

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church  
3711 Ridge Road  
Highland, Indiana

**March 9, 2010 Council Meeting**  
Archived Records  
With 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 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 ~ March 9, 2010 - 7:00 PM**

- 1) Opening Devotion / Prayer / - Pam Daniels
- 2) Caring and Sharing
- 3) Review of Minutes from February Council Meeting
- 4) Financial Reports
- 5) Old Business - Council Members Committee participation
  - Letter from Joyce Partyka - Financial Aid
  - Church members' participation in Synod Assembly
  - Business Credit Card I—
  - Pastor Trexler's Book - Publication
- 6) Committee Reports
- 7) Pastor Trexler/Vicar Dan Reports to Council
- 8) New Business -
- 9) New Business to be recommended for next Parish Council Meeting Agenda
- 10) Correspondence - Northwest Conference of IN-KY Synod
- 11) Adjournment of Council Meeting
- 12) Closing Prayer
- 13) Next Scheduled Meeting - April 13,2010 - Devotions - Vicar Dan

**Tuesday March 9, 2010  
Gloria Dei Council Meeting Minutes**

**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, Debbie Thinnes, Donora Gard, Sandy Trexler, Douglas Riddell, Fran Abatie, Don Heintzman, Eric Socin, Pam Daniels, and Barry Fry

Absent: Lauri Novak, Tom Schiller and Randy Vates

**DEVOTIONS**

David Adams led with devotions and Pastor David offered an opening prayer

**SHARING AND CARING**

Prayer concerns and cards signed for Alex Novak and Carol Zandstra's mother.

**REVIEW OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

All in attendance were directed to review minutes of the previous council meeting on February 16. The meeting date was corrected. Spring "retreat" was corrected to read spring "conference assembly" with reminder to council members invitation to attend same.

**APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

David Adams called for a voice vote to approve the minutes as corrected which passed unanimously.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

The Treasurers 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**

Note was made that Carol Biesen is chair of the finance committee and the committee assignment "matrix" will be amended to show this. This informational matrix chart will be included in a new printing of our directory and the corrected table is also archived for the records with these minutes.

**OLD BUSINESS / SEMINARY MATCHING FUNDS FOR JOYCE PARTYKA**

David Adams read to council his e-mail reply to Joyce Partyka concerning request for seminary funds which she has opportunity to have matched. This e-mail message is archived with these minutes for the records. Although the limits for what funds that can be matched are beyond the budgetary constraints for this calendar year particularly with the April 1 deadline, (see email message) a motion was put forth by Don Heintzman and seconded by Barry Fry to disburse all available accumulated seminary funds on behalf of Joyce on May 25th. David Adams called for a voice vote on the motion which passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS / SYNOD ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES**

The assembly representatives will be David Adam's and Donna Antal. Pastor David will of course also be attending.

**OLD BUSINESS / CREDIT CARD**

A business credit card was acquired with a \$2000 limit as approved by council at the previous meeting for purchase of church related items.

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**OLD BUSINESS / PASTOR DAVID'S BOOK PUBLICATION**

Pastor David informed the congregation about the acceptance of the publisher to publish his book and the congregation's opportunity to share in the publicity his book will bring to our congregation. Some positive feedback was received by council members. In response a motion was made by Don Heintzman and seconded by Barry Fry. This motion called for allocation of restricted funds designated for **outreach**. The particular budgeted money for **outreach** to be used is also designated for a new church sign. The allocation is for the amount of \$4000. This money to be used for the initial printing of the book. This money will be reimbursed by the publisher as soon as 5000 copies of the book are sold and it is expected that reimbursement will occur before payment for the sign will be required.

David Adams called for a voice vote on the motion which passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Committee reports were reviewed in this order.

- 1) March 4 Finance committee report. (The finance committee will now be meeting every other month with the next meeting in May.)
- 2) Service Committee Report
- 3) Property Report
- 4) March 9 Witness Report
- 5) March 2 Anniversary Meeting recap

These committee reports 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.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Having no further business to discuss, David Adams called for a motion to close the meeting made by Doug Riddell and seconded by Sandy Trexler. Voice vote was unanimous.

