

# Hope Lutheran Church

## Special Meeting Minutes

### September 20, 2015

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Council President Lance Kupka.
- II. **Devotion:** Prayer led by Pastor Evelyn
- III. **Old Business:** None
- IV. **New Business:**
- A. Constitution Update
- Pastor Evelyn was thanked for her work in updating the church constitution.
  - Council President Lance Kupka noted that the proposed changes to the church constitution were reviewed and approved by the full church council at their regular monthly meeting on September 13, 2015.
  - Council President Kupka also informed the congregation that the constitutional changes had to be approved by the members at this meeting and also at next regular annual meeting.
  - Council Vice President Gary Rantala mentioned that the constitutional changes were mostly housekeeping procedures. Language was changed, but the meaning of affected passages remained the same.
  - Audrey Kuehl motioned to accept the constitutional changes as written. Brian Lamppa provided support of the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- B. Church Renovation
- Anne Gierretts, a housing/renovation specialist for the ELCA, visited the church on Ash Wednesday this past February and visited with members. She walked through the church and later emailed cost recommendations that the church could implement to make our building more user-friendly.
  - New locking doors were already installed on both entrances to the church. Thank you to the ladies of WELCA for funding this.
  - Congregation Recommendations
    1. Use volunteer labor instead of paid labor.
    2. Make the church more user-friendly to all congregation members by moving events upstairs. Use downstairs only when necessary and for storage.

3. Move secretary's office to the present location of the nursery.
4. Make more space for various committee meetings. Currently very cramped.
5. Make the church more handicap accessible.
6. Use the building fund and donations from congregation members to help fund the renovation.

**V. Adjournment**

- A. Motion to adjourn by Janet Lamppa.
- B. Motion approved unanimously without discussion.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Kathy Kupka—acting in place of Council Secretary Bill Krueth