

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church  
3711 Ridge Road  
Highland, Indiana

**February 16, 2010 Council Meeting**  
Archived Records  
With Reports to Council

Includes corrected and approved 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

GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA  
3711 Ridge Road  
Highland, IN 46322  
Agenda for Council Meeting

Tuesday ~ February 16. 2010 - 7:00 PM

- 1) Opening Devotion / Prayer / - Tom Schiller
- 2) Caring and Sharing - Thank you from Dave Adams for your understanding of my business travel schedule keeping me from this meeting tonight.
- 3) Review of Minutes from January Council Meeting
- 4) Financial Reports •
- 5) Old Business - Follow up on Council Members Committee participation
- 6) Committee Reports
- 7) Pastor Trexler/ Vicar Dan Reports to Council
- 8) New Business - Council Member(s) participation in Synod Assembly/-  
Business Credit Card issued to our Church through First  
Financial for ease in making selected purchases
- 9) New Business to be recommended for next Parish Council Meeting Agenda
- 10) Correspondence - Letter from Joyce Partyka requesting some form of  
Financial Aid through Gloria Dei for Seminary - Program that Joyce can  
apply for will match funds up to \$5,000.00 ~ Charlene & Tim Partyka will  
be funding up to \$2,000.00 towards this request to help in doubling funds  
for Joyce' Seminary Tuition.

**Tuesday February 16, 2010  
Gloria Dei Council Meeting Minutes**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm with Vice President Doug Riddell presiding in the absence of David Adams.

Present: Rev David Trexler, Vicar Dan Kerr, Debbie Thinner, Randy Vates, Sandy Trexler, Douglas Riddell, Tom Schiller, Don Heintzman, Eric Socin, Pam Daniels, and Lauri Novak.

Absent: David Adams, Donora Gard, Fran Abatie and Barry Fry.

**DEVOTIONS**

Tom Schiller led with devotions, and Vicar Dan offered an opening prayer petitioning His Divine Guidance.

**SHARING AND CARING**

No Special thanks messages came to light at the meeting.

**REVIEW OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

All in attendance were directed to review minutes of the previous council meeting on January 19.

**APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes were reviewed. There were no corrections of minutes made. With no objection heard Doug asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Sandy Trexler made the motion for approval and motion was seconded by Don Heintzman.

Doug Riddell called for a voice vote to approve the minutes. Approval was unanimous.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The financial report was presented to council by Pam Daniels and reviewed by council. The report will be archived for the records with these minutes.

**OLD BUSINESS / COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

Committee assignments were discussed and further assignments made. See attached committee assignments table for results.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Service Committee report was reviewed by council and is archived for the records with these minutes.

Sandy Trexler submitted the Witness report with attached reports including:

- 1) 50th Anniversary Committee Recap
- 2) Altar Guild

These reports are also archived with these minutes for the record.

Requiring council action was consideration for a contract for having a new church directory published. In short, the council approved accepting the business proposal submitted by Lisa Keene of "Life Moments" to Julie Ritchie-Glen on behalf of the Witness Committee for taking pictures and publishing a new picture directory for our congregation. Details of the proposal are archived for the records with these minutes. The primary detail of importance is that to keep the cost of the directory to \$10.00 per directory, 100 directories must be purchased. Exact details as discussed for how many directories will be ordered by members of the congregation and how many will be bought on behalf of the congregation for distribution to future members not in our midst is not known. Logistics for appointments to take pictures (mentioned as being flexible with "Life Moments") and other details for promotions subject to possible future (old business) plans and discussions.

Randy Vates on behalf of Stewardship read aloud a Stewardship Letter for publication in the Glad Tidings. This letter archived for the record with these minutes.

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**PASTOR TREXLER'S REPORT**

The Pastors report was reviewed by council. Spring conference assembly now at Gloria Dei on Sunday April 25th. Gathering at 2:00 pm with presentation at 2:30 pm. Event ending time estimated at 4:30 pm. Council members please keep this on your calendar. Pastors report archived for the records with these minutes.

