Gloria Dei – we can provide some very good background on her work as a Child of God.

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Joyce actually felt God tugging at her when she was 8 years old! At that time she knew she was being called to share the gifts she was developing – gifts from God – which she could use in her ministry to others. Her devotion to the Lord has led her to be a part of many activities at Gloria Dei – but also in the greater community.

As early as her freshman and sophomore years in high school, Joyce worked with the former Senior Pastors at Gloria Dei in developing and assisting in Contemporary Worship Services. Joyce has been active in choir, vacation bible school, and our youth groups at Church. And, along with these activities she also gave a helping hand on a very regular basis at the Downtown Hammond Soup Kitchen.

Joyce has served as youth representative to Church wide and our Synod on more than one occasion. She also worked on the “30 Hours of Famine” while in Ohio and organized the efforts for this program with 3 churches in the community!

Since Joyce has been away at college we have always encouraged her to stay in touch, by writing monthly letters and be a visible sign at Church when she is back in town. Gloria Dei is also making opportunities for Joyce to preside at worship and preach during the coming summer.

We truly believe that Gloria Dei is a welcoming and nurturing Church home where God’s Good News – through the Life – Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ – is shared with everyone who comes to worship and becomes a part of the Priesthood of all Believers. Our foundation – found in Christ – is what has moved Joyce to this important call so she can continue to serve our Lord in His world.

If you have any further questions as you discern the decision in awarding your Fellowships – please do not hesitate to contact us. We believe Joyce will demonstrate her desire to be part of Christ’s ordained disciples and be worthy to receive one of these important aids in her school tuition.

May the Peace of Christ be with you always!



David M. Adams
President – Church Council
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

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THE FUND FOR THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

MINISTRY PROGRAM FELLOWSHIPS

2010-2011 Application

❖ **Congregational Fellowship**

NOMINATION AND FINANCIAL COMMITMENT BY CONGREGATION

Congregational Fellowship applicants only

Name of nominee **Joyce Anna Partyka**
PRINT FULL NAME

Name of congregation **Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**

How did you hear about the Congregational Fellowship?

- FTE Calling Congregations Event
- FTE website
- Seminary
- FTE staff
- Another congregation
- Other (please specify) _____
- FTE alumni
- Nominee

Financial commitment

Should our nominee be awarded the FTE Congregational Fellowship, we commit to providing the following dollar amount toward the Fellow's tuition and expenses during the 2010-2011 academic year:

\$ 1000.00

We understand that we will submit this amount directly to the Fellow's school with a check made payable to the Fellow and that our commitment may be paid in two equal installments prior to each semester. We also understand that FTE will send its matching payment directly to the Fellow's school in two equal installments only after receiving notice from the school that the sponsoring congregation has paid its commitment for the semester.

Chief administrative/fiscal officer **David M. Adams** Title **Mr.**
PRINT NAME MR./MS./REV./DR.

Position **President - Congregation Council**

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Signature 

Commitment to nurturing vocation

In reviewing the nomination of your candidate, the FTE Selection Committee will consider your congregation's commitment to cultivating the call to ministry. Please describe this commitment, using the following questions as a guide:

- ❖ How does your congregation address both vocation as a component of Christian discipleship and the call to ordained ministry with youth and young adults in your congregation?
- ❖ How has your congregation nurtured the nominee's sense of Christian vocation and interest in congregational ministry?

Please provide your response on a separate, type-written document and attach this page as a cover sheet.

REPORT OF THE SERVICE COMMITTEE April 2010

- The Service Committee has been involved in the following:
- Cooked/delivered meal to the City Rescue Mission on the third Monday of the month
- Delivered clothing items to the Christian Fellowship Church, Hammond, for distribution to the needy
- Mailed soup labels to assist the Arizona Mission School
- Will publicize the May collection of the coin banks for the ELCA Hunger Appeal

Nancy Talabay. chairperson

PROPERTY REPORT APRIL 13, 2010

- Replace 2 circulation pumps on the boiler March 23.
- Finished the tuck pointing on the 24th March and paid the contractor the balance of the bill.
- Contacted Seasons Lawn care on April 7 to mow the grass around the church at the same price as last year \$72 per mow.
- Requested the mowing be done on Thursdays.
- Posted adopt a plot in narthex.
- Plan on spring clean up the 1st of May

March 25th 50th Anniversary Meeting Recap:

- Vicar Dan opened with Prayer.
- The Theme for the event will be "Celebrating 50 Years of Christian Fellowship". This will be included on the invitations, programs, as well as the tickets.

We divided up the event responsibilities as follows:

- Ticket Sales and Name Tags - Charity Riddell-Ticket sales will take place following each worship service between 4/11 and 5/16. Sandy Trexler will work with Charity to set up a fancy table with a gold place setting to market the tickets.
- Programs, Invitations, Tickets- Sandy Danner brought an example invitation with the beautiful watercolor Fran Danner painted. This will be the design used for the tickets, invitations, bookmarks and programs. Sandy D. and Sandy S. will have the invitations sent out by Monday April 12th to all current and past members, selected visitors, previous pastors, and guests. Pastor Trexler will be sending out a letter discussing Pentecost and the significance to our 50th anniversary right before the invitations go out. Clea e-mailed in 10 previous member addresses.
- Weekly bulletin announcements- Vicar Dan and Eric will announce the ticket sales and various details about the 50th anniversary in the next bulletin/glad tidings.
- Memorabilia Table- The Men's group led by Tom Schiller will conduct their treasure hunt during the next men's breakfast. Florence Covault turned in a plaque that will be great for the table.
- Favors- Grace Notes group- headed up by Sandy Trexler & Elaine VonAlmen will work on coming up with an edible favor. Gold & Red Hershey kisses were discussed at the last meeting as an example.
- Centerpieces & Room Decoration- Dorcas Circle- headed up by Fran Abatie, Clea McLeod, and Nancy Talabay. This group will put the finishing touches on the bookmarks and will get pricing for the geraniums as the season nears and when our final headcount is known.
- Cakes- Karen Achor
- Media- Eric will put together a 10-15 min. slide presentation allowing 6-10 seconds each for approx 120-150 pictures. Eric is currently scanning in a whole box of pictures as well as those just turned in from Florence Covault. The committee will meet on Thursday April 8th @ 7pm to specifically select which pictures will be placed in the presentation.

50th Anniversary Program will include the following:

- The program details will be finalized by the end of April. We will need to dedicate a meeting specifically for this topic as well.
- Recognition of Previous and Current Pastors.
- Recognition of Confirmation members.
- Recognition of Charter Members with an impromptu "Favorite Memory" to share.
- A song or 2 sung by current and previous choir members.
- 15 min. slide presentation to music of past 50 years.