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**Eden Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2011**

Meeting called to order by President Steve Anderson at 6:40 PM.

Devotions by Bishop Fink

Members present: Steve Anderson, Harvey Clark, Lyle Hodgerson, Betty Jean Denham, Pastor Josh Martyn, James Samsom, Joe Ludwick, Demitry Altshuller and Nancy Svete.

Visitors present: Bishop Fink, Pastor Hedi Hester, Linda Brown.

New business:

Bishop Fink reviewed Pastoral transition period options. Discussion of hiring Linda Brown as new pastor at Eden.

Motion – Dimity/Betty Jean to hire Linda Brown with a one year interim pastoral term call and a 6 month reevaluation period and renewal option. MSC.

Motion – Lyle/Barbara for a monthly salary package of \$5500 plus pension contributions for Linda Brown. MSC. Linda will let us know about her salary split option choices. She has her own health insurance program and will not be getting that benefit from the ELCA. Instead of the insurance benefit, her salary includes an offset to help with her auto expenses.

Congregational meeting set for 9/25/11 for call approval vote. Linda would start on 9/25/11 as a supply pastor with a official paid start date of 10/1/11, salary payments for bridge time worked to be negotiated. Her pastoral ordination date is yet to be determined.

Dates -

9/11/11 – Bishop will lead worship service with a discussion period about Linda Brown to follow.

9/18/11 – Pastor Hedi Hester from the synod office will lead worship service.

9/25/11 – Linda Brown will lead worship service as a supply pastor.

10/1/11 – Linda Brown will officially start at Eden (assuming congregational approval).

Closing devotions – Bishop Fink

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 PM.

Submitted by Lyle Hodgerson