

Agenda

Congregation Council

St. John's Lutheran Church
March 20, 2018 + 7:00 p.m.

1. Prayer – *We begin our meeting centered in the presence of God.*

Silence, then opening prayer led by Nancy Ordahl Kmoch. *A time of silence for prayer and for gathering our hearts and minds together will precede the prayer.*

2. Future dates

a. Boards – April 10, 2018 7:00pm (at chairs' discretion) Treats provided by Business Management Board at 6:45 pm.

Reminder: Please call or e-mail your board members prior to the meeting and remind them

b. Council – **April 24, 2018** 7:00pm; Martha Erickson, prayer

3. Pastor's Report

4. Council Action Items and Updates

- a. Children, Youth & Families (CYF) – Pr. Jonathan
- b. Worship & Arts fund request: Grand piano maintenance/repair – Nancy Ordahl Kmoch
- c. Properties & Grounds update – Terry Dell
- d. Grace Overflowing update
- e. Financial Policy revisions – Martha Erickson
- f. Funeral/Hospitality Update
- g. Update on potential insurance claim – Pr. Pam

5. Consent Agenda Items for Council

- a. Treasurer's Report, February 2018
- b. Minutes from the February 27, 2018 meeting

6. Prayer – The president leads a prayer asking God's grace and help on 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.

Appendix:

1. St. John's Foundation

	St. John's Fund	World Mission	Youth	Music	Bldg/Property	Media	Community Social	Soli Seminary	College Scholarships	Total
Original Allocation	16,795.00	172.50	1,037.50	805.00	1,542.50	935.00	390.00	1,015.00	2,307.50	25,000.00
Used for:										
CYF Transition Team Consultant – Karen Gieseke \$500.00			\$500.00							
Balance			\$537.50							

2. Board Minutes/Notes from February 2018

Adult Ministry and Education

No Minutes provided.

Benevolence and Social Concerns

Benevolence and Social Concerns Notes, 2/13/18

Present: Jo Franklin, Sue Sharrow, Kathy Shea, Kathy Schuurman, Jane Rinehart (chair)
Pastor Pam visited for part of the meeting

1. Welcome to new board member Kathy Schuurman. Sue has been active with the Refugee Team and in this capacity has had regular contact with Lutheran Social Services in Minneapolis.
Our other new member, Gretchen Hardgrove, is unable to attend tonight as she is out of town.
2. LSS has asked that our church have an "LSS Ambassador" to keep St. John's informed of LSS events. Kathy Schuurman agrees to take on this role. We will ask Bernie to release the \$3000 budgeted for LSS.
3. We reviewed the B&SC concerns budget for 2018. Most of our requests for the budget were met, including the increase to LSS from \$2,500 in 2017, to \$3,000 in 2018.
4. JRLC Day on the Hill is March 13. Jane is considering going. Funds have been made available from the Peace and Justice group to pay for 3 youth to attend.
5. A synod conference on global missions, "Renew, The Dance of Radical Hospitality" will be held in Owatonna on Feb. 24. Jane, Jo, Kathy Schuurman, and possibly Kristin Partlo, plan to attend.
6. MN Food Share collections are in March. Kathy Shea will write an article for the Voice. Jane will write a shorter version for the news blast and Sunday bulletin in March.
7. The Peace and Justice team will join us at our board meeting next month to discuss a focus for advocacy/education for the coming year. We discussed coordinating advocacy with the 150th Anniversary grant recipients. The first grant that will be funded is Community Building with Laura Baker Services, which has a goal of building relationships with developmentally disabled members of LBS. I'll invite Sandi Gerdes, Dir. of LBSA, to come to our March meeting. I'll also invite the WELCA education/justice leaders to attend, so we can coordinate programming with WELCA.
8. Pastor Pam informed us of the need for meals for the high school students in the Alternative Learning Center (ALC), which is located in Longfellow School across the street from St. John's. The school does not have a food program or cafeteria. Pastor Jonathan is in discussion with the school and with some St. John's members to start servicing breakfast at St. John's to the students. As the program develops, we can consider giving discretionary funds to this program.
9. Next meeting date: March 13.

Business Management Minutes – 02/13/18

Present: Martha Erickson, David Norman, Mark Ulmer, Bob Tabery, Brent Mueller, Bernie Renander

Reviewed January 2018 finances

Handed out Finance Policy for committee members to review and suggest how to add the rules for approving and spending Grace Overflowing Capital expenditures.