**VICAR DAN'S REPORT**

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

**NEW BUSINESS — SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES**

David and Dianne Adams tentative synod assembly representatives. Plans should be finalized and noted at next council meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS — CHURCH CREDIT CARD**

It was proposed that the church get a credit card with First Financial for convenience of on line purchases (ie hotel reservations) with bill payments made direct that would otherwise require use of receipts for reimbursement paper work application. After discussion Doug Riddell asked for a motion to acquire a credit card which was made by Lauri Novak and seconded by Don Heintzman. Voice vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS — BOOK PUBLICATION**

Discussion was directed towards the possibility that church funds could be used within the parameters of our present budget to assist in the publication of Pastor David's book. Subject was tabled for possible future (old business) action or fund raising proposals.

**CORRESPONDENCE — SEMINARY FUNDS**

Correspondence - Letter from Joyce Partyka requesting some form of Financial Aid through Gloria Dei for Seminary - Program that Joyce can apply for will match funds up to \$5,000.00 ~ Charlene & Tim Partyka will be funding up to \$2,000.00 towards this request to help in doubling funds for Joyce' Seminary Tuition. Suggestion was made that Joyce submit letters for publication in the Glad Tidings and possibly make personal appearance and plea to help get donations through our seminary fund with designated giving.

Subject tabled awaiting further correspondence and reports.

**CLOSING**

Having no further business to discuss, Doug Riddell called for a motion to close the meeting made by Tom Schiller and seconded by Sandy Trexler. Voice vote was unanimous. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Eric Socin

January 19, 2010

## Church Council and Staff

phone and email contact list

STAFF	NAME	PHONE	CELL PHONE	EMAIL
Presiding Pastor	Rev. David Trexler	redacted		redacted
Vicar	Dan Kerr			
Minister of Music	David Markley		613-1110	
Bookkeeper	Carole Fozkos			
<u>COUNCIL / OFFICER</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>CELL PHONE</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
Council President	Dave Adams	redacted		redacted
Vice President	Douglas Riddell			
Treasurer	Pam Daniels			
Recording Secretary	Eric Socin			
	Don Heintzman			
	Debbie Thinner			
	Barry Fry			
	Tom Schiller			
	Sandy Trexler			
	Donora Gard			
	Randy Vates			
	Lauri Novak		588-8755	
	Fran Abatie		796-6301	

## Church Council Committee Assignments

<u>STAFF</u>	NAME	Committee Head	Other Committees
Presiding Pastor	Rev. David Trexler	Learning	
Vicar	Dan Kerr		Learning
Minister of Music	David Markley	Worship	
Bookkeeper	Carole Fozkos		Support - Finance
<u>COUNCIL / OFFICER</u>	NAME		
Council President	Dave Adams		
Vice President	Douglas Riddell		Witness Worship
Treasurer	Pam Daniels	Support - Finance	
Recording Secretary	Eric Socin	Communications	
	Don Heintzman	Support - Property	
	Debbie Thinner		Worship
	Barry Fry		Support - Property
	Tom Schiller		Witness
	Sandy Trexler	Witness	Memorial
	Donora Gard	Memorial	Service
	Randy Vates	Support - Stewardship	
	Lauri Novak		Learning
	Fran Abatie	Service	

Pastor's Report to Council  
February 16,2010

- Presided at Sunday worship
- Presided at Saturday worship
- Presided at service bringing in two new members
- Presided at a funeral for Eike Kania
- Presided at a wedding for Kevin Mendez and Shannon Evans on B96 radio
- Prayed for the church, the world, and individuals daily
- Taught Confirmation
- Taught Creeds and Confessions to Diakonia students
- Attended two Conference Council meetings planning Spring Retreat here at Gloria Dei
- Attended men's breakfast
- Attended 50th anniversary committee meeting
- Attended ministerium and Stole and Scroll
- Attended Finance Committee meeting
- Prepared all year end documents for ELCA churchwide
- Prepared documents for LSTC internship program
- Began preparation for Conference Assembly
- Worked on Lent/Easter
- Got book published
- Made 2 hospital visits
- Made 2 home visits
- Fellowship with various members
- Worked with Vicar Dan regarding upcoming projects

