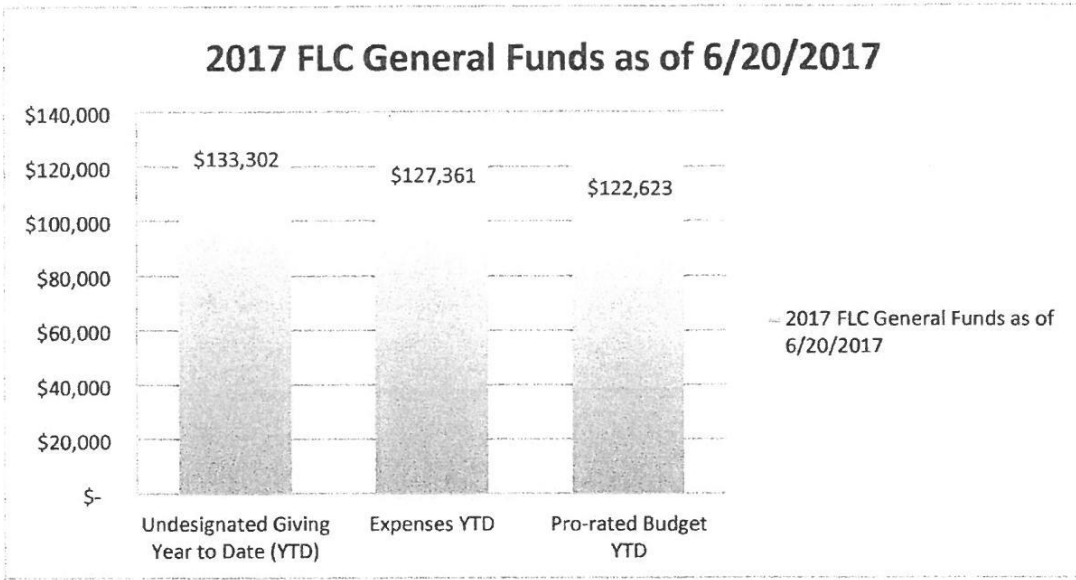


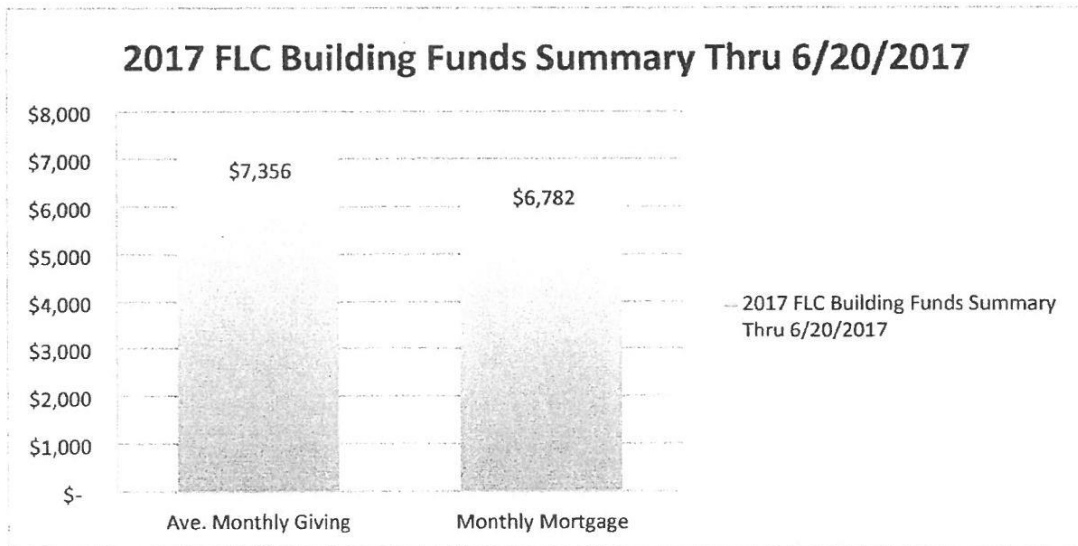
Fairbanks Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2017

Attendance: Mark Huffington, Jim Lewandoski, Denise Kind, Pastor John Van Haneghan,
Mikey Jackson, Kathy Thomas, Jerry Zellmer, David Ingram
Not Present: Skylar Holman, Lucy Andresen, Tom Alton

