

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church  
3711 Ridge Road  
Highland, Indiana

**January 19, 2010 Council Meeting**  
Archived Records  
With Reports to Council

Includes Corrected & Approved Minutes  
of Previous Council and Congregation Meetings

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## DEVOTIONS SIGN UP

<b>Month</b>	<b>Name</b>
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 ~ January 19, 2010 - 7:00 PM

- 1) Opening Devotion / Prayer / - Dave Adams
- 2) Caring and Sharing
- 3) Review of minutes from December Council Meeting
- 4) Financial Reports
- 5) Old Business
- 6) Committee Reports
- 7) Pastor Trexler / Vicar Dan reports to Council
- 8) New Business - Election Of Officers  
Committee Participation  
Lenten Services  
50th Anniversary  
Schedule for Monthly Council Meetings
- 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 - February 9, 2010

**Tuesday January 19, 2010**  
**Gloria Dei Council Meeting Minutes**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The Meeting was called to order promptly at 7 pm in the church kitchen.

Present: Rev David Trexler, Vicar Dan Kerr, David Adams, Randy Vates, Sandy Trexler, Douglas Riddell, Tom Schiller, Don Heintzman, Barry Fry, Eric Socin, Pam Daniels, Donora Gard, Lauri Novak and Fran Abatie.

Absent: Debbie Thinnes

**DEVOTIONS**

David Adams as acting president from the last term of council, opened the meeting with devotions and prayer, with special mention in prayer for success in our Stewardship.

**SHARING AND CARING**

Special thanks to Biesen Excavating in service of keeping our parking lot clean in recent snowy weather.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

All in attendance were directed to review minutes of the previous council meeting and our recent Congregation Meeting on January 17.

**CORRECTION OF MINUTES**

One error in the minutes was discovered in the amount for increased benevolence to the synod to be correct as \$8,000 and not \$7,000 .

Carol Lynn Brechner was added to the in attendance list and her name stricken from the absent list for the Council Meeting minutes.

There were a few misspellings of names in the reviewed minutes which were corrected for the archives.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

David Adams called for a voice vote to approve the reviewed minutes as corrected. Approval was unanimous.

**FINANCIAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

It was noted that our financial and committee reports stand the same for the council meeting as submitted for the Annual Congregation Meeting.

**PROPERTY REPORT**

One new committee report was submitted for he records which was read orally by David Adams to the council. The report recommended that the acquisition and distribution of keys should be taken over by the council.

Eric Socin motioned that the recommendation by the property committee be accepted, giving the council authority to approve keys being made and distributed, to then also approve of five keys being made and finally to accept the property report as read to council. The motion was seconded by Ps. Trexler. Voice vote was called for by David Adams and motion was approved unanimously.

**PASTOR'S REPORT**

The Pastor's report was reviewed by council. Pastor Trexler elaborated on plans for a Conference Assembly where church council members from participating congregations would all be invited to attend. This assembly will be held at Christ Lutheran in Hammond on April 25 at 2:30 pm. Geographical proximity to the meeting site gives us great advantage in convenience.

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## **VICAR'S REPORT**

The Vicar's report was reviewed by council. Vicar Dan expanded on his report verbally about plans to lead a discussion group/class before Worship Service on Sundays based on Luther's writings starting in February from 9:00 am to 9:45 am.

### **NEW BUSINESS - ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Pam Daniels as Treasurer and Eric Socin as recording secretary for council were put forward as candidates for these positions by David Adams and seconded by pastor Trexler. The floor was opened to further nominations. Eric Socin nominated David Adams to continue as our president seconded by Pastor Trexler. Don Heintzman nominated Doug Riddell for vice president seconded by Eric Socin. David Adams asked if there were any more nominations and hearing none called for a voice vote for all in favor of the nominees to say aye and ayes were heard. Again David Adams asked for any not in favor to say the same (aye) and no ayes were heard, the motion passed unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS - COMMITTEE LIAISONS (HEADS)**

Committee heads were appointed by consensus. Don Heintzman to be head of Property. Discussion raised side issues on the new church sign (IT WILL BE BIG) and the possibility of putting up the large steel cross near the new sign. Don said he would look into what the law would allow. Denora Gard will be liaison for the Memorial Committee. Randy Vates will work with Stewardship. Denora Gard and Sandy Trexler will work on Witness and Outreach. Fran Abatie will head up the Service Committee.

The subject of doing Temple Talks again this year was broached. Eric suggested that our Web site offered opportunity to do witness on our "About Us" pages. In conclusion, requirement was made that all council members have something to submit for "About Us" pages by next council meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS - LENTEN SERVICES**

The next "Big Happening" at Gloria Dei comes with the season of Lent. This means Wednesday Services with soup and sandwich before the service. And there will be Shrove Tuesday (note: presumably a pancake supper), Ash Wednesday and the possibility of a Seder meal. These are things that other denominations other than Catholic do not offer and there is opportunity to bring in people to these events.