Vicar's Report to Council  
February 16, 2010

- Assist with Saturday worship.
- Assist with Sunday worship.
- Assist with confirmation class.
- Preached On Saturday and Sunday.
- Prepared for the class I'm teaching on the Heidelberg Dispensation.
- Had one Sunday with 16 attendees for the first class.
- Hospital visit.
- Prepared the testing for confirmands.
- Dialed for events.
- Men's breakfast.
- Helped to design the Easter cards for mailing.
- Attended Creeds and Confessions class with Pastor Trexler.
- Got the sacraments ready for Saturday and Sunday.
- Wrote Vicar's letter for the monthly bulletin.

## Treasurer's Report January 2010

### General Fund

January

Beginning Balance    18,059.45

Receipts:

Envelope                16,267.00

Loose                    246.00

Initial                  122.00

Altar Guild             10.00

Christmas              5.00

Total 16,650.00

Disbursements:

		Monthly Budget	Under/ (Over)
Benevolence	500.00	666.67	166.67
Pastoral	9,139.12	9,774.99	635.87
Office	1,306.67	1,158.33	(148.34)
Prof. Staff	0.00	83.33	83.33
Worship	2,254.83	1,518.75	(736.08)
Learning	0.00	125.00	125.00
Stewardship	0.00	58.33	58.33
Witness	0.00	416.67	416.67
Property	1,425.13	3,334.17	1,909.04
Total	14,625.75	17,136.24	2,510.49

Ending Balance        20,083.70

### Restricted Funds

	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Current Month Disbmnts.	Ending Balance
Anniversary	3,154.95			3,154.95
Bereavement	364.10	300.00		664.10
Building	6,831.97			6,831.97
Christian Aid,	387.36	106.00	60.00	433.36
Designated	3,646.50	6,057.00	818.50	8,885.00
Grace Notes	3,743.60		500.00	3,243.60
Memorial	0.00	25.00		25.00
Organ	4,339.65			4,339.65
Seminary	424.13	15.00		439.13
Souper Bowl	170.72		164.21	6.51
World Hunger	25.00		200.00	25.00
Youth	964.45	810.00		1,774.45
Total	24,252.43	7,313.00	1,742.71	29,822.72

## Property Report February 09, 2010 3:00 pm

Members of the property committee present Don Heintzman. Chairman, Wally Abatie, Roland Jahnke and Chuck Talabay

- 1.) Discussed removal of tree outside of glass hallway in the spring.
- 2.) Trim back trees on the west side of building and renting a man lift to do the job safely.
- 3.) To scrap out the cross laying out by the garage. To called Metros on scrap price for steel.
- 4.) To get estimates on new cross for new sign design.
- 5.) To reinstate adopt a plot. Need to call Helen Little to get advice on set up.

Meeting adjourned 3:30 pm

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### REPORT OF THE SERVICE COMMITTEE February 2010

The Service Committee has been involved in the following in the past month:

-Contacted a representative from Haven House to pick up some of the groceries that had been donated to our food pantry

-Held the annual Souper Bowl of Caring collection. A total of \$328.73 was collected. Over two-thirds of the total was in the Colts container.

-Collected soup labels and pull-tabs

Nancy Talabay, chairperson

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### WITNESS

50th Anniversary

See attached

Church Directory

See attached

Grace Notes

Met with Directory rep

Discussed making new Chrismons for church tree with bazaar monies

Discussed making banner for sanctuary for Pentecost season with Bazaar monies

Planned meeting for March 3rd to make dog biscuits for next bazaar

Kitchen Shower

Lenten Soup/Sandwich

## 50th Anniversary Committee Meeting Recap Monday February 8,2010

**Committee Members:** Pastor Trexler, Vicar Dan, Sandy Burgess, Sandy Danner, Sandy Trexler, Fran Abatie, Elaine VonAlmen, Nancy Talibay, Eric Socin, Charity Riddell,  
**Helpers:** Elaine Van Prooyen, Clea McLeod, Florence Covault

