

Calvary Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
June 1st, 2020 (Special meeting)

Special Council Meeting called to order @ 11:30am via Zoom.

Council members present: Cheryl Chapman, Kirsten Aasen, Doug Thrash, Jessica Gromer, Martin Kerkenbush, Jeff Schleusener, Jon Johnson and Nancy May. Staff present were: Pastor David Piper, Pastor Becky Piper, Deacon Tom Martin and Kathy Miller, CLC Business Manager.

Council members absent: Bill Eldridge

Prayer was given by Pastor David.

Business Meeting – Phase One Opening Preparations

- A written proposal of Phase One Opening Preparations was provided by Pastor Becky. This was based on feedback from the staff and recommendations from Synod and CDC. (Written proposal not attached)..... questions about the proposal are listed below.

Discussion Topics:

- Should there be one or two services on Sunday? *Consensus was for 1 Sunday service at 9:30am, as we did last summer. There would also be a Saturday night service.*
- Should there be bulletins or not? Can everything be on a screen? *Consensus reached. No bulletin, Service followed on screen. We have new projectors now.*
- Should the balcony be open at all? *Consensus reached. Not open for Saturday due to time needed to clean after service, but open for overflow on Sunday service.*
- Should masks be required to come into the church to attend the service? *Yes, Consensus reached, but a follow up detailed procedure will be required. Do we hand out literature to support our decision? We will also need to offer masks to those who do not have them. There are 300 available at the church right now.*
- Should attendees be ushered in and out? *Consensus reached. Ushered out only to control the possibility of congregating in one area. Most of the facility will be closed and doors locked.*
- Do we need hymnals at all or can everything be on the screen? *Consensus reached, no hymnals. They have already been removed from the sanctuary.*
- Should we use a reservation system for those wishing to attend church? *Consensus reached. Yes, reservations for service should be done on-line.*
- Unless I missed it, there is no mention in the draft about limiting the number of people we let into church at one time. Is there a preset number in mind? 50 or fewer (Fed phase 2)? 77 or fewer (this number was brought up earlier, I think a

city recommendation)? (from Jeff).

Pastor David said it is hard to come up with an "official" number of people we can hold in the sanctuary. There are families who can sit together or individuals who can take up the same amount of space. We will need to look at this as a "per family", or "per unit" number.

- Can the service be designed so there is no singing or responsive reading?
Consensus reached. Al will encourage people to sing softly to themselves. As well, he plans to reduce the number of hymns and verses per hymn.
- Can we add the ability to pay on your phone for the offering? *Already being done via texting and the giving app. There is also a slide in the announcements that is being shown before every service.*
- Can we purchase communion kits, that come with wine & wafer, which would be distributed when people arrive? *Consensus reached. No plans to have communion in the church. Congregants are encouraged to pick up communion kits on Thursday at the church (inside the entrance). There are also instructions for people to follow along at home with their own bread and grape juice.*
- Can we list the high-risk categories—65 years and older, chronic lung disease, etc. *We can use CDC guidelines for high-risk categories.*
- Other topics
 - Confusion over the "phases", Federal guideline phases vs CLC phases. (For instance, the Federal phase 1 is meant for 10 or fewer people and Fed phase 2 is for 50 or fewer people.) Another word other than "phase" perhaps? (from Jeff)

No Action taken.

- Confirm "open" date. *Consensus reached. Due to recent models put out by the local hospital (Monument Health), the "peak" number of Covid cases is expected to come at the end of June and early July, 2020. Council agreed to postpone the opening of Phase one operations until after the "peak" number of cases has been reached in the community. There is no estimated date to open at this time. Council and staff will meet regularly to analyze the situation and make the decision accordingly.*
- PPP Loan Update. *Funds received on 05/05/2020. No update.*
- Announcements
 - *Next Meeting: June 22, 2020 11:30 a.m.*

Meeting adjourned at 12:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Jon Johnson, Council Secretary