The meeting was closed with prayer at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Eric Socin



## Treasurers Report February 2010

### General Fund

|                   | <u>February</u> | <u>Year-to-date</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Beginning Balance | 20,083.70       | 18,059.45           |
| Receipts:         |                 |                     |
| Envelope          | 15,523.00       | 31,790.00           |
| Loose             | 126.86          | 372.86              |
| Initial           | 21.00           | 143.00              |
| Lent              | 489.00          | 489.00              |
| Altar Guild       | 5.00            | 15.00               |
| Christmas         |                 | 5.00                |
| Total             | 16,164.86       | 32,814.86           |

| Disbursements: |           | Monthly       | Under/        | YTD          | YTD           | YTD Under      |
|----------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
|                |           | <u>Budget</u> | <u>(Over)</u> | <u>Disb.</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>/(Over)</u> |
| Benevolence    | 675.00    | 666.67        | 166.67        | 1,175.00     | 1,333.34      | 158.34         |
| Pastoral       | 9,607.92  | 9,774.99      | 635.87        | 18,747.04    | 19,549.98     | 802.94         |
| Office         | 1,057.09  | 1,158.33      | (148.34)      | 2,363.76     | 2,316.66      | -47.10         |
| Prof. Staff    | 0.00      | 83.33         | 83.33         | 0.00         | 166.66        | 166.66         |
| Worship        | 1,186.33  | 1,518.75      | (736.08)      | 3,441.16     | 3,037.50      | -403.66        |
| Learning       | 30.11     | 125.00        | 125.00        | 30.11        | 250.00        | 219.89         |
| Stewardship    | 0.00      | 58.33         | 58.33         | 0.00         | 116.66        | 116.66         |
| Witness        | 568.45    | 416.67        | 416.67        | 568.45       | 833.34        | 264.89         |
| Property       | 3,036.02  | 3,334.17      | 1,909.04      | 4,461.15     | 6,668.34      | 2,207.19       |
| Total          | 16,160.92 | 17,136.24     | 2,510.49      | 30,786.67    | 34,272.48     | 3,485.81       |

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|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Ending Balance</b> | 20,087.64 | 20,087.64 |
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|-------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Restricted Funds</b> | 25,771.55 |
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| <b>Total Funds</b> | 45,859.19 |
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## Treasurers Report February 2010

### Restricted Funds

|               | Beginning        | Current Month   |                        | Ending Balance          |
|---------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
|               | <u>Balance</u>   | <u>Receipts</u> | <u>Disbursements</u>   |                         |
| Anniversary   | 3,154.95         |                 |                        | 3,154.95                |
| Bereavement   | 664.10           |                 |                        | 664.10                  |
| Building      | 6,831.97         |                 |                        | 6,831.97                |
| Christian Aid | 433.36           | 205.00          | 100.00                 | 538.36                  |
| Designated    | 8,885.00         |                 |                        | 8,885.00 *              |
| Grace Notes   | 3,243.60         |                 | 500.00                 | 2,743.60                |
| Memorial      | 25.00            |                 |                        | 25.00                   |
| Organ         | 4,339.65         |                 | 4,000.00               | 339.65                  |
| Seminary      | 439.13           | 15.00           |                        | 454.13                  |
| Souper Bowl   | 6.51             | 328.83          |                        | 335.34                  |
| World Hunger  | 25.00            |                 |                        | 25.00                   |
| Youth         | 1,774.45         |                 |                        | 1,774.45                |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>29,822.72</b> | <b>548.83</b>   | <b><u>4,600.00</u></b> | <b><u>25,771.55</u></b> |

|               | Beginning        | Year to Date    |                      | Ending Balance   |
|---------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------------|
|               | <u>Balance</u>   | <u>Receipts</u> | <u>Disbursements</u> |                  |
| 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           | 311.00          | 160.00               | 538.36           |
| Designated    | 3,646.50         | 6,057.00        | 818.50               | 8,885.00 *       |
| Grace Notes   | 3,743.60         |                 | 1,000.00             | 2,743.60         |
| Memorial      | 0.00             | 25.00           |                      | 25.00            |
| Organ         | 4,339.65         |                 | 4,000.00             | 339.65           |
| Seminary      | 424.13           | 30.00           |                      | 454.13           |
| 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         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>24,252.43</b> | <b>7,861.83</b> | <b>6,342.71</b>      | <b>25,771.55</b> |

