

Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
720 South Second Street  
Mankato, MN 56001

**COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Title:** Congregation Council Minutes

**Officiating:** Frank Larsen

**Purpose:** Monthly Business Meeting

**Recording:** Kathy Yale

**Date:** December 14, 2010

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Heritage Room

Scheduled			Actual			Present
Start	Stop	Total	Start	Stop	Total	Number
7:00 p.m.	9:00 p.m.	2 Hrs.	7:12 p.m.	8:22 p.m.	1:10	8
Council Members and Guests			Present	Absent	Position	
Frank Larsen			X		President	
Mary Bliesmer			X		President-Elect	
Bob Ihrig			X		Vice President	
Kathy Yale			X		Secretary	
Diana Olson			X		Treasurer	
Andrew Garry			X		Member-at-Large	
Betty Groth			X		Member-at-Large	
Lori Ruthenbeck				X	Member-at-Large	
Pastor Jay Dahlvang			X		Senior Pastor	
Guests: None						

PRESENTER TOPIC	ITEM DESCRIPTION
7:12 p.m. Frank Larsen	CALL TO ORDER
Pastor Jay	DEVOTIONS: Gene Bentsdahl's Video (Bethlehem TV Ad) and prayer.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING	
Frank Larsen	AGENDA: Bob Ihrig moved that the agenda be adopted as written. MSC.
	MINUTES: The minutes of the November 23, 2010, meeting were approved on a motion by Mary Bliesmer. MSC.
REPORTS	
Diana Olson	FINANCIAL REPORT: Written Report.
Kijota Well Project	Diana Olson moved that the Council approve making the first installment payment of \$5,500.00 for the Kijota Well Project from money already being held for it in Restricted Offerings. MSC.
Treasurer's Report	The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Kathy Yale. MSC.
Pr. Jay Dahlvang	PASTOR'S REPORT: Written Report
OLD BUSINESS	
Andrew Garry	CALL COMMITTEE: Things are progressing.
Frank Larsen	SOUND SYSTEM: Brad Butler will do a member survey to better define issues with the current sound system before they are addressed, asking such questions as 1. Who (i.e. pastor, choir, lector, cantor) can you hear? 2. Who can't you hear? 3. Where do you sit?
NEW BUSINESS	
Pr. Jay Dahlvang	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Pastor Jay and Wally Boyer, Personnel Committee Chair, will conduct an exit interview of Casey Wytaske.
Frank Larsen	WELCOME SERVICE: There is a welcome wagon type professional group who contacts people who buy homes in the Mankato area. It would cost about \$40.00 per month for Bethlehem to be included in the package. Information will be passed along to the Evangelism Board for their consideration.
8:22 p.m. Frank Larsen	ADJOURNED on a motion by Diana Olson. MSC. The meeting closed with all joining in the Lord's Prayer. Next Council Meeting – January 18, 2011.