

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
3711 Ridge Road
Highland, Indiana

May 11, 2010 Council Meeting
Archived Agenda 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 Rddell
September	Don Heintzman
October	Sandy Trexler
November	Donora Gard
December	Fran Abatie

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3711 Ridge Road
Highland, IN 46322

Agenda for Council Meeting
Tuesday ~ May 11.2010 - 7:00 PM

- 1) Opening Devotion / Prayer / - Eric Socin
- 2) Caring and Sharing
- 3) Review of Minutes from April Council Meeting
- 4) Financial Reports
- 5) Old Business - 50th Anniversary Update

Discussion regarding new Church sign/ Congregational Meeting June 27,2010

Dominican Feasts - May 16,2010 - 1st Christian Reformed Church-May 29,2010 Breakfast at Gloria
- 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 - Synod Letter regarding approval of Candidacy Committee for Joyce Partyka

New Life Christian Reformed Church - Community Worship Service - June 13,2010
- 11) Adjournment of Council Meeting
- 12) Closing Prayer
- 13) Next Scheduled Meeting - June 8,2010 - Devotions - Barry Fry

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with President David Adams presiding.

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

Absent: Tom Schiller, Don Heintzman and Debbie Thinnes

DEVOTIONS

Eric Socin 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 April 13.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

David Adams called for a voice vote to approve the minutes as presented and the motion passed unanimously.

TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurers report was presented to council by Pam Daniels and was reviewed and discussed by council.

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT

David Adams called for a voice vote to approve report as presented. Vote passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS — 50TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

Sandy Trexler reported that plans are in motion and on schedule. Pastor Trexler reported that Pastor Bravin responded to invitation to attend our anniversary celebration and will also be invited to help in leadership of our worship service.

OLD BUSINESS — CHURCH SIGN

Pastor David reported that the sign can display as many messages and in as many colors with pictures as can be imagined. Light emitting diodes for the display should last fifteen years. More than half of the \$21,000 cost of the sign can be accounted for with available funds and donation commitments. Notification for the congregation meeting was made in the May issue of the Glad Tidings sent in the mail. Plans are in the works for a slide show presentation about the sign at the congregation meeting scheduled for June 27th.

OLD BUSINESS — DOMINICAN FEASTS

Dominican Feast at 1st Christian Reformed Church at 11:30 pm on Sunday May 16. They will be delaying the start of the feast to allow our arrival and participation. Address of the church is 8910 Grace Street located at the corner of Lincoln Street and Grace street one block South of Ridge Road here in Highland.

Dominican Pancake breakfast to be held here at Gloria Dei on Saturday May 29th from 8:00 am to 11:00 am.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports presented to council

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.

CORRESPONDENCE/

SYNOD LETTER REGARDING APPROVAL OF CANDIDACY FOR JOYCE PARTYKA

This letter is archived with these minutes for the records.

CORRESPONDENCE/

**NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH -
COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE - JUNE 13, 2010**

Discussion evolved into plan to hold worship at 9:00 am on June 13 to allow congregation members to also participate in the Community Worship Service to be held at 10:30 am on June 13. Pastor David stressed the importance of participation with other congregations as a gesture of outreach with our presence in the community. Further details for the Community Worship Service are in the correspondence from New Life and are archived for the records with these minutes.

NEW BUSINESS/USHERS AND GREETERS

Discussion led to subject of the role of ushers and greeters in approaching and welcoming visitors. This brought about plans that for our next meeting council members should think about and bring forward suggestions for practical small gifts that could be given to new visitors.

Also thought of need for more ushers brought about suggestion that as a matter of policy perhaps including at least one woman as an usher would automatically increase our number of ushers available. Communications will be made to try to institute this plan.

