

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ANNUAL MEETING  
March 21, 2010**

**Call to Order and Announcements**

President Mary Streufert called the meeting to order in the Parish Hall at 12:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Devotions**

Pastor Larson led devotions following text printed in the annual report booklet.

**Adoption of Agenda**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as printed in the booklet.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes from the February 14, 2010 special congregational meeting as printed in the booklet. Carried unanimously.

**Reports**

Pastor Larson read her report as printed in the annual report booklet.

**Approval of Mission Plan**

Treasurer Julie Strand thanked members for their pledges and offerings last year, which enabled FLC to do God's work despite hard economic times. FLC is working toward a balanced budget. The trend across churches shows non-pledged offerings have increased steadily over the last few years and that proved true for FLC last year. The Mission Plan passed in 2009 had a \$50,000 deficit; the year ended with \$16,500 over expenses. This year's plan does not include additional revenue from dedicated accounts. Finance Committee member Dan Badger spoke about First Fruits, attributing its success to the Holy Spirit moving through the congregation. First Fruits uses the first 20 percent of income to fund specific benevolences (ministries outside FLC walls). As income increases or decreases, First Fruits is affected accordingly. Last year, more income was received than budgeted, which resulted in more First Fruits dollars (excess was given to ELCA Disaster Relief for Haiti). This same approach for funding benevolences will be used in 2010. Julie noted that every effort was made to tighten expenses but the Mission Plan has a \$38,295 deficit. However, the plan as presented was passed by Executive Committee and council. No questions were asked. Motion was made and seconded to approve the 2010 Mission Plan; carried unanimously. President Streufert thanked Julie and the Finance Committee – Pastor Larson, Dan Badger, Bob Niedringhaus and Bill Seitz – for their work.

**Other Business**

- Ann Niedringhaus, chair of the Fund Development steering committee, noted that Time For Renewal has a separate budget and therefore is not included in any of the annual report financial statements. She reminded members that next month is important because our bank will consider whether FLC has enough pledges to fully cover TFR Phase I and then extend its current letter-of-credit (rate is 3.25 percent) financing. At this point in the Time To Build project, a mortgage at 7 percent was obtained. To date, 10 percent has been raised toward the TFR Phase II goal, primarily from people who have already given and were asked to give again. She stressed the need for members to make multi-year pledges.
  
- The next congregational meeting will be held May 2. The purpose is to elect officers and board

members, and give an update on Time for Renewal.

**Closing and Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1 p.m. with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura J. Hanson  
Council Secretary