### 50th Celebration Luncheon:

- **Communication**
  - o **Existing Members** Eric & Vicar Dan will put a reminder in Glad Tidings Newsletter and weekly bulletin requesting pictures, any previous member addresses, and a current photo of their family to be used and kept by church. Ticket sales coming soon will be mentioned.
  - o **Past Members** Sandy Danner will post a reunion notice in the Times and Post Tribune. We will try to get old directories to locate.
  - o **Invitations** We will be receiving a card and envelope with a drawing of the church on it and making up invitations/stationary/etc...
  - o **Who do we want to invite?** All current and previous members, guests, and family
- **Easels/Posters** - We will make up an easel with all the Pastors for 50 yrs, Old Bulletins, Confirmation class pictures, etc....
- **Centerpieces/Room Decorations** - We will decorate with a Red & Gold Theme. We will discuss red Geranium plants with the Bakkers for centerpieces.
- **Party Favors** - Edible, Red & Gold Hershey kisses were discussed.
- **Toastmaster** - Tom Schiller will be asked to M.C. the event
- **Slide/PowerPoint Presentation** - Eric will work his magic here.
- **Funding/ Fund Raisers?** The Wed evening soup/sandwich dinners will have a free will offering to help fund the celebrations.

Sunday May 23,2010 is the date for the luncheon. We will charge \$10 per person for the tickets- so the cost to the church will be around \$5-6 per person. There will be a cash bar as well. We will begin between 12:30 and 1pm

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## Altar Guild

10 Women actively participating in Altar Preparations.  
Approximately 2 times per year

Palms were ordered

Easter Lilies will go on sale in 2 weeks for adornment of sanctuary for \$10

Banner and Chrismons are being prepared in conjunction with Grace Notes



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## Custom Book Proposal

Cover Options	Quantity	Unit	Total
28 full color pages with hard cover	100	\$18.00	\$1800
	less than 100	\$23.00	
28 full color pages with perfect bind soft cover	100	\$10.00	
	less than 100	\$15.00	
Additional pages in multiple of 4	4 pages	\$2.00/copy	as used

Desktop publishing of all pages included.

FREE 8x10 portrait will be provided for each family that gets their picture taken and buys a book.

If church buys each family a book through the general fund or advertising then all families will automatically receive their free 8x10 portrait.

You may mix hard and soft covers and still reach the 100 minimum quantity discount.  
 Books and free 8x10 portraits will be delivered to the church for distribution.

Additional pictures will be available for purchase online and mailed home.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a proposal for your order.

# Life Moments

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## Print Prices



Print Size	Price Per Print
4 wallets.....	\$ 5
4x6.....	\$ 3
5x7.....	\$ 5
8x10.....	\$ 10
8x12.....	\$ 12
11x14.....	\$ 15
12 X 18.....	\$ 20
16 X 20 .....	\$ 27
16 X 24.....	\$ 32
20 X 30.....	\$ 38
24 X 36.....	\$ 50

Plus \$6 shipping and handling per order.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a proposal for your order.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

When discussing the topic of Stewardship, there are questions we must ask ourselves. Do we actually, really BELIEVE that all we have comes from God? If we truly believe, are we actually, really THANKFUL for what God has and does give us? If the answer to those questions is an honest YES, then our giving will surely reflect that. We give lovingly and in gratitude to our Father that has blessed us. We also give of our first fruits, knowing in our hearts, that God will provide us with all we need.

However, if the answer to either of these questions is “maybe” or “sort of” or “not sure”, our giving reflects that also. We give some of “what’s left over” and “when it’s convenient”.

One thing is for sure—God doesn’t need our money! He can get along quite well without it! It is us that has the need. We need to be free from fear, which can only come when we put our faith and trust in God!

When we give lovingly and thankfully from our first fruits we are taking full ownership of what we sing after the offering during worship “Let the vineyards be fruitful Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing - - -

In Peace  
Randy Vates