ADJOURNMENT

David Adams called for a motion to adjourn which was made by Sandy Trexler and seconded by Fran Abatie. Voice vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Pastor Trexler closed the meeting with prayer at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Eric Socin

**Treasurer's Report
April 2010**

General Fund

	<u>April</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Beginning Balance	16,596.27	18,059.45
Receipts:		
Envelope	14,965.00	58,072.00
Loose	325.00	1,003.86
Sunday School	0.00	0.00
Rentals	90.00	90.00
Initial Offering	0.00	143.00
Altar Guild	288.60	338.60
Lent	1,359.00	2,098.00
Thanksgiving	0.00	0.00
Christmas	0.00	5.00
Total	17,027.60	61,750.46

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)	2,525.00	2,666.68	141.68
Pastoral	9,831.52	9,774.99	(56.53)	38,177.19	39,099.96	922.77
Office	873.27	1,158.33	285.06	4,124.83	4,633.32	508.49
Prof. Staff		83.33	83.33	0.00	333.32	333.32
Worship	1,622.98	1,518.75	(104.23)	6,259.01	6,075.00	-184.01
Learning		125.00	125.00	284.96	500.00	215.04
Stewardship		58.33	58.33	0.00	233.32	233.32
Witness		416.67	416.67	568.45	1,666.68	1,098.23
Property	2,649.35	3,334.17	684.82	9,898.72	13,336.68	3,437.96
Total	15,652.12	17,136.24	2,510.49	61,838.16	68,544.96	6,706.80

Ending Balance	17,971.75
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	Beginning	Current Month		Ending Balance
	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	
Anniversary	3,169.95	388.00		3,557.95
Bereavement	664.10	26.40		690.50
Building	3,871.97		1,345.25	2,526.72
Christian Aid	596.36	100.00	194.00	502.36
Designated	4,874.50	6,287.00	2,225.00	8,936.50
Grace Notes	2,743.60	0.00		2,743.60
Memorial	225.00	20.00		245.00
Organ	339.65	0.00		339.65
Seminary	964.13	60.00		1,024.13
Souper Bowl	335.34	0.00		335.34
World Hunger	25.00	0.00		25.00
Youth	1,774.45	0.00		1,774.45
Total	19,584.05	6,881.40	3,764.25	22,701.20

	Beginning	Year to Date		Ending Balance
	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	
Anniversary	3,154.95	403.00		3,557.95
Bereavement	364.10	326.40		690.50
Building	6,831.97		4,305.25	2,526.72
Christian Aid	387.36	554.00	439.00	502.36
Designated	3,646.50	12,344.00	7,054.00	8,936.50
Grace Notes	3,743.60		1,000.00	2,743.60
Memorial	0.00	245.00		245.00
Organ	4,339.65		4,000.00	339.65
Seminary	424.13	600.00		1,024.13
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
Total	24,252.43	15,611.23	17,162.46	22,701.20

Designated:

Golden Opportunity	372.00
Sign	10,000.00
Tractor	2,500.00
Tate Publishing	-3,985.50
DR Team	0.00
Stephen Ministry	50.00
Total	8,936.50

Pastor's Report to Council
May 11, 2010

- Presided at Sunday worship
- Presided at Saturday worship
- Presided at weekly Wednesday Bible Study/Worship
- Presided at National Day of Prayer in Highland with short message
- Prayed for the church, the world, and individuals daily
- Taught Confirmation
- Attended conference council
- Hosted Spring Conference Assembly with Dr. Kurt Hendel
- Took confirmation kids on two day retreat
- Attended two meeting in regards to trip to the Dominican Republic with 1st Christian Reformed
- Attended men's breakfast
- Attended 50th anniversary committee meeting
- Attended volunteer appreciation day at Brentwood nursing home
- Wrote monthly newsletter and various correspondence
- Met with one couples regarding baptism
- Met with one couple regarding wedding
- Made 4 hospital visits
- Fellowship with various members
- Worked with Tate Publishing regarding "Revealed Knowledge"
- Worked on outside grounds—cleaning and weeding back comer section
- Stripped and waxed floors
- Worked with Vicar Dan regarding upcoming projects

Vicar's Report to Council
May 11, 2010

- Assist with Saturday worship.
- Assist with Sunday worship.
- Many hospital visits.
- Shut-in visits
- Teach Sunday mornings on the Heidelberg Dispensation.
- Teach every other Monday night computer class
- Attended ministerium
- Attended 50th Anniversary Event planning.
- Dialed for church-wide events.
- Men's breakfast.
- Wrote Vicar's letter for the monthly bulletin.
- Assist with confirmation class.
- Assist with confirmation retreat
- Help with Synod hosting



