

## BETHLEHEM CHURCH COUNCIL

November 13, 2018 - 5:30pm

Stefanie Gerhardson, Val Johnson, Darcy Koeckeritz, Glen Noyes, Tom Rasmusson, Judy Bradow, Mark Petersen, Jeff Hatlewick, Lynn Johnson, Joyce Peterson

Also attending: Amy Fronning, Pastor Tom

**Call to Order:** Glen Noyes

**Open Forum Time:** Church Council minutes posted to the website

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to approve by Jeff - 2nd Tom R, passed

**Treasurer's Report:** presented by Amy. We are negative for the year. Consecration Sunday was a success - breakdown of pledges and family units was discussed.

**Devotions:** led by Pastor Tom - Deuteronomy 8

**Comments from Pastors**

**Items for Business:**

- Consecration Sunday report - Pastor Tom
- Update from the Discipleship Team - Pastor Tom  
The team is working very hard to cover the following essential youth programs with volunteers: 4-6 youth group, MS 5th quarter, summer trips and youth group. The team needs to form a steering/hiring committee for hiring a Faith Formation and Family director.
- Anna Monke Internship  
Explore the possibility of providing an internship for Anna Monke, a student at Luther Seminary.

**Announcements:**

- PioneerCare Sunday, November 18th. Pulpit exchange with Pastor Dave Strom and Pastor Tom  
Adult forum between services at 9:45am with PioneerCare's Nathan Johnson and Steve Guttormson
- Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service Wednesday, November 21st at 6:30pm. Pie fellowship to follow
- CHANGE - No Sunday School November 25th
- WELCA Christmas Brunch and Program, Saturday December 1st at 9:30am. They will also be collecting a physical offering of new or gently used hats, mittens, gloves and scarves for needy children and young adults in our community.
- Sunday School Christmas Program, December 9th at the 10:15am worship service.
- Advent Special Music Sunday, December 16th at both worship services. The Front and Center ladies will be doing some special music and the Bethlehem choir will sing several pieces. If you would like to sing in the choir rehearsals will be Wednesdays December 5th and 12th at 7:00pm.
- The Tree of Hope will be back again this year. Please consider helping needy families in our congregation and community this Christmas by taking an ornament from our Tree of Hope and providing these gifts. Ornaments will be hung on the tree in the Narthex Sunday, December 2nd. Gifts need to be dropped off at the church office by Sunday, December 16th, wrapping instructions will be on the ornament.

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, December 11th at 5:30pm at Bethlehem

Adjournment: Motion by Lynn - 2nd Joyce, passed

Prayers for our congregation as our ministry unfolds in 2018

Lord's Prayer