



LIFE SUNDAY & HEALTH RESOURCES CENTER

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is January 16. If you would like to support a local organization making a difference and impacting our community, consider praying for or donating to Health Resources this month. Praise the Lord for the impact HRC has on parents and children in our community!

Some of the praises shared in the HRC November Newsletter:

- Praise the Lord for opportunities to share God's truth, grace, and love to our clients.
- Thanks to God for the babies born to clients this year!
- Generous support from our community: \$75k raised at the October fundraising event.
- High school classes were able to come watch a live ultrasound.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Calvary Annual Meeting is Sunday, January, 23rd at 1 PM. We will gather after the service for a Fellowship Meal at 11:45 AM before the meeting.

Please have all Annual Reports in to the office by Monday, January 10th. There is a list on the bulletin board of all reports that are due, and responsible parties have been sent an email from the church office.

TOUGH QUESTIONS

Starting January 9th, we will join other churches around Fergus Falls in a 4-week series looking to questions about God and faith.

This series will be an excellent opportunity for outreach, as we ask the following questions:

- 1/9: **Is it reasonable to believe in God?**
- 1/16: **How could a loving God allow pain and suffering?**
- 1/23: **Is Christianity too narrow?**
- 1/30 **How can I know if I'm going to heaven?**

Calvary will participate through our sermons and group Bible studies during these weeks. (There will be studies Wednesdays at 2 PM and 7 PM in the Calvary library. If your Life Group would like to meet and do this study, talk to Pastor Jim about getting the study guides). Informational flyers are available on the Welcome Center if you are interested in inviting people to join us for this series.

Visit www.toughquestionsff.com for more information.

COUNCIL MINUTES

December 8, 2021 at 8:15 PM

Meeting was called to order by Dean Nelson and opened with prayer.

Audit Review:

The audit team (Wally Stommes, Jeff Legge & Gwenda Buttke) presented a summary of the audit:

- Purpose of the audit was to:
 1. Confirm the accuracy of financial information
 2. Perform a check on the church's financial processes
 3. Determine best practices that help assure financial integrity.
- The church's last audit was performed 18 years ago and the Council agrees this should be done more frequently.
- Summary of Findings:

The audit team found Val and Kaitlin to be cooperative in the audit effort and very competent and conscientious in carrying out their roles. The church finances in general are accurately and conservatively recorded. Most recommendations by the audit team are improvements on already well-run processes. The new accounting system cost effectively maintains both financial security and accounting functionality. It should also be noted that Val Lundby took the initiative to investigate and generate nearly \$2600 in sales tax refunds during 2020.
- The audit team made recommendations for improvements, which

the Council decided to further discuss in future meetings.

Deacons Report presented by Rod Scheel

Reviewed Pastor Jim's Report

Reviewed Pastor Eric's Report

Trustees Report presented by Rod Saurer:

Operations & Routine Maintenance:

- Boiler repaired by Plumbers, Inc.
- Toilet in women's bathroom inspected and adjusted.
- Parking lot salting/sanding will be done by Wolden's when requested. Trustees will discuss.
- Christmas trees are up; thanks to Val Christenson for decorating.

Projects:

- Cameras installed for front walk and narthex.

Financial Reports – Val Lundby

General Fund Balance: \$12,442.83

Noteworthy Items:

Harvest Festival Receipts: \$1,800.00 (\$9,479.41 YTD)

Total Harvest Festival Proceeds Paid Out:

- Scholarship Fund: \$7,583.53
- Haugen Family Life Ministries: \$1,895.88

Harvest Festival Expenses

- Catered Meal: \$1,062.50
- Gifted Grant Haugen Family Life Ministries: \$5,000.00

New Business:

- Ambassador Subscriptions: the church has received a letter stating subscriptions are now free and, in their place, donations are requested. The consensus of the Council is to donate what is currently paid for subscriptions.

Closed with prayer by Dean Nelson.

Next Meeting:

January 12, 2022 @ 8:15 PM

These minutes have been condensed and edited to fit this format. A full version is available in the office.

For more information on any of these items, or to contact the church office, please email or call:
calvaryfreelc@gmail.com
218-736-4282