

# Voters' Meeting Agenda

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

7:00 p.m., October 21, 2020

- I. Call to order—President Bruce Uchtman
- II. Opening Devotion
- III. Roll Call—Number of voting members present \_\_\_\_\_
- IV. Reading of Minutes—Secretary, Sandra Fortner (see attached copies)
- V. Correspondence
- VI. Membership Changes (October 2019-September 2020)
  - A. Gains
    1. Baptisms
      - a. Lexi Harber, daughter of Edmund & Kimberly (Schroeder) Harber, baptized on December 21, 2019
      - b. Autumn Gleich baptized on February 15, 2020
      - c. Oaklee Ruebke, daughter of Nathaniel Ruebke & Autumn Gleich on February 15, 2020
      - d. Catherine Schmiege baptized on February 15, 2020
    2. Youth Confirmation on July 5, 2020
      - a. Cayton Cratch
      - b. Emma Mulholland
      - c. Cooper Wasson
      - d. Andrew Welten
      - e. Christian Zimmer
    3. Transfers In
      - a. Rev. Mark & Rebecca Harriss and baptized children; Elsa, Abbie and Maggie, from Zion Lutheran Church, Hillsboro, MO on December 30, 2019
      - b. Brittany Hammel from St. John Lutheran Church, Chester, IL on December 31, 2019
      - c. Van Hammel from St. John Lutheran Church, Chester, IL on December 31, 2019
      - d. Nadine Wilson and confirmed daughter, Kaylin, from Bethel Lutheran Church, Du Quoin, IL on February 6, 2020

- e. Darlene Jaskowiak from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Wine Hill, on February 26, 2020
  - f. Rosemary Fulton from Trinity Lutheran Church, Darmstadt on April 29, 2020
  - g. Darryl & Phyllis Winkelman from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Wine Hill on June 8, 2020
  - h. Darin Winkelman from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Wine Hill on June 8, 2020
  - i. Doris Dressler from St. John's Lutheran Church, Sparta on October 1, 2020
  - j. Nathan & Deanna Reitz and confirmed children, Callen and Evan, from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Wine Hill on October 1, 2020
  - k. Tommy Brown on October 1, 2020
  - l. Dusty Kaesberg and baptized children, Mae Lee and Pierce Brown, on October 1, 2020
4. Weddings
- a. Ethan Kothe & Madison Schilly on December 14, 2019
  - b. Justin Asbury & Rachael Reid on January 4, 2020
- B. Losses
1. Transfers Out
- a. Brittany (Kipp) Kumke to St. John's Lutheran Church, Chester on October 1, 2020
2. Released
- a. Catherine Troue on July 1, 2020
  - b. John & Dacia Foote and baptized children, Drake, Willow, Bailey and Cora on July 1, 2020
  - c. Bonnie Birkner on October 1, 2020
3. Deaths
- a. Earl Ebers on November 1, 2019
  - b. Betty Chadderton on December 7, 2019
  - c. Lavera Biermann on January 1, 2020
  - d. Willard Knop on March 23, 2020
  - e. Kevin Becker on March 30, 2020
  - f. Rick Ebers on May 1, 2020
  - g. Loriena Ebers on June 20, 2020
  - h. Sharon Vallett on August 22, 2020
  - i. Norma Rodewald on August 25, 2020
  - j. Ruth Tiller on September 9, 2020
  - k. Roger Diercks on September 18, 2020
  - l. Arlene Hougland on September 23, 2020
  - m. Maxine Goetting on September 30, 2020
  - n. Judy Clasen on October 2, 2020

C. 2020 Membership Statistics

1. Membership as of September 30, 2020
  - a. Baptized Members—1,008
  - b. Confirmed Members—807
2. Attendance
  - a. COVID-19 Shut Down—March 21—June 7, 2020 and August 15—August 23, 2020 for a total of 14 weekends of services offered only online. Communion was reinstated after services on July 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>.

	2019 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter
Average Weekly Attendance	207	230	143	131
Communion	989	990	0	125
Average Special Worship Attendance	83	72	0	0

VII. Reports of Leaders, Boards, Committees, and Organizations:

- A. Pastor's Report—Rev. Mark Harriss (See attached)
  1. Camera System
- B. Financial Secretary's Report—Ruth Waeltz
  1. With the COVID Crisis still continuing after seven long, unsure months, it is a joy to extend heartfelt "Thanks" to St. Mark's members for faithfully making sure your weekly/monthly contribution envelopes reached the church when our doors were closed.
  2. Presently the weekly General Fund Contributions are averaging about \$7,500 per week (51 envelopes per week) with in-church services on Saturday/Sunday. Members may always drop their contributions in the church mail drop box if unable to attend the worship service.
  3. Weekly counting and deposits are made on Monday mornings, unless the bank is closed.
  4. The 2021 Envelope Packets will be arriving within the next few weeks and I hope to have them ready for members to pick-up around Thanksgiving. Packets will also be available at the church.
  5. Thank you to St. Mark's for your continued Tournament Sponsor Gift (\$100) for the Southern Illinois District - Student Aid Endowment Fund. The profits from sponsor gifts and golfer entry fees provide funding for Southern Illinois students entering the Christian Ministry or Christian Teaching Profession.
- C. Treasurer's Report—Misty Smith (See attached)
  1. Budget for 2020-2021 was approved by mail-in ballot with a count of 98 (yes) to 2 (no).
  2. PPP Loan--\$69,592.50
    - a. Update from Tim Hecht at FNB Percy: The latest news we have received from the SBA is that you can certainly apply for forgiveness. However, as of today the

companies that have applied (roughly 100,000+) the SBA has NOT forgiven one of them. We also know that there is legislation that is trying to pass in congress that will automatically forgive loans under \$150k, which St. Marks would qualify for essentially it would be an affidavit you would have to sign with no paperwork. Also, you have 10 months from when your payroll 24 weeks ended to make the first payment. We encourage you to wait however we know people are eager to apply for forgiveness as well. If you have any other questions don't hesitate to ask.