- It was suggested that the policy should be written in a generic way so that the policy does not need to be adjusted for future multi-year capital campaigns
- The policy was going to be emailed out so that the members could spend a little time to read the document and to make the appropriate recommendations.

Signed up to set-up, serve and clean-up the March 7th Lenten Soup Supper
Children's Ministry and Education

Evangelism and Communication

Faith and Health Minutes
February 13, 2018

Present: Guenther, Howard, Jennifer

1. Soup Supper – Faith and Health is in charge of cleanup at Wednesday, March 21. Cleanup begins at 5:30, and will last until 7-7:30 pm. You can see from the task list below that if we are all working, this will go much more quickly. Let Jennifer know ASAP if you will not be able to help on March 21. Jobs include:
 - running the dishwasher and putting away clean dishes
 - washing pots and pans
 - sweeping the kitchen and wiping down all services
 - rinsing air pots
 - wiping off tables
 - taking care of leftovers
 - removing garbage
2. Convenings Report – Guenther attended the Convenings session on Feb. 8. He reported that it was another excellent session that was very well attended.
3. Jennifer will follow-up with request form Blood Mobile to have a blood drive at St. John's. After talking with Pastor Pam, it was decided that a Wednesday from 8 am-2 pm would work best. We will need volunteers to help with this. Guenther, Howard, and Jennifer are available to help. We will check at our next meeting to see if anyone else is available.
4. The Northfield Hospital and Clinics are looking at ways to expand their community outreach to share health information. Jennifer indicated to Betsy Spethman, Director of Community Relations that we would be glad to meet with her about ways we can partner with the hospital in sharing information.
5. Lynette will take care of replenishing first aid kits specifically with new band-aids.
6. Other ideas for 2018:
 - a. Work with Called to Care to expand their membership. This could be particularly helpful to Melissa and the pastors if they see specific needs when they are visiting congregation members.
 - b. Convenings/Advanced care planning – consider follow-up for congregation after Susan Lohman's Forum presentation on Feb. 25. (Discuss at March meeting).
 - c. Continue with meetings for those who are grieving – early summer and before All Saint's Day. Identify some dates and check with Pastor Pam to see if these times fit her schedule.
 - d. Longer range planning with Melissa – what can Faith and Health be doing to help her and address needs that she is seeing. (Discuss at March or April meeting).

Properties and Grounds

Present were: Terry, Tim, Leif, Jim and Craig.

1. Conducted introductions
2. Offered to serve Soup Supper 2/14/18
3. Reviewed the ongoing project list and discussed status and needs for each of the major projects.
4. Board members volunteered to be the main contact for various projects spreading the workload

Stewardship

Worship and Arts Notes 2-13-18

Present: Nathan Proctor, Carolyn Jennings, Ruth Legvold, Nancy Ordahl Knoch, Scott Swanson; Absent friends: David Nitz, Barb Knaak

Clean-up Crew

We signed up to be clean up crew for the Wednesday soup supper on **March 14**. Please come and eat at 5:00. Our shift goes from 5:30-7:30 and it is understood that we will miss the service that week. If you feel strongly about attending the service perhaps you could find a sub to take your place on the crew that night. If so, please let the board know of your intentions. We need 2 or 3 dishwashers (one dirty, one clean minimum) The rest of us can divide up the other clean-up duties as summarized in the handout titled "Soup Supper Set-Up, Serving, & Clean-Up Tasks. If you did not take home a copy I will see if we can get it up on the CBC website. Carolyn volunteered to wipe tables.

150th Celebration

Reformation Sunday 2019 is slated to be the big celebration weekend, but there will be lead-up events as well as post Reformation events in celebration of the 150th. Our board is charged with shaping worship services and other things involving the worship space (see info on painting below) as well as securing commissioned works of music and art. Nathan has approached several composers, but we have not secured anyone yet, except for John Ferguson who has agreed to do something.

Maakestad sculpture possibility: Mark Gleason caught me after Boards tonight and told me about a planned walking tour of sculpture in Northfield (like the sidewalk poetry tour), complete with a brochure. It is possible that if we end up ----- the "Firebird" on the St. John's grounds, it would be included as a stop on the walking tour. That was intriguing news!

Work on the **Good Shepherd window** (upstairs on the south wall of the sanctuary behind the organ) is likely to commence after Easter of this year.

Logistics still need to be discussed around the timing for painting the sanctuary, pew refinishing, tuck pointing, replacing the floor in Fellowship Hall, and new lighting for the Narthex. Pastor Pam sent out some information regarding a bid from Doug Child for painting the sanctuary, which I have included as an addendum to these notes. [Kristy – I won't attach for inclusion in Council packet for March]

Easter comes at the end of the spring break for the school district.

