

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL CALL SERVICE

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 8, 2008

The service was begun by Pastor Stan Jones Invocation and singing the opening hymn. There were 144 members in attendance.

The service continued with Ruth Bruch reading Psalm 67. Howard Harlson read the first lesson from Romans 10:14-17 and Coleen Gast read the second lesson from John 17: 14-18.

Pastor Stan Jones gave a brief exhortation from the Word about calling a pastor. He also gave a personal testimonial regarding the process of being called as pastor to a new church. He noted much prayer is needed for both congregations involved as well as for the pastor being called to successfully complete the decision making process. He mentioned that the Holy Spirit works in the call process.

Members of the call committee then presented their prayers for understanding, wisdom and guidance. George Albers reviewed the history of the Lutheran church and then explained the call process followed by BVLC. Then, Gene Roy gave a report from the call committee. John Hughes presented the collected information about Pastor Hass. Discussion and questions were called for at that time. Next, a time for silent meditation was allowed before the secret ballot was distributed.

The ballots were then collected and taken to be counted. Pastor Jones led the congregation in prayer while the ballots were being counted.

The vote was returned 137 for and 5 against. George Albers asked for a motion to make the vote unanimous to extend our call to pastor Paul Hass. The motion was approved. Gene Roy made a phone call to pastor Hass informing him of our decision. Gene reported that pastor was looking forward to receiving our call document and that he and his wife would like to visit the area soon.

The service was closed with the Benediction by Pastor Jones and the congregation singing a hymn. The service was concluded by singing "God is so Good".

Secretary, Cathy Bernthal