

Agenda
Congregational Council

St. John's Lutheran Church
October 22, 2019 | 7:00 p.m.

Prayer - We begin our meeting centered in the presence of God. Silence, then opening prayer led by Jenny Nystrom.

1. Future Dates
 - a. Boards - Tuesday, November 12. Treats provided by Evangelism & Communication at 6:45 p.m.
Reminder: Please contact your board members prior to the meeting to remind them.
 - b. Council - Tuesday, November 26, 2019, 7:00 p.m.; Mark Gleason, prayer.
2. Pastor's Report
3. Financial Report
 - a. Foundation funds
4. Council Action Items & Updates
5. Consent Agenda Items
 - a. Benevolence & Social Concerns is requesting \$2,000 from the St. John's Foundation - Kathy Shea.
 - b. Personnel Committee - David Nitz
6. Prayer - The president leads a prayer asking God's grace and help in our ministry. Lord's prayer: after the president's prayer is concluded, we finish the meeting praying the prayer Jesus taught us.
7. Adjournment follows.

Children's Ministry and Education Committee
Minutes, October 8, 2019

Members Present: Staff Members Julie Brehmer and Pastor Jonathan, Kris Vatter, Amy McBroom, Scott Boehning, Rachel Brownlee, Melissa Pellinen, and Erik Holleque

Julie showed us pictures of the various boards to give to Sunday School classes. The classes will use them to acquaint them with the duties of the boards and to pray for them in their work. Pictures of the Sunday School were taken and will be presented on Oct. 27 for the time capsule. This month the classes are praying for Norway.

The Christmas program is slated for Dec. 15 on the theme "Around the World."

On the schedule:

- Rekindle Oct. 18-19
- Movie Morning Nov. 4
- Board Mtg Nov. 12
- Advent Fair Dec. 4
- Board Mtg Dec. 10
- Kids' Night Out Feb 28

We discussed Summer Camp and how to get the info out to parents and generate interest in Good Earth Village.

We spent time talking about the Pray Ground and the concerns raised by the Faith and Health Board. The removal of the rug is the first step in addressing safety concerns. More to come.

Submitted by,
Erik Holleque

Faith and Health
October 8, 2019

Members present: Shirley, Guenther, Debby, Christy and Bonnie

1. All systems ready for blood drive October 24, 1:00-7:00pm. Presently 22 registered for 29 spots. 93 pints so far!
2. Pastor Jonathan visited us about the pray ground; it is a work in progress. Perhaps move baptismal font to open up traffic area around pray ground, also a flatter play rug.
3. Reviewed Health Fair opportunities and plan to set up with banners November 9, 9:30am.

4. Announced new parish nurse, Sally Lindell. We look forward to having her join us.
5. We will be ready to host a social for those who have lost loved ones, if called.

Respectfully, Bonnie

Benevolence and Social Concerns
October 8, 2019
Kathy Shea, Chair Notes

Meals on Wheels

St. John's four-week period ended on October 12. We appreciate the help of the many people who filled the 97 openings we had for drivers to deliver meals.

Adult Forums

We are sponsoring a series of six forums on care of creation. Anne Gothmann's talk on climate change was well received as the first talk on September 21. Future presentations are

Oct. 20 – Martha Larson on energy use

Nov. 3 – Kristi Pursell on water, specifically the Cannon River Watershed

Jan 19 – Dave Legvold on sustainable farming

March 15 – Kiara Jorgenson on ethics

Kathy Schuurman will look further for a speaker on social justice for Feb. 16.

Thanks yous - We received thank you notes from

- 1) Matt Berg-Wall for the donation to the snack cart program at Greenvale School. We paid for snack for 75 kids for one quarter of the school year,
- 2) Kathy Chatelain, SEMN Synod, for funds through IELCO in Columbia to build an open shelter over outdoor learning and play space at their schools,
- 3) Operation Backpack in Northfield for money for backpacks and school supplies,
- 4) Bread for the World, as they urge the passage of the Global Nutrition Resolution in the US Congress to improve maternal and child nutrition,
- 5) Bishop Steve Delzer, SEMN Synod, to help support campus ministries, Good Earth Village and a Luther seminary student.

Budget

We agreed to postpone spending from our discretionary budget – we have about \$600 left – until we see if income to the operating budget allows us to spend the full budgeted amount.

