

## Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting – Retreat 1-6-18 **FINAL**

The following members were in attendance at the meeting:

President Bill Rankin	Member at Large Sarah Crane
Vice President Micah Reitan	Member at Large Marcia Black
Secretary Irene Austvold	Member at Large Liz Gimmetad
Treasurer Ted Haase	Interim Pastor Red Burchfield
Treasurer- Elect Kent Curtis	

Staff: Lynn Landers, Interim Administrator

Absent: Jens Johanson, Clint Buetow, John Boone and Norma Aamodt-Nelson

Special Guest: Evelyn Seymour was invited by Jens Johanson to be his substitute

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 Noon. A quorum was present.

1. Trinity Lutheran Church - Inventory and Assessment (No motion was made.)
  - ❖ What is Trinity Lutheran **DOING WELL** that we should **CONTINUE** to do? (in no particular order or ranking)
    - Neighbors in Need, Cold Weather Shelter, Pastors, Music, Stephens Ministry, Evangelical Ministry, International Ministry, Backpacks for Kids, Teen Lounge, Coats for Kids, Unexpected Community Connections, Memorial Follow-up, Collaboration with other's in the Faith Community, Muslim Education, Guest Speakers and Teaching Gardens
  - ❖ What is Trinity Lutheran **NOT** doing that we **SHOULD** do? (in no particular order or ranking)
    - Welcoming and Connecting, Follow-up with Individuals, Better Communication/Planning/Promotion, Move Towards Stewardship, Expose the Youth Group, Elderly Ministry/Shut-Ins, Looks for Ways to Save Paper During Sunday Services, Activities to Connect with Families, Council Members (Better Understanding of the Role,) Strategic Planning, Look for the Positive
  - ❖ What is Trinity Lutheran doing that we should **NOT** be doing? (in no particular order or ranking)
    - Having Kids Hang Out for Hours on Inconsistent Sundays to Attend Choir, Sunday School, Service...., Looking at Weaknesses Only, 3 services at Lynnwood
2. Pointe of Grace
  - Letter of Intent (LOI) – How will Trinity Lutheran Church support Pointe of Grace moving toward Independence?
  - Next Steps - Council President Bill Rankin will contact Bishop Unti regarding Trinity Lutheran's role for supporting Pointe of Grace in their development plans, and to get direction from the Synod.
3. Call Process. The call process was discussed in greater detail (specifically the call committee make-up; number and representation.)
4. Finances – Total Contributions (Income) continue to be below budgeted expectations, and expenses are above.
  - Continued Budget Challenges – Will be shared during the Congregational Meeting in January 2018
  - **ACTION ITEM:** The Treasurer agreed to schedule a meeting with the Finance Committee to get additional visibility on the budget challenges and offer recommendations to Council.
5. The meeting adjourned at 4:08 PM.

Secretary – Irene Austvold