

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church  
3711 Ridge Road  
Highland, Indiana

**JULY 13, 2010 Council Meeting**  
Archived Agenda, Minutes, Documents and Reports to Council

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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 Riddell
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 ~ July 13, 2010 – 7:00 PM

- 1) Opening Devotion / Prayer / - Randy Vates
- 2) Caring and Sharing
- 3) Review of Minutes from June Council Meeting & Special Congregational Meeting – June 27, 2010
- 4) Financial Reports
- 5) Old Business – Follow up on New Church Sign
- 6) Committee Reports
- 7) Pastor Trexler / Vicar Dan Reports to Council
- 8) New Business – “Outreach Activity” – Fall 2010
- 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 – August 10, 2010 - Devotions – Doug Riddell

**Tuesday July 13, 2010**  
**Gloria Dei Council Meeting Minutes**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm with President David Adams presiding.

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

**Absent:** , Debbie Thinnas

**DEVOTIONS**

Randy Vates led with devotions and Pastor David offered an opening prayer.

**CARING AND SHARING**

Special Thanks to those preparing a parade float and participating in the July 3 parade. Note was taken to keep Peg Paulson in our prayers.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

All in attendance were directed to review minutes of the previous council meeting on June 8. Sandy Trexler motioned to accept minutes as corrected and the motion was seconded by Barry Fry. Voice vote was called and passed unanimously.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING MINUTES**

David Adams called for a voice vote to approve the minutes as corrected and the motion passed unanimously. The minutes will be archived for the records.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

The Treasurers report was presented to council by Pam Daniels and was reviewed and discussed by council. It was noted that spending has been kept very tight and we are holding our balance closely.

**APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT**

It was motioned by Don Heintzman and seconded by Sandy Trexler to accept the report as presented. David Adams called for a voice vote on the motion. Vote passed unanimously. The report will be archived for the records.

**OLD BUSINESS - NEW CHURCH SIGN**

Installation of the new sign is at least 12 weeks away. Before sign will be made, the sign company is waiting approval and permit from the town of Highland.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS - SERVICE COMMITTEE**

The Service committee report was submitted for review and is archived for the records with these minutes.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS - WITNESS**

The Witness committee report was submitted for review and is archived for the records with these minutes. Sandy Trexler also reported that coffee cups are too expensive for visitor gifts and some suggestions were taken concerning the purchase of ink pens.

**PASTOR DAVID'S REPORT**

Pastor David's report was reviewed by council and is archived for the record with these minutes. Pastor David also reported that he was accepted to the Wabash college leadership program for the year 2011. The acceptance letter is archived for the records with these minutes. He will be obligated to meeting for community service with this group on the following dates according to the letter. ( January 11, 12, and 13; March 8 and 9; May 17 and 18; August 2 and 3; September 27 and 28; and November 15 and 16 )

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**PASTOR DAVID'S REPORT (continued)**

Also in conjunction with Pastor David's report it came to light that there are worship hour visitors requesting membership in our congregation. These are Eleanor Peglow, Robert Block with his wife Marie and son Nathan. Eric Socin motioned that the above named be approved as new members by council. Barry seconded the motion and voice vote was called with all saying AYE.

**VICAR DAN'S REPORT**

Vicar Dan's report was reviewed by council and is archived for the record with these minutes

**OUTREACH/WITNESS ACTIVITY PLANS FALL 2010**

Plans in the work for Vicar Dan's farewell party. Also suggestion was made to combine celebration of our new sign installation and our past tradition of having a Community Thanksgiving meal. Possibility was suggested for employing the LSTC choir. Plans and Details would need to be in place in September including asking for volunteers for food preparation. Also to coincide with possible event date(s) and advertising would be the mailing of a new flyer similar to what was done for worship opportunities flyer done in the season of Lent.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Eric Socin suggested that required model language as recommended by the ELCA in the year 2009 be reviewed and accepted by council for recommendation to the congregation. This would keep our constitution current and make possible future changes that would otherwise require our document be updated with required model language anyway. The new language would not change the way we do business now and it is an easy formality to keep our constitution current. The 2009 model amendments can be emailed to council members for review prior to our next meeting. It is suggested that we only consider and adopt the "required" amendments on this PDF document.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

David Adams had no correspondence to report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

David Adams called for a motion to adjourn which was made by Sandy Trexler and seconded by Barry Fry. Voice vote was called and the motion passed unanimously. Pastor Trexler closed the meeting with prayer at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Eric Socin

# Gloria Dei June 27 Special Congregation Meeting Minutes

## MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting started at approximately 10:00 am with David Adams presiding

## QUORAM CALL

It was determined that more than 10% of our voting members were present.

