

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Congregation Council
January 8, 2009

- † The minutes of the December 11 meeting were approved as distributed.
- † No Treasurer's Report in the Treasurer's absence. There is no confirmed date for the school audit.
- † Pastor Lerseth was authorized to carry out the three proposals he submitted in November: development of an endowment program, cleaning and repainting of the office suite, and developing a seamless relationship between the church and its school. Possible compensation under a contract is to be discussed at the next meeting.
- † Pastor Lerseth submitted a letter from E&T Services, the company responsible for the vending machines in our fellowship hall. Soft drinks are being stolen, and the vendor is asking that we alert the leaders of all groups meeting in the church to make them aware of the problem.
- † The new sign for the front drive is being shipped within the next two weeks. Paul Wilke has contacted two companies about installation and is waiting for proposals.
- † The Constitution Committee will complete its review and make recommendations in time for the annual congregation meeting.
- † Congregation Council approved the sample resolution for the Call of a Pastor to be read at the congregation meeting. The Definition of Compensation, Benefits, and Responsibilities of the Pastor document prepared for Pastor Janet Breum passed by majority vote.
- † Kathy Adler submitted a written letter of resignation from the Trinity Youth Services Board that was accepted with regret. Brock attended the school's last Board meeting and presented to them Pastor Lerseth's proposal for a seamless relationship between the school and church. The reaction was positive. Their next Board meeting is February 3 at 6:00 p.m.
- † Joe submitted his Stewardship Report. To date, they have received 93 offering cards, which represents a 46% increase over 2007.
- † We need to bring names of candidates for a Nomination Committee to the February meeting, as 2009 is a Congregation Council election year.
- † Staff annual reviews are due.
- † The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Metropolitan Chicago Synod assembly is at the Crowne Plaza Rosemont on June 5 and 6. Three lay people and the Pastor will be invited to attend. Elaine Tredinnick would like to take one seat.
- † A possible public relations theme of 'Trinity will shine in 2009' was discussed.
- † Prayer concerns were offered up after which the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Victoria Siegfried-Wilke