

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
3711 Ridge Road
Highland, Indiana

JUNE 8, 2010 Council Meeting

Archived Agenda, Minutes, Documents and Reports to Council

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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 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 ~ June 8, 2010 - 7:00 PM

- 1) Opening Devotion / Prayer / - Barry Fry
- 2) Caring and Sharing
- 3) Review of Minutes from May Council Meeting
- 4) Financial Reports
- 5) Old Business - Discussion regarding new Church sign/ Congregational Meeting June 27,2010
New Life Christian Reformed Church - Community
Worship Service - June 13, 2010
- 6) Committee Reports
- 7) Pastor Trexler/ Vicar Dan Reports to Council
- 8) New Business - "Planning Committee"
Outreach/Witness Giveaways
Report on I-K 2010 Synod Assembly
- 9) New Business to be recommended for next Parish Council Meeting Agenda
- 10) Correspondence -
Spiritual gathering for Christian Women - 7/23 & 7/24 Fairborn OH
Summer Leadership Seminar - IK Synodical Women's Organization 7/7 Indianapolis IN
W/ELCA - 8th Triennial Gathering - 7/14 thru 7/17 Spokane Washington
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- 11) Adjournment of Council Meeting
- 12) Closing Prayer
- 13) Next Scheduled Meeting - July 13, 2010 - Devotions - Randy Vates

**Tuesday June 8, 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 and Barry Fry

Absent: Tom Schiller, Debbie Thinnies and Fran Abatie

DEVOTIONS

Barry Fry led with devotions and offered an opening prayer.

REVIEW OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

All in attendance were directed to review minutes of the previous council meeting on May 11. Meeting date of reviewed minutes corrected to read April 13. It was noted that including women as ushers would be instituted in September.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL 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 Pastor Trexler and was reviewed and discussed by council. It was noted that spending is under offering income but that we are short of income meeting our budget.

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

Communications will be directed towards letting everyone know that the congregation meeting scheduled for June 27th will occur during the normal Worship service time and it is intended that the normal Worship hour will not be extended

OLD BUSINESS — COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE

Communications will also be directed about the Worship time for June 13th will be moved to 9:00 am to allow Gloria Dei members to be a part and presence in the Community Worship Service at New Life Christian Reformed Church at 10:30 am. Town Centennial celebration picnic to follow at Main Square across Ridge Road from the church.

REPORTS

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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REPORTS (CONTINUED)
STEWARDSHIP

Randy Vates submitted a stewardship letter which he read aloud for the committee. This letter will be included in the Glad Tidings and also archived for the records with these minutes.

OUTREACH/WITNESS VISTOR'S GIFT ITEMS

Sandy Trexler Showed possible ideas for gifts that could be given to visitors. The first suggestion was a small gift bag containing an ink pen and stick-it note pad. One of our Dial -a- Story fridge magnets could be included. There are cost variances with options for what could be printed on the stick-it note pads. She also had an example coffee cup and catalog of cups with various prices.. David Adams suggested that if there were no objections that she continue with her investigations.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

Don Heintzman gave a brief oral report for property. Trees and bushes were trimmed to give a better view of the Gloria Dei sign on the front of our building. The property committee is looking into the repair or replacement of the West narthex door for which the outer veneer is peeling badly. The sanctuary air conditioning was repaired and the condensate drain was re-routed out to the West roof above the door which needs replacement.

COMMUNICATIONS

Eric Socin expressed concerns that all the committees and groups need to pass on information about meetings and events so they can all be included on the Glad Tidings calendar of events page.

David Adams gave a brief report about the Synod convention for which he was greatly impressed. He reported that he felt that what was taught to our congregation about the importance of teaching of the Word was validated by the key note speaker who researched this aspect to be present in all vibrant and growing congregations. He was also impressed by the music and singing of Ken Medema.