1. Call to Order @ 7:00pm
2. Devotion – Pastor John
3. Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve made by Jim and 2nd by Mark. Agenda approved.
4. Approval of May 2017 Council Meeting Minutes – Motion to approve by Jim and 2nd by Denise. Minutes approved.
5. Financial Report – Jim gave financial report) handout (attached to minutes) and discussed.
 - a. Someone forged a FLC type check in Michigan for \$2,300 and was discovered by Jim. The bank made FLC whole. If caught the felon will be prosecuted.
 - b. All bank accounts have been updated for current signature authorizations. This has been long in the making and a lofty shout out to Jim and David.
 - c. Building mortgage interest has been reduced from 4.375% to 3.875% for a reduction of the monthly payment from \$6,782 to \$5,723.46 for a saving of a little under \$1,000. This is a testament to the Congregation and its current and past Council members. Thank you everyone!
6. Pastor’s Report (Pastor John) – Written report attached to minutes. Pastor discussed the highlights.
 - a. Pastor briefly presented and discussed the Narrative Lectionary (2017 – 2018 (John)). It is a four-year cycle and Pastor is excited about it and would like to use it.
 - b. Pastor presented and discussed “Loving Families” program by Love INC. Volunteers would be needed from 5:30pm to 7:30am for 7 evenings for a maximum of four weeks per year. To be further discussed at the next Council meeting.
 - c. Name tags were brought up for service. Council agreed to give it a try for the summer and see how it is accepted. It’s thought that it will help with everyone putting names to faces.
7. Ministry Reports
 - a. Property Ministry – Jerry
 - a. Hot water heater at parsonage repaired and \$1,300 later, Pastor and Pam have hot water again.
 - b. Parking lot repair work on Saturday. Thrivent project.
 - c. Stump grinding to be done through a Thrivent project.
 - d. New doors leading into the Sanctuary to replace the old ones that weren’t replaced during the building/renovation project.
 - e. Sandy doing a great job with the physical aspects of the church structure!
 - f. Looking at a Thrivent project for minor carpet square replacement leading into the Sanctuary aisle.
 - b. Constitution Ministry – No report
 - c. Mutual Ministry Ministry – No report
 - d. Stewardship Ministry
 - a. GOOD Stewardship Drive – No report
 - e. Education Ministry
 - a. VBS in two weeks
 - b. National Youth Gathering in July 2018 in Houston, Texas. Estimated cost to be approximately \$2,000. Scholarship help available in September 2017. Registration begins September 2017.
 - f. Worship & Arts Ministry
 - a. Connie will be away for a couple weeks in July and Emerson will be taking her place.
8. Old Business - None
9. New Business
 - a. July 30th Sunday Combined Service – 5th Sunday and picnic/cookout.
 - b. No Council meeting for July as agreed upon by all since most Council member will be out of town.
 - c. Explore the selling of two lots along the southwest corner of the property and south of the parsonage. Jerry given approval to make inquiries with the city to see if it is possible and what it will take. Any final action to sell will be at the approval of the Congregation and Synod as specified by the FLC Constitution.
10. Adjourn at 8:10pm. Motion to adjourn by Jerry and 2nd by Kathy. Motion approved.
11. Closing Prayer
12. Next Council meeting is August 15, 2017 at 7:00pm



Our approved budget of \$261,740 for 2017, equates to giving of \$5,020/week or \$21,812/month.
 For 2017 average giving is \$5,457/week. We are operating on a tight margin in our checking account.



Our mortgage balance is now \$925,112.86; MIF Checking = \$40,786. Mt. McKinley Bank = \$7,500. This equals 8 mortgage payments.

GREAT NEWS: because of our attention to detail and great credit history, MIF has reduced our mortgage interest rate from 4.375% to 3.875% and reduced our monthly payment from \$6,782 to \$5,723.46!! This is effective 7/1/2017.

List of Accounts for FAIRBANKS LUTHERAN CHURCH as of June 20, 2017

Deposits			Accounts	
Number	Nickname			Balance
11109343	Building Project		\$ 10,122	.00
11501425	FLC Youth CHECKING ACCT			.00
17001851	CHECKING ACCOUNT			18,897.71
18524257	BUILDING PROJECT		≈ \$ 7,500	5,748.25
10439641	FLC Youth PASSBOOK SAVING			12,259.78
10458018	MEMORIAL FUND			5,850.53
Total Deposits:				42,756.27

Synod Benev Pd Thru 5/31/17.
 Forged check - bldg acc't,
 youth checking closed - moved to savings.
 CB & JL continue to reconcile checking
 and VISA every month.
 updated signatures on all accounts.

MISSION INVESTMENT FUND
 A FINANCIAL MINISTRY OF THE ELCA

Welcome Fairbanks Lutheran Church!

Account (Click for Details)
 D CK 7456

Balance
 \$40,786.11

Status

Select Option

Options

Account (Click for Details)
 Com Lns 9830

Balance
 \$925,112.86

Status

Select Option

Options

1 Deposit accounts with a total balance of \$40,786.11
 1 Loan accounts with a total balance of \$925,112.86

You last accessed your MIF Online account on Friday, May 19, 2017 11:21:42 AM Central Time
 You have accessed MIF Online 11 time(s) since Tuesday, March 14, 2017 4:57:52 PM Central Time Reset this counter

- Continuing Education; Festival of Homiletics, San Antonio May15-20th

PASTOR'S REPORT 5/14/2017-6/20/2017

ADMINISTRATIVE

- work with Sandy
- posting on Facebook
- Food Bank distribution
- Consult with congregational leaders
- Council preparation
- Consult with members of Worship and Arts/ later trip for Heritage Service- outline
- Help open church on Sunday
- Worked with Sandy to put together "hospitality television" on display in table in narthex
- Worked with Sandy on Visitor's brochure
- Met with VBS leadership
- Consulted with Next Step leadership

PASTORAL

- visits; phone calls, e-mails
- Communion to Bertha Bucher
- sermon prep
- Attend Miriam Circle
- Adult Sunday School Prep
- Monthly Letter
- New member handbook
- Sermons, Thoughts for the next month, hymns for heritage service
- Farewell and Godspeed for Jacksons
- Attended Celebration 2 party for Jacksons
- Talked to Rads who indicated they would like to join
- Finally got to talk to Babe Stephens at Murkowski Luncheon
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- LUTHERAN
- "coaching" work for Synod, cohort
- Lectionary Group
- Bishop: Wedding Policy
- pulpit exchange on the 4th of June
- Communicated with Pr. Hanson from Dillingham for my visit the weekend of September 23 and 24
- Fall Collegium to be held here in Fairbanks the first week of November

OTHER

- Continuing Education; Festival of Homiletics, San Antonio May15-20th
- Newsminer Article June 16
- Next Step Folk staying in the parsonage this week

FUTURE

- VBS July 10-14
- New member class in July?
- Trip back east, week of August 20th, Leaving August 17th, returning on the 28th