D. Nomination Committee

1. All candidates have been contacted and are willing to serve. Votes can be cast for any person who is eligible for election, even if he has not been nominated. Nominations may be made from the floor.
2. The officers-elect shall assume their respective duties on the 1st of January following their election. The Installation of Officers will be included in a congregational worship service the first Sunday in January.

<b>President</b>	Brandon Smith	Jan. 2022
<b>Vice President</b>	Vacancy	Jan. 2022
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Dawn Uchtman	Jan. 2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
<b>Treasurer</b>	Misty Smith	Unlimited
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	Ruth Waeltz	Unlimited
<b>Board of Elders</b>		
	Mark Troue	Jan. 2024 (1 <sup>st</sup> full term)
	Nathan Harding	Jan. 2024 (1 <sup>st</sup> full term)
	Rodney Wilson	Jan. 2024 (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
	Cody Mueller	Jan. 2024 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
<b>Board of Evangelism</b>		
	Bill Stegman	Jan. 2024 (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
	Christa Parker	Jan. 2024 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
<b>Board of Education</b>		
	Melissa Murphy	Jan. 2024 (1 <sup>st</sup> full term)
	Jackie Conway	Jan. 2024 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
<b>Board of Youth</b>		
	Janice Phillips	Jan. 2024 (1 <sup>st</sup> full term)
	Adrienne Kraus	Jan. 2024 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
<b>Board of Trustees</b>		
	Ryan Bartens	Jan. 2024 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
	Kenny Fudge	Jan. 2024 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
<b>Board of Stewardship</b>		
	Elaine Knop	Jan. 2024 (1 <sup>st</sup> full term)
	Vacancy	
<b>Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School Board of Directors</b>		
	2 Vacancies	

- E. Board of Christian Education—Janet Wicker, Chairman; Tim Lochhead, Principal
  1. The overhead gym heating units were removed on August 31st and new ones have been put in place.
  2. There have been upgrades to the servers and technology to allow for better communication. Additional Chromebooks have been ordered and are expected to arrive in October to enhance learning.
  3. The entire building, especially classrooms and the cafeteria, is being sanitized every day to ensure the safety of everyone.
  4. The Trustees have made several necessary repairs and upgrades to classrooms and around the building during the summer including new flooring in two classrooms, painting, and the repair of water damage to walls.
  5. The T.V. studio is in the process of being upgraded to provide a better format for Panther T.V.
  6. The P.T.L. group has been hard at work raising money for the school. They have held two BBQs at Steeleville Marketplace raising over \$1500 and a popcorn sale which raised over \$2000.
  7. We have experienced a 24% increase in enrollment this year, many of the students in the lower grades.
  8. Our teaching staff has been stabilized with only one new teacher this academic year.
  9. We have had a smooth transition as we have instituted COVID Protocol for the safety of everyone in the building.
  10. The staff is on track to transition to a new English language arts curriculum for the 2021-2022 academic year.
  11. Thanks to the generosity and support of friends and members of St. Mark's who purchased items at the silent auction, many new items have been added to classrooms to enhance the learning and safety of our children.
  
- F. Board of Elders—Brian Smith, Chairman
  1. Advent Services—December 2, 9, 16 at 7:00 p.m.
    - a. We will not have meals before the services.
  
- G. Board of Stewardship—
  1. Wurstmart—Alinda Jeffers, Chairman
    - a. We will have our Wurstmart on November 1<sup>st</sup> with a few changes. The meal will be for drive-up only. Volunteer sheets were in the bulletin and flyers are available to be distributed in the community.
  
- H. Board of Evangelism—Bill Stegmann, Chairman
  
- I. Board of Youth—Rhonda Wilson, Chairman
  
- J. Board of Trustees—Scot Alms, Chairman
  1. The trustees along with Pastor Mark have begun to collect information, ideas and bids on painting the church ceiling and walls. After the initial study is done, information collected will be brought to the congregation.

- 2. Brittany Weaver has been hired as custodian at the church. The Trustees would like to thank Dawn Uchtman for her service.
- 3. Jan Can Painting has been hired to paint the outside trim around the windows of the church. This is the last of our “hail damage” repair.
- 4. The Trustees still have several small projects that will be completed by the end of this year.

K. President’s Report—Bruce Uchtman

L. Dinner Auction Committee

1. 2020 Financial Report

Starting Balance:.....	\$ 3,243.73
Total 2019 Deposits: .....	\$ 27,950.45
Total Operating Expenses: .....	\$ 952.54
Check Written to St. Mark’s Church: .....	\$ 24,000.00
“Make it Happen” Fund to St. Mark’s School:.....	\$ 3,015.00
Starting Balance for 2021: .....	\$ 3,226.64

M. Annual Fund Committee

N. Lutheran Women’s Missionary League—Carolyn Fritsche, President

O. Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School Association

*A motion to accept reports of all Boards, Committees, and Organizations is in order at this time.*

VIII. Old Business:

IX. New Business:

X. Adjournment

XI. Closing Prayer