

**IRICHLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**December 8, 2015**

**Members Present:** Pastor Steve Ernst, Sarah Hagensen, Dave Larkin, Todd Meyer, Sandy Steele, Don Schmid, Joel Sorensen

**Members Absent:** Rich Olsen, Norm Gillette, Mike Strasberg

**Guests:** Pastor Corey Smith, Rick Snyder, Bob Thompson, Jon Erlandson

**OPENING-** The regular monthly meeting of the Richland Lutheran Church Congregation Council was held on Tuesday, December 8, 2015. President Dave Larkin opened the meeting at 7:05 pm and led opening devotions and prayer.

**REPORTS-**

**Lead Pastor's Report - Pastor Steve Ernst**

1. Susie Nunamaker will act as Director of Worship and Music on an interim acting basis. She has taken charge of music arrangements for the Christmas period. As allowed by Congregation policy, Pastor Ernst said he would continue that arrangement through the first three months of 2016. He indicated the staffing committee would be meeting in the next week to consider long term options for music and worship staffing.
2. Attendance - The average year-to-date weekly attendance at worship services through November, 2015, was 323 compared 337 for the same period in 2014.
3. Pastoral Acts – Baptisms: Presley Nipper-November 1; Emma June Lindsay – November 15; and John Robert Teal – November 28. Memorial Service: Helen Foreman.

**Associate Pastor's Report- Pastor Corey Smith**

1. Several RLC youth confirmed their faith at our Confirmation service.
2. For the first time the praise team led the Thanksgiving eve service.

**ACTION ITEMS-**

Council approved the following common consent agenda:

- a. The minutes of the regular Council Meeting of November 10, 2015;
- b. Housing allowance of \$22,800 for Pastor Ernst for calendar year 2016;

- c. Approved the following benevolences: China Connect -\$2,000; Gather for Him Christian College-\$2,000; Awakening Lives to World Missions -\$1,000; Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries-\$1,971; ShelterBox-\$1,000; and World Relief tri-Cities-\$1,000.
- d. Approved the following Church Membership Rolls actions:

Letter – Council Approval Required (Christmas Letter sent last year)

Kjarmo, Harold and Darlene  
Maloney, Fiona  
Meigs, Courtney  
Myers, Daryl and Kathy  
Simpson, Claire

Remove – Address Unknown/Non-Resident/Inactive

Crum, Rob and Lauren, Allison  
Duchscherer, Brian and Kelly, Abigail, Trenton  
Gardner, Josh, Bryce, Elliot  
Goplen, Blake and Jared  
Guerra, Andrea (Slonecker)  
Henry, Connie  
Hoyt, Andrew and Brenda  
Lohafer, Doug (associate member)  
Mockler, Joe, Dylan, Quinn  
Montoya, Maria, Ana Maria  
Page, Ron  
Pawlak, Pamela  
Purtzer, Aaron and LeAnn, Iris  
Prothero, Kendra  
Quintero, Marianna (Louk)  
Richardson, Steve and Leslie, Alec, Rachel, Robert  
Salter, Charles and Shaune, Jaycob, Jaydin, Niisa, Samuel  
Schroeder, Jordan  
Shelton, Karla  
Stankovich/Madden, John  
Thesenvitz, Glenn and Sharleen

**MINISTRY EMPHASIS-**

Jon Erlandson discussed the 2014 Financial Audit Review conducted by Northwest CPA Group, PLLC, which was conducted for the RLC Financial Audit Committee as authorized by the Richland Lutheran Church Congregation Council.

**CLOSING-** The Council recognized the service of outgoing Council members Dave Larkin, Rich Olsen, and Don Schmid.

The meeting was adjourned by President Dave Larkin and closed with the Lord's Prayer at 7:51 p.m.

Joel Sorensen, Secretary