Both David Adams and Pastor David were impressed by Bishop Mark S. Hansen. Bishop Hanson presided for the installation of our new synod Bishop. Bishop Hanson is the 3rd presiding bishop of the ELCA and is also the 11th President of the Lutheran World Federation.

The Rev. William O. "Bill" Gafkjen (GUFF-ee-ehn) was elected June 5 to a six-year term as bishop of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod. A biographical news release was passed out to council members and is archived for the records with these minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Information to be distributed to the congregation:

- 1) Spiritual gathering for Christian Women - 7/23 & 7/24 Fairborn OH
- 2) Summer Leadership Seminar - IK Synodical Women's Organization 7/7 Indianapolis IN
- 3) W/ELCA - 8th Triennial Gathering - 7/14 thru 7/17 Spokane Washington

ADJOURNMENT

David Adams called for a motion to adjourn which was made by Donna Gard and seconded by Don Heintzman. Voice vote was called and the motion passed unanimously. Pastor Trexler closed the meeting with prayer at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Eric Socin

Pastor's Report to Council
June 8, 2010

- Presided at Sunday worship
 - Presided at Saturday worship
 - Presided at weekly Wednesday Bible Study/Worship
 - Presided at Wedding for Donna and Tim Walsznak
 - Prayed for the church, the world, and individuals daily
 - Attended conference council
 - Attended 50th Anniversary Celebration
 - Attended meeting with area churches for planning 100th community worship service
 - Attend three day synod convention
 - Attended two meeting in regards to trip to the Dominican Republic with 1st Christian Reformed
 - Wrote monthly newsletter and various correspondence
 - Met with one couple regarding baptism
 - Met with one couple regarding wedding
 - Made 5 hospital visits and two 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
June 8, 2010

- Assist with Saturday worship.
- Assist with Sunday worship.
- Presided on Saturday worship.
- Presided on Sunday worship.
- Presided and preached at retirement home.
- Teach every Sunday mornings on the Heidelberg Dispensation.
- Assist with teaching every 2nd and 4th Monday night computer class
- Assisted with confirmation class.
- Assisted with wedding.
- Attended the Sunday afternoon lunch at 1st Christian Reformed Church.
- Attended ministerium.
- Attended 50th Anniversary Event planning.
- Attended 50th Anniversary Event.
- Attended meeting for upcoming inter-denominational service with New Life.
- Attended the breakfast at Gloria Dei for Dominican service trip.
- Attended Finance Committee meeting.
- Attended Supervisory Committee meeting.
- Cooked for Men's breakfast along with Rodney Glen.
- Hospital visitation.
- Prepared booklets for participants of Indiana-Kentucky synod Convention.
- Wrote Vicar's letter for the monthly bulletin.
- Printed, folded and stuffed monthly bulletin.
- Wrote 1st phase of software program to notify members of upcoming event.
- Updated 2nd phase of software program to keep members updated of events.
- Called members about upcoming events.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

As you may have noticed, my communications regarding stewardship doesn't come every month. Actually they seem to come quite randomly. But it is really that random?

Sometimes events, a message I hear, or something I see come together and nudge me into relaying something regarding stewardship to my church family at Gloria Dei.

An Event

It is now July and suddenly half of the year is over. It seems a good time to recall the financial commitments we each made to God at Christmastime. Let each of us self-evaluate: Are we ahead of the game? Keeping up with commitment? Or are we struggling to meet our goal?

A Message

The message Vicar Dan delivered on June 6th contained a story he shared about sky-diving. In part, he talked about how scared he was about jumping out of the plane and the first few seconds into his jump. I feel that sometimes people are quite scared to commit and give of their first fruits. I know I felt that way when I first began my personal stewardship plan.

Something I See

I saw an ad for Mission Investment Fund—Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. It was in the May-June 2010 issue of "Seeds for the Parish". The tag-line for the ad read "When faith and finance meet, amazing things happen." Wow! That could be the title of my personal experiences with stewardship! I've seen some pretty amazing things myself since I began giving of my "first fruits".

