

BETHLEHEM CHURCH COUNCIL

December 12, 2017 - 5:30pm

Kim Langbehn, Val Johnson, Darcy Koeckeritz, Glen Noyes, Tom Rasmusson, Judy Bradow, Don Fick, Adrienne Miller, Mark Petersen

Also attending: Amy Fronning, Pastor Tom

Call to Order: Darcy Koeckeritz

Open Forum Time: security concerns

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve by Glen - 2nd Kim

Treasurer's Report and the first reading of the proposed 2018 budget, and benevolences to local organizations: presented by Alex Schwarzhoff

Devotions: led by Pastor Tom - covering the first three chapters of the book "Sticking Points"

Comments from Pastors

Items for Business:

- Letter from the synod about Anna Mone's application for candidacy for Rostered Ministry in the ELCA
- **Nominating Committee - looking for suggestions for vacant positions**
- **Mark your calendars:**
 - **New Council member training, Tuesday, February 13th following the council meeting**
 - **Council Strategic Planning Retreat, Tuesday, March 13th from 5:30-8:30pm - supper will be provided**

Announcements:

- Advent Musical Celebration Sunday, December 17th at both services. Featuring the Joyful Noise Praise Team, the Bethlehem Brass and other Bethlehem musicians
- Christmas Worship services schedule:
 - Sunday, December 24th 8:30am 4th Sunday of Advent service (radio)
 - 3:30pm Christmas Eve service, Traditional (radio)
 - 5:30pm Christmas Eve service, Readers theatre
 - 11:00pm Christmas Eve service, Holy Communion
 - Monday, December 25th 10:00am Christmas Day service, Holy Communion (radio)
 - Sunday, December 31st 10:00am one worship service (radio)
- Open Forum, Sunday, January 21st following both services at 9:45am and 11:30am for presentation and Q & A of the 2018 budget
- Joint worship service and annual meeting, Sunday, January 28th at 9:30am followed by the chili cook-off

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, January 16th at 5:30pm (Please note change from the second Tuesday to the third Tuesday for this month's meeting)

Adjournment: Motion by Glen - 2nd Kim

Prayers for our congregation as our ministry unfolds in 2017

Lord's Prayer