

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
CONGREGATION OF  
CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GOLDEN VALLEY**

**OCTOBER 26, 2021**

The annual meeting of the congregation (the “Congregation”) of Calvary Lutheran Church of Golden Valley (“Calvary”) was held on October 26, 2021, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Central Time. The meeting was held in the Worship Center at 7520 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, Minnesota 55427.

More than 50 voting members of the Congregation, representing a quorum for purposes of transacting business of the Congregation and Calvary, were present.

Phil Reesnes, Council President, served as chair of the meeting and Laura Jensen, Council Secretary, served as secretary.

**Worship**

Josh Hoaby, Worship Experience Director, and Jacob Bierle, Worship Associate, led the Congregation in a time of worship and facilitated transitions between speakers through creative skits and music.

**Call to Order**

Phil called the meeting to order and welcomed Pastor Zach Thompson, Senior Pastor of Calvary, to lead the opening prayer.

**Opening Prayer**

Pastor Zach led the Congregation in an opening prayer thanking God for His goodness, faithfulness, and for what He is doing in this community and beyond. This prayer included this key request to “help us to stay laser focused on your mission and leading people to a closer relationship with Jesus.”

**Minutes of Prior Congregational Meetings**

Phil introduced the first order of business of the meeting, which was for the Congregation to approve the minutes of three meetings of the Congregation: the 2020 annual meeting, the meeting (April 25, 2021) to adopt Grace Lutheran Church and call Greg Stephenson to be the new campus pastor, and the meeting (October 10, 2021) to call Dan Thorson as a new associate pastor. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Congregation approved the minutes.

Josh and Jacob led a theatrical review of the minutes and highlights from the past year.

**Financial Report**

Candis Johnson presented the financial report for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

There were many unexpected things this past year including the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and Calvary adopting Grace Lutheran. Thank you for your generous giving that helped Calvary to keep going through the unexpected.

Revenues \$17.9M  
Expenses \$4.4M  
Surplus \$13.5M

The surplus is primarily the value of the donation of property that Grace Lutheran gave to Calvary when they voted to be adopted by Calvary (valued at \$11.9M for bookkeeping.)

Approximately \$900k was received from government funding. A portion was received in 2020 as part of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP, the federal government forgivable loan program during COVID-19) but was forgiven in 2021 and thus was credited to 2021 fiscal year. Calvary also received a second PPP and state grants that were used to support our Early Childhood Education (ECE) programs.

Surplus funds were used to renovate the Minnetonka campus, as well as upgrade the technology at the Golden Valley campus that supports both campuses.

### **Budget for Fiscal Year 2022**

Candis Johnson presented the financial report for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. There are still some pandemic uncertainties, but we are budgeting toward a more typical year than last year. The budget has built-in expectations of growth as we continue to invite people to both campuses—especially expecting growth in the Minnetonka campus.

The budget projects increased revenue of \$500k for childcare compared to last year. The numbers might not look like an increase, due to prepaid revenues that hit last year plus grant money last year that are not expected this year.

This budget shows a net surplus. However, a reporting change this year means that mortgage payments are not in this budget. Therefore, the net surplus needs to be high enough to cover mortgage payments.

The budget was duly motioned, seconded and then approved.

Josh and Jacob sang an instructional musical number (to the tune of Do-Re-Mi) for how to become a nominee.

### **Nominating Committee**

Julie Holman represented the Nominating Committee for the Nominating Committee Report. She introduced the Nominating Committee members comprised, in addition to Julie, of Dave Kufahl, Melanie Racer, Scott Madson and Mark Pedersen. Julie then described the Nominating Committee process which included: learned about the about the committees needing nominees, guided by prayer, and then sought nominees.

Nominees:

Endowment Board: Steve Hagstrom, Greg Liska, Kay Kufah

Columbarium Board:  
Calvary Community Services Committee:

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the candidates as recommended by the Nominating Committee. The motion passed in a voice vote.

Congregational President Phil Reesnes was introduced with presidential fanfare and “fireworks”.

### **Congregational President’s Report**

Phil reminded the congregation that Calvary’s mission is to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. He noted that it is good to be reminded so we stay focused and united in our mission.

Jacob and Josh discussed Jacob’s costume change--Jacob came onto the stage wearing his suit to impress. Then Josh and Jacob introduced Pastor Zach Thompson, Calvary’s Senior Pastor, with the walkup song of Son of a Preacher Man.

### **Senior Pastor’s Report**

Pastor Zach noted that it was quite a year. The COVID-19 Pandemic was going on.

Three highlights from the year:

1. Our church has stayed united.
2. Our church has stayed focused on mission--even through all the changes and necessary pivots through the year. People have found ways to reach needs within the community.
3. We’ve kept the faith throughout this trying time. (Opening of a new campus! Another opportunity for mission.)

Let’s not look back. Let’s stay focused on moving forward. (Don’t be like Lot’s wife.) It’s tempting to look back through the 75 years of our history. But look at the new opportunities to be the church today, in the culture that God has given us.

We still have an exciting 5-year vision (first unveiled online right after Easter of 2020). Stay focused:

- No hurdles to hope.
- No person left alone.
- No kid without 5 adults on their team.
- No inch unused.

Focus on the basics again. It seems common that people put their faith on pause (with everything else) during the pandemic. What is your next step? Following Jesus is a growing experience. Calvary needs volunteers! Maybe, increase your giving. Who are you inviting?

Isaiah 48:17 “I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go.”

Phil suspended the Calvary meeting for the Calvary Community Services, Inc. Annual Meeting. Phil introduced Mr. Steve Grygar.

### **Calvary Community Services, Inc. Annual Meeting**

Steve Grygar, chair of Calvary Community Services, Inc., convened the meeting and then gave a report and update and presented the following notes:

- There are 80 units in the building.
- Services were limited this year due to COVID.
- There have been several cases of COVID-19 in the building including several residents who have passed away.
- Additional cleaning and sanitation of common areas was done.
- COVID-19 has resulted in higher unit turns and more vacancies.
- They have been fully staffed for normal operations.
- Residents have been respectful of social distancing and wearing masks.
- Most residents have been vaccinated.
- The apartment building celebrated 40 years.

The Calvary Community Services meeting was adjourned. Phil reconvened the Calvary Lutheran Church meeting.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

Josh and Jacob presented a comically long list of ideas, but they were declined because they were not submitted by the deadline in advance of the meeting.

### **Closing Prayer**

Pastor Dan spoke the closing prayer including Colossians 3:15. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Thank you, God, for this past year. We surrender ourselves to Your church.

Thank you to Josh and Sweet Jacob for their interludes and sharing their talents through the meeting.

Motion to adjourn. Motioned, seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:39 pm.