

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION COUNCIL
OF GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF WESTMINSTER,
MARYLAND
HELD ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2011 AT 12:25 P.M.**

Members Present:

Randy Bachtel, Charlie Beckhardt, Al Doermann, Ted Forman, Karen Ganjon, Donald Ludwig, Michele Krichinsky, Johanna Monka, Rich Schuster, Mike Shipley, Nancy Taylor, Linwood Van Horn, John Yarish, Rev. Martha Clementson, Rev. Kevin Clementson

Members Absent: Deborah Brennan, Ron Fairchild

Guest: Drew McCaffery

Opening of Meeting:

Charlie Beckhardt, President of the Council, called the meeting to order at 12:25 p.m. He welcomed the new Council members and offered a brief devotion; reading Psalm 33:8-12 followed by prayer.

Election of Council Officers for 2012:

The following persons were nominated, accepted and elected as officers of the Congregation Council:

Charles Beckhardt, President
Randy Bachtel, Vice President
Nancy Taylor, Secretary
Don Ludwig, Treasurer

Charlie expressed his congratulations to the elected officers and his appreciation for their willingness to serve in these leadership positions.

New Business

A motion was made and approved to formally destroy the written ballots for the election of Council members and the Council officers.

Charlie announced that the next Council meeting is December 19, 2011, at 7 p.m. in room 108. All members of Council will receive a copy of the Constitution of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. A brief orientation/review of the Constitution will be part of the December meeting agenda. Should anyone have an agenda item for Council, please contact the Pastors or Charlie.

Charlie announced that the Executive Committee will meet December 14, 2011, at 7:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned with the praying of the Lord's Prayer.