## MEETING PURPOSE

David Adams stated the purpose of the meeting - To discuss and approve purchase of a new church sign.

## OPENING PRAYER

The floor was turned over to Pastor Trexler who offered an opening prayer.

## SLIDE SHOW ABOUT THE SIGN

Pastor Trexler continued with a slide show with explanation about the sign and what it would look like. One slide showed the time and temperature as suggested by Don Schaller. Another virtue mentioned is that it would take much less time to change our sign without venture into inclement weather. Slide examples included showing our worship times. One slide showed announcing a special event. The sign could reach the greater community with a message reflecting our Christian theology, Interest in our sign could be generated also with posting of pithy sayings or humorous messages.

## FURTHER INFORMATION PRESENTED

The sign will be just under ten feet tall. It will be taller and more visible than our present sign. Not having our Lutheran denomination name on the sign is done purposely to make our church more inviting to those who are looking for a church home. Pastor Trexler expressed that we are called to do the work of the Church in tough times when the church needs rebuilding.

## MESSAGE SYNOPSIS

Comparison was made to past leaders in building the church in tough times including Martin Luther. Changing the sign was compared to doing our own reformation with optimism that our numbers can grow in sight of the tough times at hand. These tough times are when there are many church closings occurring in the I/K synod.

## COST AND FINANCIAL DETAILS

Total cost \$21,9990.00 shipped and installed. Designated funds toward sign collected = \$7,500.00. \$1,500 pledged verbally. \$4,000.00 Available in outreach fund. A down payment could be made from available funds and the balance could be paid interest free over a two year period. The sign would only display amber on black and a sign such as the new sign for "NEW LIFE" would be much more costly.

## FLOOR DISCUSSION

Question of having the denomination name on our sign was explored further. A Lutheran symbol would remain on our sign on the side. Gloria Dei Lutheran Church would remain on our Building near the entrance to the Fellowship Hall and the Gloria Dei name would remain below the iron angel art piece on the front of our sanctuary. The question evolved to when would visitors know they were in a "Lutheran" Church. Pastor Trexler elaborated on the beauty of the Lutheran theology and that visitors would be preached a Lutheran message if they knew it or not. There was question if there were any other pressing financial needs. This was answered by stating our building is in good shape (new roof, brick repaired, air conditioning fixed, grounds and

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building looks nice etc.). There could always be unforeseen repair expenses but nothing we cannot handle (i.e. possible repair of heating system boilers).

### CALL FOR A MOTION TO PURCHASE THE NEW SIGN

David Adams took the floor to bring up a point of order that motion for the subject of discussion should be made first. He also stated that we were voting on putting up an attention getting sign on property where the building was set back from the street. This would help make our existence in the community known. Clea McLeod made a motion - The congregation shall go forward with the purchase of the new sign. The motion was seconded by Randy Vates.

### MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION

A further motion was made by Sandy Trexler to Call the Question (Close discussion and proceed with vote). Question on the floor was raised with suggestion of a paper ballot vote. David Adams explained that we were not prepared for a paper ballot and that it would extend the time of the meeting and prolong the end of our worship service. Eric Socin motioned to suspend the rules on the new question of a paper ballot and to proceed with voice votes. This motion was seconded by Pastor Trexler. A voice vote was called on the second motion now on the floor - Proceed with voice votes. The motion passed with one dissenting vote. The chair then called for a voice vote on the first called question - The congregation shall go forward with the purchase of the new sign. The motion passed unanimously with no dissenting votes heard.

### MEETING CLOSED WITH PRAYER

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Pastor Trexler and the congregation proceeded with Worship Service.

