

**PASTORAL SEARCH TEAM  
MEETING MINUTES  
Calvary Lutheran Church  
Thursday, September 8, 2011  
6:00 P.M.**

**Present:** Grace Gunnlaugsson, Larry Bonier, Ron Foster, Kim Steiner, Janet Zastrow, Erica Zipp, Pastor Cathi Braasch

**Absent:** Andy Schatz, Peggy Langelin, Mark Nyka

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*We decided via email to meet earlier in the evening.*

**Opening Prayer & Devotion**

- The meeting was opened with prayer.

**Business**

- Grace discussed her conversations with Chris Brauns. We will meet on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. We will get food from Panera. We decided to let him basically take the lead on the discussion.
- Ron & Kim will distribute information documents re: former staff.
- Bible & Book study
  - Titus 3: Titus was a “broker”; this is a commissioning letter
  - Revisited chapters 5-7 of Chris Brauns: particularly dealt with expository preaching.
  - Pastor Cathi talked about how she writes her sermons: FIAT – Focus, Inform, Apply, Take it home.
  - A preacher should take the Word into the world, not the world into worship.
  - Words of wisdom from Chris Brauns: “take your pride and put it in the offering basket.”
- Strategic Plan: work on this after talking with Chris Brauns and before the congregational survey
  - Recommend a new mission & vision statement for Calvary (still need one for PST also); PST will work on both.
  - Erica will lead a workshop to help develop a mission statement for Calvary on Thursday night after Chris Brauns meeting (15 minutes)
- Study leader is not needed for Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> since Opportunity International will be here.

**Future Meetings**

- Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm with guest Chris Brauns.

**Closing**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 pm.

Respectfully, prayerfully & joyfully submitted,

Kim Steiner  
Recording Secretary