### **NEW BUSINESS - 50th ANNIVERSARY**

Sandy Danner and Sandy Burgess in the planning stages for this event. Dinner scheduled for May 23rd at Teibels Restaurant. It is hoped that there shall be some report to council about plans for the event.

### **NEW BUSINESS - SCHEDULE AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Discussion was made about convenience and schedule for our council meeting. There would be conflict of schedule with Shrove Tuesday for the third Tuesday of the month and it was decided that the second Tuesday of the month through the year would be better for everyone in any case. Also - electronic access to bank account funds means not having to wait for deposit statements by mail in order to get financial reports ready on time

David Adams asked that any suggestion for new business and discussion be emailed to him in timely fashion so it can be added to the agenda before the next meeting.

## **CLOSING**

Having no further business to discuss David Adams asked for a motion to close the meeting. Motion to adjourn was made by Fran Abatie and seconded by Don Heintzman. Voice vote was called and the vote to adjourn was unanimous. Pastor David led in prayer which ended with "as the Lord Jesus taught us all to pray." and all joined in the Lord's Prayer. AMEN — 8:35 PM (END OF MINUTES)

Respectfully Submitted  
Eric Socin

**Congregational Meeting  
January 17,2010  
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- I. Welcome and Opening prayer
  - A. President Dave Adams welcomed everyone to the annual meeting. He said the opening prayer.
- II. Determination of Quorum
  - A. There were 62 congregational members present at the time of the count.
  - B. A quorum was determined to be present so President Dave Adams called the meeting to order.
- III. Approval of Agenda
  - A. Karen Achor made a motion to accept the Agenda as presented. Barry Fry seconded the motion.
  - B. Voice vote called and passed unanimously.
- IV. Slate of New Council Members
  - A. Slate of new council members presented by Dave Adams: Eric Socin, Don Hientzman, Sandy Trexler, Donora Gard, Doug Riddell, Randy Vates and Fran Abatie.
  - B. Motion made by Bob Covault and seconded by Carole Fozkos to close the nominations and proceed to a vote.
  - C. Voice vote called and passed unanimously. All new council members approved unanimously.
- V. New Nominating Committee
  - A. Candidates for nominating committee are Dick Schwartz, Karen Achor, Elaine Van Proyen and Wally Boldt.
  - B. Motion made by Sandy Trexler and seconded by Fran Abatie to accept the candidates as the new nominating committee.
  - C. Voice vote called and passed unanimously.
- VI. Presentation and Approval of Budget
  - A. The budget was presented and discussed at a forum the previous week.
  - B. Discussion held.
  - C. Motion made by Randy Vates and seconded by Barry Fry to accept the budget as presented.
  - D. Voice vote called and passed unanimously.
- VII. Presentation of Vision for 2010
  - A. Pastor Trexler presented his vision for Gloria Dei and the coming year.
    - 1. Offer Wed night services starting in Lent and continue with Wed evening services which will offer both a service as well as bible study. Use phone system to offer this to the community.
    - 2. Pentecost will kick off 50th Anniversary Celebration with 7 kids being confirmed and a dinner at Teibel's the same day.
    - 3. Translate name of church from Latin to English: Gloria Dei to Glory to God.

4. Change sign with new name and the Lutheran symbol. All other areas the name of Gloria Dei will remain, i.e. taxes. Synod, etc.
  5. 50th Anniversary Celebration in July with a hog roast, revival etc. Notify the communities.
  6. Two services offered on Sunday: 1 traditional and one more non-traditional.
  7. More involvement
  8. Unity
- B. Questions and discussions about the Vision for 2010. Many different feelings but the same thought, "We have to do something".
  - C. Motion made by Randy Vates and seconded by Julie Glenn to accept Pastor's vision for 2010, starting with name change to Glory to God.
  - D. Voice vote called. Passed with a few nays.
- VIII. Adjournment
- A. Motion made by Karen Achor and seconded by Sandy Trexler to adjourn the meeting
  - B. Voice vote called and passed unanimously.
  - C. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Karen Achor

Council Meeting Minutes  
December 17,2009  
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- I. The meeting assembled in the kitchen at 7:00pm.
  - A. Devotions were led by Dave Adams.
  - B. Attendance:
    - 1. Present: Dave Adams, Tom Schiller, Lauri Novak, Barry Fry, Vicar Dan Kerr, Pam Daniels, Carol Lyin Brechner, Pastor Trexler and Karen Achor.
    - 2. Absent: Ed Foore, Scott Polster, Roland Jahnke and Debbie Thinnnes
  - C. Sharing and Caring
    - 1. Thank-you to Lauri Novak for snacks.
    - 2. Pam Daniels e-mail address is Wuzzup@comcast.net.
    - 3. Thank-you to Tom Schiller and others for decorating the Christmas tree.
  