We have \$2000 remaining in the mission budget of \$6000 and plan to ask the St. John's Foundation for this \$2000 to fund \$1000 to Border Servant Corp – part of SE MN Global Missions and \$1000 to Augusta Victoria Hospital in Jerusalem. This hospital provides needed services to Palestinians.

World Hunger Appeal at St. Johns

We ask St. John's members for donations for World Hunger during November (there is an offering envelope in the envelope packet. Carolyn Nitz agreed to write an article for the November Voice (due Oct. 15) and November News Blasts.

The next meeting is Nov. 12, 2019.

Adult Ministry and Education Board Sunday, October 6, 2019

Members present: Merylyn Calcutt, Andy Nelson, Rob Quanbeck, Kathleen Hanson, Genevieve Quarberg and Anita Hellie

Bell Museum Trip

After contacts were made with the Bell Museum and learning of the timings of their tours during their busy school season it was decided that it would be best to postpone this trip until summer. The Board will address this again in the spring.

Proposed Forum on Aging

Kathleen had proposed doing a forum on aging. Kathleen is going to be contacting Pastor Jonathon to determine what date would be available; possibly in the Spring.

Experimental Small Group

After the recent Sunday Forum on Prayer, Genevieve proposed that our Board look at establishing an experimental small group that would meet on Sundays between services for the express purpose of reading/studying scripture and praying together. Genevieve will gather more information and perhaps propose some potential leaders. The Board agreed that it should be a short term event at least as we begin; thinking that people will be willing to try to attend if it has a beginning date and an ending date.

Writing your Personal Psalm

The Adult Ministry and Education Board is challenging St. John's members (adults, children and youth) to write their own Psalm. Genevieve will meet with Julie to see if some children can be encouraged to take on this task and a sample will be made available to those who are interested. We encourage these Psalms to be written during the months of October, November and December (see page 19 of the October Voice).

Alzheimer's/Dementia Workshop

Anita brought a proposal of the speaker who does an hour presentation on Alzheimer's/Dementia. The presentation would include how caregivers and acquaintances alike can help people dealing with this. The presentation will take place on a Saturday morning in February beginning with coffee and rolls at 9:30 and the speaker at 10 a.m. Other churches and community will be invited to join St. John's for this presentation.

Library

New books are being added to the library and Genevieve is continuing to do a monthly informational column in each *Voice*. The new software is up and running and data entry is progressing.

Ministry with Youth & Families Board Minutes

October 8, 2019

Present: Jenny Nystrom, Rob Nutt, Emily Westerback ; Staff: Angie Gehring, Emmanuel Kaghondi;
Absent: Sue Hagen, Barry Becker, Dan Franklin, Johan Schroeer

- Outstanding Treats – Thanks Youth Board!!!

- Communication - generally
 - Remind working well for HS
 - 14 students and 7 parents
 - MS needs parents to sign up
 - MS continues to rely more on email

- Regular programming
 - Sunday MS Group - Appx 13 MS coming regularly Sunday
 - Wednesdays HS Group – 9th graders + 3-4 HS
 - Discussed ways to try and engage more HS. Perhaps meeting various places downtown or having Pizza available

- Mill Town Haunt
 - 10/25 8:30 (after 150 year celebration Silent Movie)
 - Drivers – Barry, Emily Jenny, Todd Menssen
 - Cost \$5 (St Johns subsidizes rest)
 - Costumes welcome but not required

- Romans and Christians potluck
 - Discussion of whether to include Bethel/other churches

- Decision for Nov to keep it at St. Johns for potluck
- 6:30 – 7:30 potluck; game to follow
- Angie has Google Doc
- Encourage college students to volunteer
- Kris Vatter volunteer

- 10th-12th Grade Lock-in
 - 11/22/19
 - Have various activities in various rooms
 - Laser tag; movies; GaGa ball; Wii/Video game; Ghosts in the Graveyard
 - Lights out at certain time

- College Care Packages
 - 10/30/19 Assembly w/Pizza
 - Amazon gift card; snacks; group photo
 - 12/7 Pay it Forward
 - Dec. post-grad reunion event
 - Jan in home event – Family identified?
 - See Calendars
 - Budget – No real changes identified to date. Further discussion at next meeting.

Next Meeting: **11/12/2019 – 7:00 (6:45 to partake in treats)**