\* Designated:

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Golden Opportunity | 360.00          |
| Sign               | 6,000.00        |
| Tractor            | 2,500.00        |
| Haiti              | 25.00           |
|                    | <b>8,885.00</b> |

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church  
Finance Committee Meeting  
March 4, 2010

In attendance: Pastor Trexler, Carole Fozkos, Pam Daniels, Carol Biesen, Dick Schwartz, Deanna Jahnke

1. Carol Biesen is Chair of the Finance Committee
2. Recommended 50% of Soup and Sandwich freewill offering be given to the Anniversary Fund
3. Paychecks to Carol and David Markley were corrected to include the raises voted at the congregational meeting
4. Committee decided to meet every other month unless necessary. Next regular meeting will be in May
5. Due to 3 months of uncashed checks, the Committee recommends discontinuing contributions to Griffith Christian Aid. The Committee decided to give the funds to the ELCA Disaster Relief Fund on a quarterly basis. They also suggested using the church portion to restock the food pantry as needed.
6. The Committee also recommended using the receipts from the sale of Golden Opportunity books to purchase additional directories for the church to give to new members in the future.

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REPORT OF THE SERVICE COMMITTEE  
March 2010

The Service Committee has been involved with the following:

- collecting soup labels to be sent to the Arizona Mission School
- collecting pull tabs to be given to help Camp Quality (for children with cancer)
- cooking/delivering the noon meal to the City Rescue Mission on the third Monday of each month
- contacted Haven House to pick up food items from the hallway pantry

Nancy Talabay  
Chairperson

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PROPERTY REPORT  
MARCH 9, 2010

Contacted Bill Owen on Monday, March 1st, to repair the leak on canopy roof over Fellowship Hall doorway.

He called back on Monday morning, March 8th, to make repairs to canopy roof. I ok'd the work to be done today.

On March 6, 2010 ok'd and sign the proposal from All American Masonry, Inc and had a check cut for \$1500 for the deposit. They start on March 8, 2010 tearing out the damaged brickwork on the steeple column.

February 22 Change Light Tubes in road side sign. Thanks to Chuck Talabay and Roland Jahnke.

Don Heintzman

From: DmDmAdams@aol.com  
To: s10.jpartyka@wittenberg.edu  
CC: dmdmadams@aol.com  
Sent: 3/2/2010 9:02:29 P.M. Central Standard Time  
Subj: Re: Council

Good evening Joyce -

Please accept my apology for not getting right back to you. I'm in St. Louis this week for business and found some time alone to answer some of my email. Please excuse my direct comments here - but I've also been bogged down in getting back to you because of my company - and how we conduct business. Sometimes the level of frustration is unmanageable and for that slowing me down in getting back to you please accept my regrets.

I did receive your letter and the information on the matching funds program and put that on the Council Agenda for February's meeting. I was not at that meeting because I was away on business for our largest customer in Georgia.

If I read the application information correctly it appears that with the April 1, 2010 deadline for applying - you have to include what the "commitment" would be in the Financial Commitment section of this form. Due to the very tight nature of the finances for Gloria Dei - and as we've already had our 2010 Budget approved by the Congregation - there would not be an opportunity for the Church to commit to any specific funding at this time. I have had members mention that they certainly would like to help in some way as you move toward Seminary - but committing on this form would not be available in this FY.

Probably one of the best ways to gain financial support in the next few months would be to connect with the members of our Church - both personally (maybe with phone calls to close friends) and email messages to others who have this access so you can help our members "follow" your journey into your call. Communicating directly with as many members should help you share your message and personally ask for financial support from those who might have some resources to help you share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

I did speak with your Mother recently - and Pastor Trexler -and another opportunity to add to the above communications would be to have you preach at one of our services when you're back home. (Pastor and Council would work on choosing and approving the date(s).) Possibly on a Sunday like this a fund raising message could be shared with the members to help maximize the gifts on that day for your tuition. Because of the level of work now on-going at Gloria Dei we would ask that you and your family manage the event that would be approved by Council.