Your servant in Christ  
Eric Socin

## **Pastor's Report to Council**

July 13, 2010

- Presided at Sunday worship
  - Presided at Saturday worship
  - Presided at weekly Wednesday Bible Study/Worship
  - Presided at baptism for Nathan Block
  - Presided at worship service for Highland Nursing Home
  - Served as Camp Pastor for 66 youth at Lutheran Hills and taught "What the Heck is a Lutheran"
  - Prayed for the church, the world, and individuals daily
  - Attended conference council
  - Attended Highland ministerium
  - Attended meeting with Highland leaders
  - Attended 10 mission trip to the Dominican Republic with 16 youth
  - Worked with one of our youth for God and Life Award
  - Walked in the 4th of July parade
  - Hosted graduation party for Lindsey with fellowship from church and community
  - Prepared for congregation meeting
  - Prepared for trip to Holiday World
  - Met with one couples regarding baptism
  - Met with one couple regarding wedding
  - Made 12 hospital visits
  - Made 4 nursing home visits
  - Fellowship with various members
  - Worked with Tate Publishing regarding "Revealed Knowledge" .
  - Worked with Vicar Dan regarding upcoming projects
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## **Vicar's Report to Council**

July 13, 2010

- Assist with Saturday worship.
- Assist with Sunday worship.
- Taught Wednesday night Worship/Bible study.
- Performed wedding.
- Helped with congregational meeting.
- Teach every Sunday mornings on the Heidelberg Dispensation.
- Teaching every 2nd and 4th Monday night computer class
- Performed wedding.
- Served lunch for the homeless in Hammond.
- Attended meeting for upcoming inter-denominational service with New Life.
- Attended and participated in the community worship.
- Attended Supervisory Committee meeting.
- 10 Hospital and In-home visitations
- Wrote Vicar's letter for the monthly newsletter.
- Printed, folded and stuffed monthly newsletter.
- Updated 2nd phase of software program to keep members updated of events.
- Wrote 3rd phase of software program to notify members of upcoming event.
- Wrote instruction set for completing outbound dialing to member and community.
- Called members about upcoming events.

## REPORT OF THE SERVICE COMMITTEE

July 2010

The Service Committee has been involved in the following:

- Collected coin boxes for the ELCA Hunger Appeal. A total of \$152 was sent to the organization
- Cooked for the City Rescue Mission on the third Monday in June. We learned that approx. 15 of the shelter residents have obtained jobs so the number of meals needed has been reduced from 40 to 25.
- Cooked and served over 130 helpings for lunch at the First Presbyterian Church in Hammond on July 5th. Thank you to our servers: Elaine and Dave VonAlmen, Carol Biesen, and Vicar Dan.
- Continued to collect pull tabs and soup labels for charities.
- Began the collection of school supplies and health supplies for the kits we assemble in October for Lutheran World Relief
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Nancy Talabay, chairperson

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### WITNESS

July 2010

- Assembled committee members for new Community Life
  - 1) Plan Vicar Dan farewell
  - 2) Plan new Vicar welcome
  - 3) Explore ways for church/community to celebrate "new" name "new church"
- Continue pursuing "welcome" items for Visitors

**Treasurer's Report  
June 2010**

<b>General Fund</b>		
	<u>June</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	18,719.69	18,059.45
<b>Receipts:</b>		
Envelope	11,388.00	87,680.00
Loose	201.30	1,516.16
Sunday School	0.00	0.00
Rentals	100.00	190.00
Initial Offering	0.00	148.00
Altar Guild	0.00	408.60
Lent	0.00	2,098.00
Thanksgiving	0.00	0.00
Christmas	0.00	5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,689.30</b>	<b>92,045.76</b>

<b>Disbursements:</b>						
	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Under/</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>(Over)</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>/(Over)</u>	
Benevolence	675.00	666.67	(8.33)	3,875.00	4,000.02	125.02
Pastoral	9,575.68	9,774.99	199.31	57,341.81	58,649.94	1,308.13
Office	825.35	1,158.33	332.98	6,297.03	6,949.98	652.95
Prof. Staff	0.00	83.33	83.33	540.00	499.98	(40.02)
Worship	1,274.61	1,518.75	244.14	8,867.99	9,112.50	244.51
Learning	191.89	125.00	(66.89)	518.13	750.00	231.87
Stewardship	0.00	58.33	58.33	0.00	349.98	349.98
Witness	0.00	416.67	416.67	568.45	2,500.02	1,931.57
Property	2,030.42	3,334.17	1,303.75	16,260.76	20,005.02	3,744.26
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,572.95</b>	<b>17,136.24</b>	<b>2,563.29</b>	<b>94,269.17</b>	<b>102,817.44</b>	<b>8,548.27</b>