Something Else I See

As I write this it is June 7. The devotion for today from "Christ in our Home" is Genesis 22: 1 - 14. It is the story of how Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son Isaac. In it Isaac asks "where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" God will provide himself the lamb.

My interpretation of this lesson is that if we commit to giving and take actions toward giving, God will provide what is needed to make the gift. I have found that to be oh-so-true in my personal giving.

Sometimes events, a message or something I see come together at random. Or is it?

In Christian Love
Randy Vates

**Treasurer's Report
May 2010**

General Fund

| | <u>May</u> | <u>Year to Date</u> |
|--------------------------|------------|---------------------|
| Beginning Balance | 17,971.75 | 18,059.45 |

Receipts:

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|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Envelope | 18,220.00 | 76,292.00 |
| Loose | 311.00 | 1,314.86 |
| Sunday School | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Rentals | 0.00 | 90.00 |
| Initial Offering | 5.00 | 148.00 |
| Altar Guild | 70.00 | 408.60 |
| Lent | 0.00 | 2,098.00 |
| Thanksgiving | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Christmas | 0.00 | 5.00 |
| Total | 18,606.00 | 80,356.46 |

Disbursements:

| | | <u>Monthly Budget</u> | <u>Under/ (Over)</u> | <u>YTD Disbursements</u> | <u>YTD Budget</u> | <u>YTD /(Over)</u> |
|--------------|------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Benevolence | 675.00 | 666.67 | (8.33) | 3,200.00 | 3,333.35 | 133.35 |
| Pastoral | 9,588.94 | 9,774.99 | 186.05 | 47,766.13 | 48,874.95 | 1,108.82 |
| Office | 1,346.85 | 1,158.33 | 188.52 | 5,471.68 | 5,791.65 | 319.97 |
| Prof. Staff | 540.00 | 83.33 | (456.67) | 540.00 | 416.65 | -123.35 |
| Worship | 1,334.37 | 1,518.75 | 184.38 | 7,593.38 | 7,593.75 | 0.37 |
| Learning | 41.28 | 125.00 | 83.72 | 326.24 | 625.00 | 298.76 |
| Stewardship | 0.00 | 58.33 | 58.33 | 0.00 | 291.65 | 291.65 |
| Witness | 0.00 | 416.67 | 416.67 | 568.45 | 2,083.35 | 1,514.90 |
| Property | 4,331.62 | 3,334.17 | (977.45) | 14,230.34 | 16,670.85 | 2,440.51 |
| Total | 17,858.06 | 17,136.24 | (721.82) | 79,696.22 | 85,681.20 | 5,984.98 |

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| Ending Balance | 18,719.69 |
| Restricted Funds | 22,662.66 |
| Total Funds | 41,382.35 |

| | Beginning | Current Month | | Ending Balance | |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------|---|
| | <u>Balance</u> | <u>Receipts</u> | <u>Disbursements</u> | | |
| Anniversary | 3,557.95 | 1,340.00 | 2,103.04 | 2,794.91 | |
| Bereavement | 690.50 | | | 690.50 | |
| Building | 2,526.72 | 200.00 | | 2,726.72 | |
| Christian Aid | 502.36 | 118.00 | 70.00 | 550.36 | |
| Designated | 8,936.50 | 2,427.00 | 2,238.00 | 9,125.50 | * |
| Grace Notes | 2,743.60 | 0.00 | | 2,743.60 | |
| Memorial | 245.00 | | | 245.00 | |
| Organ | 339.65 | 500.00 | | 839.65 | |
| Seminary | 1,024.13 | 5.00 | | 1,029.13 | |
| Souper Bowl | 335.34 | | | 335.34 | |
| World Hunger | 25.00 | 37.50 | | 62.50 | |
| Youth | 1,774.45 | 120.00 | 375.00 | 1,519.45 | |
| Total | 22,252.43 | 4,747.50 | 4,786.04 | 22,662.66 | |