- II. Council Meeting Schedules
  - A. Next council meeting scheduled for January 19, 2010 at 7:00 pm.
  
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - A. The minutes from November 17, meeting were read and reviewed.
  - B. Motion made by Carol Lynn and seconded by Barry to accept the minutes as written.
  - C. Voice vote called and passed with 1 abstention.
  
- IV. Financial Business
  - A. Financial report attached.
  - B. Pam is working on making financial reports more user friendly. Should be available by next meeting.
  - C. Currently for the year income running close to spending. Deficit of \$302.30 for year.
  - D. Motion made by Karen and seconded by Pastor to accept the report as presented.
  - E. Voice vote called. Passed unanimously.
  
- V. Pastoral & Staff Business
  - A. Pastor report verbal.
  - B. Vicar report attached.
  - C. Vicar Dan is currently setting up phone system to call 30,000 homes for Christmas Eve service and will install 2 extra lines. Big outreach.
  
- VI. Petitions & Communications
  - A, None

VII. Training, workshops, meetings etc.

A. None

VIII. Old Business

- A. Roof and air conditioning projects have been completed.
- B. Tuck pointing is to be done in the spring.
- C. New council member recruitment is going well with several members interested. Dave Adams will ask for nominations from the floor each Sunday in Jan. leading up to Congregational Meeting on January 17, 2010.
- D. Dave will make copies of Constitution for all council members for next meeting.

IX. New Business

- A. 2010 Budget: Proposed budget \$205,635.00
- B. Pastoral expense increase due to adding a vicar. Pastor is not taking an increase. Vicar salary \$15,000. If not using Vicar then a secretary will be needed for about the same expense or more.
- C. Increase Financial Sec. salary 3%. Increase Minister of Music 3%.
- D. Increase in Evangelism to \$5000.
- E. No VBS expense this year.
- F. Delegate expense of \$ 1,000
- G. Increase in Benevolence from \$6,000. to \$8,000
- H. Motion made by Dick and seconded by Lauri to accept the proposed budget. Discussion.
- I. Voice vote called and passed unanimously.
- Committees
- J. Audit: No Report
- K. Witness/Planning: Barry Fry and Tom Schiller Liaisons. No report.
- L. Service: Karen Achor liaison No report
- M. Support:
  - 1. Finance: Dick Schwartz liaison: no report
  - 2. Property: Roland Jahnke and Scott Polster liaisons: No report
  - 3. Stewardship: Scott Polster liaison: no report
- N. Worship: Carol Lynn Brechner liaison: No report.
- O. Mutual Ministry: Debbie Thinnes Liaison : No report
- P. Learning: Scott Polster Liaison No report
  - 1. Sunday School: Sandy Burgess Chair
  - 2. Youth: Doug Riddell Chair
  - 3. VBS: Sandy Danner Chair:
  - 4. Adult: Pastor Trexler
- Q. Prayer: Karen Achor liaison: no report
- R. Constitution: Debbie Thinnes liaison: No report
- S. Technology: Debbie Thinnes liaison: No report
- T. Memorial: Karen Achor liaison: No report.
- U. Eucharistic Ministry: Elaine VonAlmen Chair

X. Call for Motion to adjourn

- A. Motion made by Karen and seconded by Tom to adjourn the meeting.
- B. Voice vote called and passed unanimously.
- C. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Karen Achor

Pastor's Report to Council  
January 19,2010

- Presided at Sunday worship
  - Presided at Saturday worship
  - Presided at two Christmas Eve worship services
  - Presided at baptism for Elena Rose Geiger
  - Presided at service bringing in three new members
  - Prayed for the church, the world, and individuals daily
  - Taught Confirmation
  - Taught Creeds and Confessions to Diakonia students
  - Attended Ski Trip with youth of the church (22 total)
  - Attended Conference Council meeting
  - Attended Finance Committee meeting
  - Attended Christmas party at Bakker's
  - Prepared Budget and Annual Report documents and gave presentation for 2010 vision
  - Prepared all year end documents for ELCA churchwide
  - Began preparation for Conference Assembly
  - Began working on Lent/Easter
  - Took down Christmas decorations and heavy snow removal
  - Made 3 hospital visits
  - Made 2 home visits
  - Fellowship with various members
  - Worked with Vicar Dan regarding upcoming projects
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Vicar's Report to Council  
January 19,2010

- Assist with Saturday worship.
- Assist with Sunday worship.
- Assist with confirmation class.
- Assist with Advent services - powerpoint, etc.
- Hospital visits.
- Shut-in visit.
- Attended youth ski trip.
- Finished dialing calls for Christmas Eve services.
- Worked on the upstairs sound system.
- Developed the Saturday night powerpoint for bulletin.
- Developing new class (possible 26 week) for bible study,
- Preached on Saturday night and Sunday.