<b>Ending Balance</b>	15,836.04
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	23,315.55
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>39,151.59</b>

Restricted Funds	Beginning	Current Month		Ending Balance
	Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	
Anniversary	2,794.91		300.69	2,494.22
Bereavement	690.50			690.50
Building	2,726.72		918.00	1,808.72
Christian Aid	550.36	118.00	120.00	548.36
Designated	9,125.50	3,952.80	1,890.00	11,188.30
Grace Notes	2,743.60			2,743.60
Memorial	245.00			245.00
Organ	839.65			839.65
Seminary	1,029.13	5.00		1,034.13
Souper Bowl	335.34		170.53	164.81
World Hunger	62.50	127.00	37.50	152.00
Youth	1,519.45		113.19	1,406.26
Total	22,662.66	4,202.80	3,549.91	23,315.55

	Beginning	Year to Date		Ending Balance
	Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	
Anniversary	3,154.95	1,743.00	2,403.73	2,494.22
Bereavement	364.10	326.40		690.50
Building	6,831.97	200.00	5,223.25	1,808.72
Christian Aid	387.36	790.00	629.00	548.36
Designated	3,646.50	18,723.80	11,182.00	11,188.30
Grace Notes	3,743.60		1,000.00	2,743.60
Memorial	0.00	245.00		245.00
Organ	4,339.65	500.00	4,000.00	839.65
Seminary	424.13	610.00		1,034.13
Souper Bowl	170.72	328.83	334.74	164.81
World Hunger	225.00	164.50	237.50	152.00
Youth	964.45	930.00	488.19	1,406.26
Total	24,252.43	20,561.53	25,498.41	23,315.55

Designated:

Golden Opportunity	376.00	
Sign	10,000.00	
Tractor	2,500.00	
Tate Publishing	-3,985.50	
DR Team	0.00	
Stephen Ministry	50.00	
Computer Software	114.00	
Miscellaneous	0.00	
Total	11,188.30	



# Wabash Pastoral Leadership Program

at Wabash College, funded by Lilly Endowment Inc.

June 24, 2010

Reverend David Trexler  
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church  
3711 Ridge Road  
Highland, IN 46322

Dear Reverend Trexler,

We are delighted to invite you to participate in the Wabash Pastoral Leadership Program for the 2011/2012 cycle. The selection committee met in June to consider all the applications, and they recommend that you to be among the eighteen pastors admitted into the 2011/2012 program. We hope you will accept this invitation.

Please review the enclosed Covenant and Agreement, sign one copy, retain one copy for yourself, and return the signed copy to Gina Tollini, Wabash Pastoral Leadership Program, Wabash College, 301 W. Wabash Avenue, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 no later than August 15, 2010. Our receipt of the Covenant and Agreement will confirm your participation in the program. If your circumstance has changed so that you are unable to accept this invitation, please let us know at your earliest convenience so that we may extend an invitation to an excellent alternate the selection committee named.

Please read the Covenant and Agreement carefully because it contains important information about our goals and procedures as we seek to offer another exemplary two-year program to honor you and other talented younger pastors for your high calling and potential. If you have any questions about the Covenant and Agreement, please contact one of us.

In order to reserve facilities in Trippet Hall at Wabash College and schedule the guest leaders, we have already is scheduled the following sessions. Please reserve these dates in 2011.

January 11, 12, and 13; March 8 and 9; May 17 and 18; August 2 and 3; September 27 and 28; and November 15 and 16

Our first gathering will be a mandatory orientation meeting on September 28, 2010 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in Trippet Hall at Wabash College.

We think you will be comfortable in Trippet Hall during our sessions. (Explore this URL for information about Trippet Hall: <http://trippet.wabash.edu/hall>.) Other facilities of Wabash College will be available to you during our times on campus. As explained in the invitation to apply, the program is provided by Wabash College with funding from Lilly Endowment Inc. without financial costs to you or your congregation.

We will appreciate your early response to this invitation, and certainly hope that you will contribute your considerable abilities to make this a successful program for pastors.

Sincerely yours,  
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LaFollette Distinguished Professor in the Humanities emeritus

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