| | Beginning | Year to Date | | Ending Balance | |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------|---|
| | <u>Balance</u> | <u>Receipts</u> | <u>Disbursements</u> | | |
| Anniversary | 3,154.95 | 1,743.00 | 2,103.04 | 2,794.91 | |
| Bereavement | 364.10 | 326.40 | | 690.50 | |
| Building | 6,831.97 | 200.00 | 4,305.25 | 2,726.72 | |
| Christian Aid | 387.36 | 672.00 | 509.00 | 550.36 | |
| Designated | 3,646.50 | 14,771.00 | 9,292.00 | 9,125.50 | * |
| 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 | 605.00 | | 1,029.13 | |
| Souper Bowl | 170.72 | 328.83 | 164.21 | 335.34 | |
| World Hunger | 225.00 | 37.50 | 200.00 | 62.50 | |
| Youth | 964.45 | 930.00 | 375.00 | 1,519.45 | |
| Total | 24,252.43 | 20,358.73 | 21,948.50 | 22,662.66 | |

* Designated:

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|--------------------|-----------|
| 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 |
| Total | 9,125.50 |

News Releases

June 6, 2010 William Gafkjen Elected Bishop of ELCA Indiana-Kentucky Synod



William Gafkjen

COVINGTON, Ky. (ELCA) -- The Rev. William O. "Bill" Gafkjen (GUFF-ee-ehn) was elected June 5 to a six-year term as bishop of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) at the synod assembly in Covington, Ky.

Gafkjen, 52, assistant to the bishop of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod, was elected on the fifth ballot for bishop with 301 votes to 168 votes for the Rev. Steven L. Schwier, Christ the King Lutheran Church, South Bend, Ind. The Rev. Michael R. Brown, Risen Lord Lutheran Church, Bargersville, Ind., was also a nominee on the fourth ballot for bishop. There were 56 names on the first or nominating ballot. Gafkjen led on all ballots. The Rev. Mark S. Hanson, ELCA presiding bishop, presided at the election.

Gafkjen will succeed the Rev. James R. Stuck, the synod's bishop for 12 years, who announced he will retire when his term ends Aug. 31. The synod has made tentative plans for the bishop-elect's installation to be held at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Indianapolis, on Sept. 11, Gafkjen said.

In an interview with the ELCA News Service, Gafkjen said his election brought to him "a sense of humility that's inspired with the sort of trust that comes with this call."

Along with a commitment to the synod, his new call "is an invitation to walk alongside people in a difficult time to try to figure out what it means to be the church in mission. It's an opportunity to work with some great people and to build on the foundation that Bishop Stuck built in this synod," Gafkjen said. Among the priorities he sees for the synod, Gafkjen said the synod needs to assist members to have public conversations together in a way that honors differences. He also named priorities such as staying focused on mission in the midst of financial challenges and stewardship concerns, and building connections and communication across the synod.

Gafkjen has served with Stuck since 2002. "He is a man with a deep pastoral heart who is centered in prayer. He has a deep commitment to sharing the good news," the bishop-elect said.

Born in Beausejour, Manitoba, Canada, Gafkjen earned a bachelor's degree from St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn. He earned a master of divinity from Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., and a doctorate from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Ga. St. Olaf College is one of 27 ELCA colleges and universities; Luther Seminary is one of eight ELCA seminaries.

Following his ordination in 1985, Gafkjen served as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Mora, Minn.; Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Niles, Mich.; Lutheran Campus Ministries at Pennsylvania State University, State College, Pa.; Evangelical Lutheran Church, Duncanville, Pa.; and Christ the King Lutheran Church, South Bend, Ind.

Gafkjen and his wife Janet are the parents of two children, Nathan and Kira. They reside in Fishers, Ind.

The Indiana-Kentucky Synod is 71,097 baptized members in 220 congregations in Indiana and Kentucky. The synod office is in Indianapolis.