

Glenburn Trinity Lutheran Church Council met at 7 P.M. on Oct 12, 2011. Those present included: Pastor Heather, Denise and Clark Gunning Missi Payne, Michelle Schumann, Mickey Mickelson and Brian Christianson.

Missi called the meeting to order. Pastor gave the opening devotions and prayer.

The secretaries minutes were read. Denise stated that the youth meal will be served before, instead of after an Advent service. Mickey moved and Denise seconded that the minutes be approved as corrected. Motion was carried.

The treasurers report states the balance on hand in the check book general account, as of Sept. 30th is \$10,108.28. Noted was that a donation of \$400. Was received from some of the flood workers who stayed at the church. It was decided that this \$400. Would be given to the "Flood of Love" account. Michelle moved and Denise seconded that the treasurers report be approved. Motion was carried.

EVANGELISM

There will be a group of 10 volunteers to help in Minot with flood victims here this coming Sunday. They will stay the week, then another group will arrive,

We welcomed Kari Johnson as a new member recently.

EDUCATION

There has only been about 5 kids regularly attending Sunday School lately.

There are 8 youth in the Confirmation program this fall.

WORSHIP

The worship committee met last evening.

Discussed was instead of having the First and Second Readings and the Gospel reading every Sunday, we consider doing what many churches are presently doing...That is having one special reading, different Sunday, in more modern language, which would be easier to understand and shorter in length. The Psalm would be read then the new reading. There would be no extra cost to implement this. Denise moved and Michelle seconded that we start this during Advent season and see how it goes. Motion was carried.

Discussed was the idea of trying to simplify the weekly church bulletin and not have so many different pieces of papers. All felt this would be a good idea.

Also discussed was the fact that people in church tend to always sit in the same pews, by the same people and not by other members of our church family. The same applies for coffee after church....men sit at at one table, women at another etc. instead of mingling with others. The importance of all being one family and having contact with all people was discussed and suggestions as to how this could be done were discussed. It was felt that having a few large round tables instead of the large rectangle tables we presently have might be more favorable in promoting more visiting with others during coffee hour.

The Worship committee discussed sending a 4 question survey to all members in the hope of receiving some insight as to why people don't seem to regularly attend church services or send their children to Sunday School on a regular basis.

It has been suggested that Sunday School room # 3 be turned into a Nursery. Denise moved and Michelle seconded it that this be done. Motion was carried.

Mickey will check into prices of 6 large round tables.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Sundays will be Nov. 6, 13, and 20th.

Food pantry donations are needed in November.

PROPERTY

Noted was that some of the work group cleaning jobs have already been completed.

Some volunteers from Washington put in 16 new lights in the church, which needed replacing.

Mickey has installed the new electronic church sign.

YOUTH

The youth met at Pastors home two weeks ago.

The New Orleans trip will be July 2012. One of our youth will officially attend and four more have expressed an interest in going.

The youth are planning a Halloween party for the young children Sunday at Paynes.

OLD BUSINESS

Photos for the new church directory will be taken Oct. 26 and 27th in Glenburn and Oct. 28th and 29th in Lansford.

All were in favor of the adjournment of the meeting. The Lords Prayer was said by all.

Secretary, Michelle Schumann