Easter Vigil

We have been asked to assist with the planning of and recruitment of assistance with logistics of Easter Vigil. Nathan has fewer available back-ups and could really use our support to keep things going. I forgot to mention at the meeting tonight that we have been asked to pull a team together to work on this. In Pastor Pam's words, "we need both a couple idea people as well as some

folks who can just be worker bees attending to things like candles and hospitality, etc. It would be great if the worship board can help provide some of the support needed.”

Agenda for March

Brainstorm Ideas for Celebration (planning committee wants them). Could we each take some moments to come up with at least one idea to share at our next meeting?

Easter Vigil – its on us to plan and recruit help for that night – logistics of candles etc...

Youth and Family Ministry Board Meeting Minutes

2/13/18

Present: Jenny Nystrom, Dan Franklin, Rob Nutt, Sue Hagen, Barry Becker, Sylvi Hanson, Elsa Nystrom
Absent: Beret Froehle
Also present: Angie Gehring, Pastor Jonathan

1. Introductions – why interested in Youth Ministry
2. Role of Youth Board
 - a. Visioning and Structural help - Assisting with Volunteers/Events; Communication; Calendars
 - b. Want to be a substantive board – not just rubber-stamping
3. Youth Ministry Search/Improvement Planning
 - a. Transition Team Committee
 - i. Michele Knutson, Katherine Norrie, Karen Fossum, Will Schroeer, Jenny Nystrom, Pastor Jonathan
 - ii. Met to review Sustainable Youth Ministry and do some broad, early-stage discussions
 - iii. Will be utilizing Karen Gieseke (Associate at Luther Seminary; former Director for Faith Formation SE Synod ELCA) to help mentor and facilitate certain stages
 - iv. Will be seeking broad input from stakeholders
4. Recent Events
 - a. HS Christmas Planning/Party – Peggy
 - b. MS/HS Ski Trip – Jan. 13th
 - c. MS Bowling – Jan. 15th
 - d. 9th Grade Mentor/Mentee Service Project – Jan. 27th
 - e. HS Sledding Party – Feb. 3rd
5. Upcoming events
 - a. High School Party – Peggy Feb. 19
 - b. College Info Session - Juniors and Sophomores – Feb. 21
 - c. Romans and Christians – March 2nd
 - i. College students assisting
 - ii. Addtl volunteers needed
 - d. Easter Sunday – April 1
 - e. HS Mission Trip – Houston - June 16-24
 - f. MS Mission Trip – Milwaukee – June 16-22
6. Annual Calendar
 - i. Putting together tentative ‘general’ calendar w/annual events
 - ii. Separate page of suggested events to plug in
 1. Popular annual events
 - a. Serving Easter Breakfast
 - b. Advent Fair
 - c. Interfaith Retreat
 - d. Romans and Christians
 - e. Camp/mission trip
 - f. Senior recognition Luncheon
 - g. ?Youth Auction
 2. Suggested events
 - a. Nursing Home Gift Boxes
 - b. Timberwolves Game
 - c. Trunk or Treat

- d. Ghost Stories
 - e. Pay it Forward
 - f. Amazing Grace (like Amazing Race) during Crop Walk
 - g. Movie night
 - h. Canoeing
 - i. Lock-in (possibly St. Olaf)
 - j. Night of Awesomeness
7. Table Issues: Babysitting List/Nursery Volunteers; 150 year celebration
- 8. Youth Board clean-up Soup Supper – Feb 28**

NO COUNCIL REQUESTS

3. Board Minutes/Notes from March 2018

Adult Ministry and Education

Adult Education & Ministry Board St. John's Lutheran Church 8 March 2018

Present: Merilyn Calcutt, Anita Hellie, Bev Johnson, Alyssa Ness, Genevieve Quarberg,

Martin Thorsheim Library Current priorities for the library evolution are: meeting with current library volunteers/committee members; creating a set of criteria for keeping/culling incoming and existing materials; redoing the children's section so that Julie can start with it in the fall; and getting the various works by St. John's authors collected in one place. Most changes will be put on hold until a meeting can be held with the current volunteers, who have invested much time and effort in this space over the years and whose input and blessing is desired. In terms of eventual potential physical changes to the current library space, Scott Swanson has been asked for a quote for shelving around the wall; this would create more open space to be used for gathering purposes.

