Monday, June 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

**Attending:**

Luanne Riedel Dawn Jacobson Randy Laehr

Paul Rossmann Janice Navarro Mary Ann Mantey

Diane Borgardt Lynette Jacobson Kari Weber

**Absent:** Pastor Barsch and John Kirt

**Opening Prayer:** Bishop Jeff Barrow

**Prior Meeting Minutes:** The May meeting minutes were approved as presented.

**Special Topics:**

* **Trustee Committee:** Cathy Anderson presented their options for funding and the project list from the Trustees.
* **Synod Representative:** Bishop Jeff Barrow presented the process for calling of the new Pastor. LCR is a desirable church for a good Pastor. Need time to pause to reflect on the current situation of our church and traditions. Affirm and or change these. Goal is to keep ministry thriving while you prepare for the next leader. Don’t short cut the necessary steps because you don’t get the “right” Pastor as a general rule. The “process” is not the Bible – it is a guide. Reviewed the timeline on page 11 on in the handout. Consider MET Team carefully (can include someone from outside the congregation) 8-10. Try to be all inclusive to get everyone’s input. Need an honest survey of the congregation. When selecting the call committee representatives, be very careful that those on the Call Committee can represent the heart and soul of the congregation. Chapter 4 – 6 are important to read. Someone from the Council should be on the MET team and someone from the MET team on the Call Committee (but the others should not be the same). Pay for Interim is same as the outgoing Pastor. Chuck Brommond (or someone in his position) will be the day to day contact with (MET leader and/or Luanne). Synod may be open to forming the MET committee and gathering data in preparation for the write-up but wait until the Interim Pastor is here to provide their guidance. Communicate to the congregation; there is a plan and process that will be followed, we need some time to evaluate our history and current church needs. We need to know what is important to everyone in the church. “Stick the landing” (use this time to the best advantage), assure them there is a process to get us to the next best place as quickly as possible, there needs to be an Interim process, and if we do this right we will need everyone’s input and help. We expect the best days to be the ones ahead and your opinions will make a difference in the final outcome as well as the timeframe it takes us to get there. What are the things that everyone values? MET and Call Committee needs a variety of ages and not the gatekeepers. Stay excited about a new and revitalized time for our church.

**Reports:**

***Pastor’s Report:*** None

***AIM Report:*** New secretary is happy and working well.

***Vice-President Report:*** None

***Treasurer’s Report:*** Finance situation is improving a bit over prior month.

**Committee Reports:**

***Finance (Dawn Jacobson):*** None

***Trustees (John Kirt):*** None

***Deacons (Lynette Jacobson):*** None

***Parish Education (Kari Weber):*** None

***Membership (Paul Rossmann):*** Zoo picnic went well.

***Stewardship (Randy Laehr):*** Randy will email a new form to be completed (3 talents/skills). **Please put into Randy’s by July 14th**. Started working on 2013 campaign plan. Information booklet is now of the website.

***Church in Society (Mary Ann Mantey):*** None

***Youth (TBD):*** None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Closing Prayer:**  Bishop Jeff Barrow

**Respectively submitted,**

***Dawn Jacobson***

Congregation Council Secretary

**Next Meeting: Monday, July 15, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**

 **Closing Prayer: Kari Weber**