The Rev. Dr. William O. Gafkjen, Assistant to the Bishop
Director of Campus Ministry, Candidacy, Global Mission, and Synod Assembly

April 26, 2010

Rev. David Trexler
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Dear Pastor Trexler,

I am writing to inform you that at its meeting April 23-24, 2010 the Candidacy Committee of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod, ELCA approved the entrance of Joyce Partyka to candidacy for rostered ministry in the ELCA.

I hope that you will contact Joyce to congratulate her on this significant step in the candidacy process. Please also find appropriate ways to encourage your congregation to celebrate with Joyce, to continue to be a partner in discernment with her, and to find ways to prayerfully, creatively, and concretely support her throughout the journey ahead. Here are a few ideas to get you thinking about how to do this well:

- + Acknowledge the entrance decision at worship, especially if Joyce can be with you on a particular Sunday. Calling the candidate forward and praying a prayer like this one for him might be appropriate:

God of Goodness and Grace, you gave the apostles many gifts and empowered them by your Spirit to feed your flock and lead your people into the world to proclaim and embody the Good News of Jesus Christ. We

- give thanks that your church has formally acknowledged and affirmed Joyce's readiness to begin preparation for such leadership in the church. As she moves forward in discernment and preparation, form her in faith, stir up the gifts of your Spirit, grant her wisdom and insight, surround her with gracious and compassionate, partners in discernment, and sustain and guide her each step of the way, through your Son, Jesus Christ, crucified and risen for the sake of the world. Amen

- + Consider establishing-a "candidacy support group" for your candidate. This would be 3 or 4 people who commit to praying for your candidate, staying in touch with him on behalf of the congregation, and providing welcome and hospitality whenever she is in town.
- + Provide appropriate opportunities for Joyce to preach, teach, or otherwise provide public leadership for the congregation when available.
- + Make sure that Joyce remains on the mailing list of the congregation.
- + If Joyce is living and studying at a distance from your congregation's location, consider visiting her at that location annually and taking him to lunch for pastoral conversation and support.

. Thank you for your very important partnership in this discernment process.
Peace be with you,

Pastor Bill Gafkjen

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May 5, 2010

My name is Bill Sytsma, and I am the pastor at New Life Christian Reformed Church. I am writing this letter to invite your congregation to join us in a community worship service on Sunday morning, June 13, at 10:30 am.

On June 13, the town of Highland will be hosting a town picnic at Main Square Park to celebrate the town's 100th anniversary. New Life Christian Reformed Church is located just across the street from Main Square Park, and we would like to host an outdoor worship service on that date to encourage people from all of the different churches in Highland to join together and thank God for His work in our town for the past century.

There will be some seating available at this outdoor worship service, but we will also ask those who attend to bring lawn chairs and/or blankets for seating at this service. For those who would be adversely affected by sitting outdoors on the lawn, we will make the service available via video streaming in the church sanctuary.

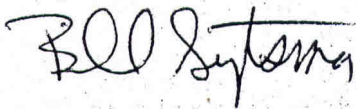
During this worship service, officials from the town of Highland will share some of the history of what has happened in our town, and we will ask area pastors to lead us in prayer for our community. An offering will be taken for the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana.

Nursery will be available in the church building for children who are age 3 or younger. There will also be Worship Center activities available for children who are between the ages of 4 and 8.

We plan for the worship service to begin at 10:30 am...The town of Highland Centennial Committee has arranged for activities to begin at Main Square Park at 12:00 noon.

Please respond via email or by phone if your congregation is planning to participate in this worship service. In the next few weeks, you will receive bulletin announcements with more information about the service via email, if you plan to attend. When you respond, please let me know if the pastor from your church is willing and available to participate in leading the worship service in some way. We estimate that we will still need 3 pastors to help lead the service.

Sincerely,



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