

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Congregational Meeting, 25 January 2009

President Lindsay Anderson called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. There being a more than adequate quorum of members present, Pastor Wanwig continued the meeting with the “prayer and Song” of the Annual Report cover. Following the approval of the September 28, 2008 Special Congregational Meeting minutes, President Anderson then continued by “painting a picture” of 2008. It was, he said, “a blessed year” featuring much more involvement by congregation members in all aspects of our church life, the quiet, ongoing, efforts of our Altar Guild, Sunday school teachers, Emergency Feeding Program volunteers, Tent City supporters and all the other groups and individuals who have continued the Holy Trinity tradition of strong and varied outreach.

Pastor Wanwig, concurring with President Anderson, emphasized that our “hands are not tied” in continuing the work of the church due to the absence of a pastor.

Leslie Byrnes then presented the Stewardship activities of the recent past and the efforts proposed for the coming year. Details of this thorough plan are attached to the office copy of this report.

Chuck Pietka presented the treasurers report (also attached to office copy). On a positive note Chuck announced that we have increased our outreach! We have continued to borrow, however, from our reserve funds, \$151,800 to date. The payback method is under discussion by the council. Chuck presented the new, revised budget which is based on next years giving assumed to be the same as 2008.

Mark Simon then presented the proposed budget for 2009. He noted that 2009 will be a “challenging” year. All 2009 budgets have been reduced. Our contribution to the Synod has been cut from \$30,000 to \$17,000 corresponding to the change in our income. Congregation members, however, have stepped forward to help in significant ways i.e., by taking on lawn and plant maintenance. Budget assumptions include having a new pastor in the second quarter. A motion to accept the budget as proposed was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Lyle Snyder informed the congregation of the present status of the call process. They were to complete their first round of interviews of 4 candidates by February 2nd. He asked that the congregation keep the call committee in their prayers, as they continued to review and further interview finalists. The hope is to have a candidate to recommend to the congregation in 3 to 4 more weeks.

Karin Swenson-Moore reported on the status of the endowment account. It has suffered losses in keeping with the overall market this year.

The mutual ministry committee was introduced. They are:

Mary Casady (Pastor appointed)

Dean Pollock (President appointed)

Dan Schill (jointly appointed)

Congregation members are to feel free to contact these Committee members with their suggestions and comments regarding the ministries of HTLC. Their roll is to support all of us, pastors, staff and congregation in our shared responsibilities. Detailed duties are available in the office copy of this report.

The members chosen for the 2009 nominating committee were presented. They are: Lindsay Anderson (chair), Dean Pollock, Chuck Magley, Kathryn Klemperer, Curtis Hom, Carole Pederson, and Jeff Deuel.

A motion to accept these candidates was made and seconded. The motion passed without dissent.

Members volunteering to represent HTLC at the synod assembly on May 15 - 16, 2009 were John and Barbara Donaldson. Chrade Younkin volunteered to be our third delegate. A motion to accept these volunteers was made and seconded. The motion passed without dissent.

President Anderson then asked for a motion that the congregation reaffirm the Congregational Covenant (see office copy). This covenant was available to the congregation as part of the meeting hand-out material. A motion to accept was made and seconded . The motion passed without dissent.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM

Respectfully submitted

John Donaldson, Secretary