**ADVENT CHURCH COUNCIL**

**October 13, 2020- Zoom Meeting**

**Attendees: Pastor Barb, Jennifer Ragan, Jesse Hammer, Pam Hammer, Tom LaRose, Theresa Barkley, Warren Blair, Chris Hanson, Kara Bradley and Mary Ann Bradley, Vicar Paul and Al Muniz.**

**Excused: Jill Hartmann, Clay Thomas**

* **Warren Blair calls meeting to order**
* **Theresa provides devotions**
* **Opening prayer with supportive concerns by Pastor Barb**
* **Approve September 2020 minutes** 
  + - **Al makes a motion to accept the minutes as amended**
      * **Chris 2nds**
      * **All approved**
* **New or Ongoing Topics**
  + **Tech Support Person (Pastor Barb)- Kate Dwyer is a recent graduate of Luther College. She will bless us in technical support and office management. Welcome to Advent, Kate 😊**
  + **Congregational meeting- The Rocky Mountain ELCA set precedent in May 2020 by hosting a virtual Synod meeting with allowances for voting. Warren Blair to research options that are available for this type of meeting. More details to follow.**
  + **Creating Working Committee Documents (volunteer service description)**
    - **See Tom LaRose for a list of jobs/positions that still need a volunteer service description.**
    - **Please have this done by December 2020**
  + **Review Council Terms for 2021- Jennifer is term limited, Warren has agreed to be up for re-election. Mary Ann and Tom’s terms will end after the January 12 meeting and they are deciding if they will enter the election.**
  + **Committees**
    - **Staying in community is healing! Please try and explore different options of commnity. Set up Zoom meetings, meet at a park, call, text, ESP, pray, passenger pigeon, etc…**
  + **Constitutional Update is in the final stages- coming along nicely. Warren and Jesse and Vicki have worked strenuously on this project. Thank you!**
  + **CARES Act Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Application (s) Update**
    - **Finance committee continues to make compliance a priority**
  + **Budget Audit Committee- goal to have this completed by the end of 2020**
  + **Committee Reports**
    - **Treasurer/Finance/Warren**
      * **Advent was blessed with a $20,000 gift from a member. If not for that gift, September 2020 would have been our lowest income month of this year. Thank you!!**
      * **Treasurer’s report for additional information**
    - **Stewardship**
      * **On track and beginning the timeline for the fall stewardship campaign.**
      * **For more information on this project, please contact Tom LaRose or Jill Hartmann.**
    - **EEEET**
      * **Going to continue outdoor worship every Sunday until the weather improves.**
      * **Talking about Christmas services and planning holiday activities.**
    - **Youth and Education**
      * **Survey was sent out to Sunday School aged parents about their interest in Sunday School. The response was mostly requesting a pause on Sunday School.**
      * **Pastor Barb and Vicars continue to meet weekly via Zoom with the youth of Advent. There is a regular group that attends! (Thank you, Pastor Barb, for keeping this going!!)**
      * **Committee to meet on October 23, 2020 for a planning meeting for fall and winter activities.**
    - **Social Outreach**
      * **Gearing up for a remarkably busy holiday season of giving.** 
        + **Chris Hanson to apply for a Thrivent grant to help with Thanksgiving Day Turkey Baskets. Additional help will be needed from the Congregation. When the different needs have been assessed, the Committee will reach out to the Congregation.**
        + **Committee continues to plan for the Christmas holidays. There will be several opportunities for participation. More details to follow.**
    - **Property**
      * **Sprinkler system was blown out and put to bed for the winter.**
      * **Everything is in good shape.**
    - **Mutual Ministry**
      * **Completed Pastor Barb’s annual review. All is well.**
    - **Vicar Paul**
      * **In charge of pastoral care and concerns the next couple of weeks while Pastor Barb is out of town.**
      * **Providing love and attention to people in the congregation that are unable to leave their homes or care centers.**
      * **Participating in several committees to include men’s breakfast and social distancing get togethers.**
    - **Pastor Barb**
      * **Taking some well-deserved time off in November.**
      * **Organizing weekly meetings via zoom with the youth.**
      * **Excited to welcome Kate to the Team.**
      * **Thank you, Natalie, for your help these two years.**
      * **Ordered new communion ‘things’ that make socially distanced mask wearing Communion easier.**

**Devotions in November- Jesse**

**Next Meeting: November 10, 2020**

**Adjourn with the Lord’s Prayer (Jesse leading)**