Calendar

Anita thinks that there should be a calendar available for St. John's Adult Learning opportunities in the church. Front side of the paper is a calendar; the back side would give more information regarding the upcoming events. Per Merilyn, it doesn't take that much time to work up the sheet; she could do this for the board if we wanted to produce these calendars for a trial period. They could be made available at the Welcome Desk, and advertised in the bulletin ("A schedule for this month's St. John's Adult Learning opportunities is available at the Welcome Desk"). We'll try it, month by month, April through May, and see what happens. Merilyn will format and handle the details, and we'll see what happens. If nobody picks it up, we'll know where to go from there. We'll have to be careful, as office costs would be an addition to our budget.

Budget

We discussed the budget, in that it appears from the latest treasurer's report that the majority of our Adult Education and Library budgets have been spent already in January alone. Alyssa has an e-mail out to Bernie to inquire about how this has occurred (the only expenses we're aware of are \$15.00 for books, and \$50.00 for a speaker for a WELCA event). We want to take a closer look and better control of the budget, so that our money isn't spent without our knowledge/permission. We wonder if it would be possible for us to get an itemized statement every month. Alyssa will revisit the matter of the devotionals with Pr. Davis, who she believes assisted in ascertaining the numbers ordered and numbers used the last time this topic arose.

Reports on the Monthly Bible Studies

Per Merilyn, there were about 12-14 people at the Bible Study on Wednesday; it's composed of two Circles. Alyssa notes that attendance has been sparse at the Saturday meeting (perhaps the time is a bit too early on a Saturday, and there have been funerals going on for all past events, as there will also be for the next one), but that she had spoken enthusiastically about the study topics with Angie Gehring, and Angie had recently been in touch to note that this Saturday, it has been arranged to move the study time from 10:00 to 11:00, in order to allow 2-3 interested high schoolers to attend.

Summer Suppers

Alyssa contacted Jen Wellbaum and she has agreed that she'd be willing to help organize at least one of these again. Martin notes that the next step would probably be to find a date for this to get it on the calendar in advance and start marketing it from there. NO ACTION ITEMS AT THIS TIME

Benevolence and Social Concerns Notes, 3/13/18

Present: Jo Franklin, Gretchen Hardgrove, Sue Sharrow, Kathy Shea, Kathy Schuurman, Jane Rinehart (chair)

Visitors: Sandi Gerdes, Director of Laura Baker Services Assoc.; Anita Hellie and Mary Holleque, education/justice team for WELCA; Dawn Tommerdahl, leader of St. John's Peace and Justice team. Pastor Pam dropped in at the end of the meeting

1. The focus of the meeting was to brainstorm ideas for promoting the first 150th anniversary grant project: Community Building through Music, Art and Technology with Laura Baker Services. Sandi presented the goals of the project, which is to encourage and develop personal relationships with members of the LBS community. The theme suggested was "Creating Community." In addition to the groups that will be led by the LBS music therapist, we brainstormed how WELCA and Peace and Justice group can promote this project.

These ideas were suggested:

- advocacy letters to the state legislature. Currently LBS has asked for letters to "Support Workforce Initiative" on their website: laurabaker.org/leaders.
- other advocacy issues are affordable housing, which would help both LBS members who do not live on the LBS campus, and the LBS staff, whose incomes are low, making most rents unaffordable.
- learning how to have conversations with people different from ourselves. Three sessions will be held between services on April 15, 22 and 29 to address this, but more sessions may be needed over the course of this 2 year project.
- Forum and/or WELCA topics for presentation:
 - LBS history
 - Poverty and how it affects the community
 - How Northfield zoning and housing policy impacts affordable housing
 - Employment for the developmentally disabled

- Respite services for families of the disabled, and how St. John's can be supportive of families
- Building awareness of the needs of the developmentally disabled

2. Next session: since 3 members are out of town on April 10, we will meet on Thursday, April 12 at 7 pm in the Fireside room. Topic: allocation of the undesignated benevolence fund.

Business Management

Children's Ministry and Education

Children's Ministry and Education Committee
Minutes, Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Members present: Staff Member Julie Brehmer, Sue Brockman, Kris Vatter, Scott Boehning, Jane Becker-Nelson, Erik Holleque

We spent quite a bit of time downstairs in Fellowship Hall with the Youth Ministry and Education board, looking at possibilities for renovation of the floor, walls, and ceiling. Many ideas were shared, and decisions have not been finalized.

Upstairs we discussed the nursery attendant, Hannah, who is a St. Olaf senior and has resigned. Sara Small is the new attendant. Summer nursery duties for the 10 a.m. service were discussed.