I'm sure as time goes on other opportunities to secure some level of help from our members could be possible - it's something that would need to be addressed on a regular basis by you in communicating your message and keeping the message in front of our Church in the most appropriate manner.

When will you be back home so we might begin planning a Sunday for your Preaching? Please let me know and keep me informed of how you're doing. You is a glorious and important gift in a world that seems to be filled with strife and despair. It's only through the Good News of Jesus Christ through the Gospel that the world can find hope and peace - we need good saints to keep spreading the Good News. I'm sure your devotion to Jesus will be a guiding light as you move to become one of His ordained disciples.

Peace be with you, Dave Adams

## Witness March 9, 2010

- 1) 50th Anniversary Meeting notes
  - 2) 4th of July Parade  
Assemble committee
  - 3) Directory  
Julie Glenn will head this project aided by Grace Notes.  
Will begin after 'snowbirds ' return.
  - 4) Grace Notes  
Made Dog biscuits for bazaar; will begin making  
Chrismons next meeting, March 16th.
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### **March 2nd 50th Anniversary Meeting Recap:**

- Pastor Trexler opened with Prayer, discussed the meaning of Pentecost and the significance with every 50 years. He will write a letter that can be sent out with the invitations or separately.
- The Theme for the event will be "Celebrating 50 Years of Fellowship". This will be included on the invitations, programs, as well as the tickets.
- We changed the ice cream selection to vanilla

### **We divided up the event responsibilities as follows:**

- Ticket Sales and Name Tags - Charity Riddell
- Programs, Invitations, Tickets- Sandy Danner & Sandy Burgess (S2)
- Investigating Metal Bookmarks and weekly bulletin announcements- Vicar Dan
- Memorabilia Table- The Men's group led by Tom Schiller
- Favors- Grace Notes group- headed up by Sandy Trexler & Elaine VonAlmen
- Centerpieces & Room Decoration- Dorcas Circle- headed up by Fran Abatie, Clea McCleod, and Nancy Talibay
- Cakes- Karen Achor
- Media- All slide presentations, pictures, music, etc- Eric Socin

### **50th Anniversary Program will include the following:**

- 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
- A 10-15 minute slide presentation to music of the past 50 years

### **Teibels Questions -Follow-UP:**

- We can get in the room to decorate at 10:30 am
- We will have the west room (2nd door from side entrance) because it has the bar in it
- Our guests can arrive between 11 -11:15 we will have Vi hour social/cocktail and orders will be taken at 11:45 and the food will be out by 12:00noon.
- They do not have a piano
- Their sound system is only capable of piping in the restaurant music into our room during dinner- we can bring our own CD player if we want
- They changed the ice cream selection to vanilla

Pastor's Report to Council  
March 9, 2010

- Presided at Sunday worship
  - Presided at Saturday worship
  - Presided at Ash Wednesday worship
  - Presided at Wednesday Lenten worship
  - Prayed for the church, the world, and individuals daily
  - Taught Confirmation
  - Attended conference council
  - Attended kitchen shower
  - Attended finance, meeting
  - Attended men's breakfast
  - Attended 50th anniversary committee meeting
  - Attended Jewish/Christian Clergy Institute at Beth El in Munster
  - Prepared documents for Vicar Dan's 6 month intern evaluation
  - Prepared documents for next years LSTC internship program
  - Prepared forms for Synod convention with Donna Antal and Dave Adams attending
  - Interviewed eight students for internship
  - Interviewed with The Times for Newspaper Article
  - Met with two couples regarding baptism
  - Met with one couple regarding wedding
  - Continued with preparation for Conference Assembly
  - Continued work on Lent/Easter
  - Made 4 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  
March 9, 2010

- Assist with Saturday worship.
- Assist with Sunday worship.
- Assist with Lent.
- Preach on Saturday and Sunday.
- Taught Sunday mornings on the Heidelberg Dispensation.
- Class had 2 visitors from outside the church.
- Hospital visits.
- Dialed for events.
- Men's breakfast.
- Met with Supervisory Committee.
- Prepared 6 month report to seminary on internship.
- Attended 50th Anniversary Event planning.
- Locating possibilities for give-aways for the 50th Anniversary.
- Talked to contact for large anniversary gathering for music.
- Wrote Vicar's letter for the monthly bulletin.