



# St. Luke Lutheran Church

## Church Council (Pastoral Transition) Meeting Minutes – Monday, April 24, 2017 @ 5:30 pm

### Invited Attendees:

<b>Kerri Ast</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>Laine Loff</b>	<b>x</b>				
<b>Carolyn Byrd</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>Chris Ojstrsek</b>	<b>x</b>				
<b>Cherie Callies</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>Rob Rueth</b>	<b>x</b>				
<b>John Heidke</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>Terry Wussow</b>	<b>x</b>				
<b>Scott Koerner</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>Marie Leafblad</b>	<b>x</b>				

- Leadership Minute/Opening Devotion --- Marie discussed the prayer of lament and read an excerpt from the book "Rachel's Cry"
- This is the information Kristin (from Synod office) has been given pertaining to interim pastor:
  1. Pastor's wages from 2017 budget
  2. List of expected duties
- Memorial Day weekend fill in pastor has not been found yet. Scott has 2 calls out and is waiting for replies. Terry said Pastor Roger could fill in if Scott's leads don't work out. Scott felt he'd have final details worked out by next meeting. We need to start preparing for fill-ins for June since we may not have an interim yet. Could we start setting up tentative schedule with fill-ins?
- Questions for Kristin: [Terry](#)
  1. How much time will we be allowed to evaluate interim candidates?
  2. Recommendation for call committee budget? (If above \$5000, we will need congregational approval via quorum.)
  3. Does Synod provide any financial help these types of expenses?
  4. Can we start the process of identifying potential candidates for MET before an interim is in place?
  5. What else can we do to get the process moving (before the interim arrives)?
  6. How soon can we expect an interim? Should we start planning for fill in pastors beyond May?
  7. Would Kristin be available to meet with us at any of our next meetings? (preferably the fourth Monday meetings)
  8. Could she stay in communication with us throughout the process and let us know where we are in the process and what we should be doing?
- Identifying potential MET candidates
  1. Open to nominations and self nominations.
  2. Form on pp. 32-33 of the GMS ELCA Call Process Manual is a good start for an application for those interested in self nominating. We should add a question: Would applicant consider transitioning onto Call Committee and then onto Mutual Ministry?
  3. We should make it clear that Council will make final decision on team members.
- Talking points for Council updates to the congregation
  1. The MET process cannot start until an interim pastor is in place.
  2. Solicitation of nominees



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- Assignment for next meeting: Answer "Questions for Consideration by the Council and the Interim" starting on p.31 of the Call Process Manual. Forward your responses to Cherie by May 1, 2017 for collation. [All](#)
- Next meetings:
  - 2nd Monday at 6 pm - General Business
  - 4th Monday at 6 pm - Pastoral Transition

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Cherie Callies, Council Secretary

CC: Council Members  
Michelle Kiekhaefer  
Marie Leafblad  
Shelly Schulteis