

NOTE: These notes are in draft form until there are corrections made and approved at the next meeting of the Congregation.

**Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
Sunday, 13 April 2025**

1. **Call meeting to order** at 10:15 am by Council President Karen Zahn; 28 voting members were present, constituting a quorum.
2. **Opening prayer** was led by Pastor Beth.
3. **Approval of Agenda**
 - a. A motion was made by Roy Lawrenz and seconded by Maddy Holmes to approve to annual meeting agenda without additions; the motion was carried.
4. **Approval of Minutes** from the Annual Meeting on Sunday, 26 January 2025.
 - a. A motion was made by Earl Macha and seconded by Jack Rabe to accept minutes as presented; the motion carried.
5. **Reading of the Mission Statement;** Karen Zahn read our mission statements:
 - a. Faith statement: "Living in God's grace, we walk by faith and not by sight."
 - b. Business statement: "Our mission is to support one another to be faithful in worship, witness, and outreach; committing ourselves to proclaim the Gospel."
6. **Financial Reports**
 - a. Quarterly Reports
 - i. General fund
 - ii. Improvement fund
 - iii. Memorial fund
 - iv. Blessing Basket fund
 - b. Approval by voice vote
 - i. A motion was made by Roy Lawrenz and seconded by Greg Stabbe to accept the reports as presented; the motion carried.
7. **Pastor's Report**
 - a. See the attached written report.
 - b. Confirmation will be held on 4 May, Confirmand's photos are posted in the Narthex. Congregation members are encouraged to visit with them.
 - c. Members will be able to choose hymns for the summer services.
 - d. Pastor Macha's ankle surgery is scheduled for 16 June, after which she will be off for three weeks. She will remain in a cast for 8 weeks but she will be back leading our worship after 3 weeks.
8. **President's Report**
 - a. See the attached written report.

- b. Karen Zahn conveyed her thanks to the members and friends that assisted with the Danish Festival.
 - c. The President also expressed her thanks to the members of the Music and Worship, Landscape, and Building and Improvement committees for their work and support.
- 9. Committee Reports** – written and oral reports for the following committees were provided. Several committees have not met yet this year
- a. Blessing Basket
 - b. Building, Maintenance, Improvement/ HVAC Subcommittee
 - i. The Committee has been working with an exterior designer to look at replacement materials and designs for the church. Our insurance deductible has increased to \$24,000. Delays in addressing damages will be reduced if we have plans in place before damage occurs.
 - c. Education
 - i. The Committee is planning for Vacation Bible School. Contact letters are being sent to member families with children, to friends of the Congregation, and other congregation in the community. Please feel free to share this information with friends and relatives.
 - d. Evangelism & Stewardship
 - i. The Committee thanked the 41 people who helped at the Danish Festival, and also thanked Nancy Macha, Earl Macha, and Jeanette Kootaka for the effort they put into planning to make the event a success.
 - ii. Participation in the Labor Day Parade and the Pet Blessing service are being planned.
 - iii. Members are encouraged to talk with the committee if they have any other event ideas.
 - e. Memorial
 - f. Women of Our Redeemer's
 - g. Worship & Music

10. Old Business

- a. Nancy Macha asked the Congregation to identify a replacement for her as Treasurer of the Congregation so that they can take over from her when she retires.
- b. Get well wishes were expressed for Nancy Macha and Lowell Suring as they recover from surgery.
- c. A new policy has been completed for the Website and an Accident/Incident form has been developed for documenting events that

occur with the Congregation. Copies will be included in the Spirit, and forms will be available in the office until a posting area has been identified.

- d. Karen Zahn thanked Tony Lenz for serving as our Financial Secretary, He has requested that we look for a replacement; Beverly Hicks will serve in this role temporarily. If anyone interested in learning more about this position, please contact a member of the Congregation Council.
- e. Help is needed in the History and Educational committees, if you feel you might have a call in this area, contact a member of the Council.

11. New Business

- a. No New Business items
- b.

12. Adjourn with Lord's Prayer

- a. Greg Staabe made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Earl Macha; the motion carried.
- b. The meeting was adjourned with recital of the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted:
Ken Holmes
Recorder
Lowell Suring
Council Secretary