

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Annual Congregation Meeting – January 31, 2016

MINUTES

Opening Devotions, led by Pastor George Schneider

<i>TOPIC</i>	<i>DISCUSSION</i>	<i>RESULTS/FOLLOW-UP</i>
Quorum	The presiding Congregation Council President, Louise Stevens, declared a quorum with more than 5% of members in attendance.	12:07
Rearrange Agenda		A motion was made to move the Report of the Congregation Treasurer to prior to the Report of the Secretary of the 2015 Congregational Meeting. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.
Report of the Congregation Treasurer	Treasurer Larry O'Brien recognized those who help to make the Financial report easier. Larry noted that a decrease in spending to major repairs and improvements was offset by increases to mission support and minute increases to other numerous items.	A motion was made to approve the report as submitted. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.
Report of the Secretary Minutes of the 2015 Congregational Meeting	The 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes, as recommended for approval by the Congregation Council, were reviewed.	A motion was made to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.
Report of the Pastor	Pastor highlighted several areas within his report: 2016 was a year, which revealed the power of the promise in the resurrected life in the faith journey of St. John Lutheran. Faith Forming Faith has established a foothold in the life of the church as witnessed by a Faith and Font workshop held in 2015. While at the same time, pillars of faith were welcomed into the Church Triumphant. In the midst of these challenges, we are reminded of God who lives amongst us and raises us to newness of life.	A motion was made to approve the report as submitted. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.
Report of the Council President	See attached. Outgoing President Louise Stevens highlighted her tenure as President and former Vice President and looks forward to new years ahead for the new President and Vice President.	A motion was made to approve the report as submitted. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.
Report of the Standing Committees and Subcommittees	The Report of the Standing Committees was reviewed.	A motion was made to approve all reports as amended. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

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None		

NEW BUSINESS

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Proposed 2016 "Plan For Mission"	The 2016 Plan for Mission was reviewed.	A motion was made to approve the <i>Plan For Mission 2016</i> as submitted. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.
Congregational Vitality Survey	Pastor noted that Congregational Vitality Surveys will be distributed in February and encouraged congregational members to participate in this process.	
Election of Council Members	The Slate of Nominees for Council is: William (Neil) Taylor Shelia Saxmann	A motion was made to approve the Slate of Nominees as submitted. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.
Recognition	Outgoing Council members, Louise Stevens and Cathy Taylor were recognized and presented with gifts upon their departure. Stephanie Miller has assumed the duties of Ann Gruner, and Linda Peterson has assumed the duties of Rachel Wetzel. Dave Spink was presented a placard with a lawn mowing blade on it in recognition of many year mowing the grounds of STLCH. Harry Sweeney was presented with a golden key for his many years of service of lighting and filling the chancel candles. Linda Mullins was presented with a Bible for her many years of service leading the Confirmation classes.	
Closing	Led by Pr. George	
Adjournment	Business was concluded at 12:21 PM.	A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey Stoudt, Secretary