The Sunday School is praying for Ireland this month and the blessing box is being used. The Sunday School buys supplies and donations are received for filling the box. The dollar amount for Sunday School offering is down currently.

The number of prayer buddies—4th and 5th graders--- is the most ever and is going well. Carol Benson is organizing a spring musical scheduled for May 9 and a day at the YMCA is set for May 16.

The Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Mar. 31.

Upcoming events include VBS June 11-14, Green Lake June 24-29, and the last day of Sunday School is May 13.

Submitted by Erik Holleque

Evangelism and Communication

Faith and Health

Faith and Health Minute March 13, 2018

1. Soup supper - We are scheduled for clean-up on Wednesday, March 21 from 5:30-7:15
 - Howard, Guenther, Lynette, Melissa will be available to work.
 - Email has been sent to Leah to see if she can also work.
 - Bonnie will be out of town this night. Jennifer might be out of town.
 - At least one more person will be needed for clean-up.

2. Blood mobile at St. John's – Wednesday, June 6 from 8 am – 1:30 pm
 - Howard, Guenther, Jennifer, and Bonnie are all available to work at this event.
 - Red Cross will send further information about this in May.
 - Possibility of having people sign up between services in May.

3. Thoughts about continuing discussion about end of life - medical directives
 - After much discussion, we decided to hold a Health Fair in the fall in St. John's Hall. We thought by having a variety of topics, we might gain a larger group than just having a session on medical directives.
 - In a brainstorming session, we came up with the following possibilities to be part of this health fair:
 - Northfield Hospital – Information about their programs
 - Health Care Directives – forms so people can begin to draft a plan
 - Stephen Ministers
 - Grief booklets
 - Hospice
 - Home Health Care
 - Long-term care health insurance
 - Andy Langehough
 - Opioid crisis
 - Bone Builders
 - Blood pressure checks
 - Take is to the Box information
 - We will discuss these possibilities and others at a future meeting.

4. Lynette will replenish church first aid kits.

Properties and Grounds

Notes from Property board 3/13/18

Present: Jim, Leif, Craig, Pat, Terry, Tim

Projects discussed:

- Air Conditioner and air exchange still on schedule to work after Easter.
- Shepherd window still on schedule for repair after Easter

- Painting sanctuary. Have one quote but need a second for a project this big. Leif and Tim will work on another contractor.
- Tuck Pointing Craig is working on finding contractors. If the projects gets delayed too much, we may need to repair some areas.
- Nurse office gets hot in the summer. Exploring options including moving the office or air conditioning.
- Sidewalk is heaving in places. Priority is on main entry areas. Tim is contacting contractors but work will not get done until spring. Painted yellow lines as warning temporarily.
- Fellowship hall floor replacement. Investigating the recs and options. Will invite Nathan K to the next meeting to talk about proposals and issues.
- Lawn Rehab: Will start with a section pending weather
- West large garden: Planting pending weather
- Refinishing pews. Vendor sandblasted and Doug is refinishing. Should be able to check out finished product soon. Looking into other options.
- Chancel Guild roof leaks during heavy storms. Tim is contacting vendors to look at repair
- Reviewed lawn mowing contracts. Would prefer certified and asking lower quote if they are willing to get certified.

Other

- Stone or edge around the red window looks dirty and could be cleaned as part of the sanctuary painting.
- Treats and Devotions for May 2018

Stewardship

Minutes of Stewardship Board - St. John's Lutheran Church – March 13, 2018

Dan welcomed members and referred to the minutes of the last meeting. Ralph highlighted the assignments from the last meeting. Dan had emailed the committee roles and responsibilities to members; Mark had come prepared to add comments about vocation and Allene had brought more ideas on volunteer recruitment and recognition. Reference was made regarding use of St. John's CCB Directory for all minutes and handouts for the Stewardship Board. Dan also reported that the church council had been informed of the challenges of volunteer recruitment, particularly for help at funerals, and had appointed a special committee to look at options and solutions.

Allene shared her ideas and research for developing volunteer service at St. John's.

- *Benefits of voluntarism.* We need to define what people get out of volunteering, where satisfaction comes from, the importance of connecting with people, and for young people, the opportunity to receive recommendations for college applications.
- *Job Descriptions.* Volunteer needs should be listed with specific job descriptions and information on how to achieve success if you take on the job. Specifics need to be carefully written.
- *Structure.* There needs to be a centralized place for volunteers to go to receive information. The process should be easily accessible, vibrant and organized for a wide variety of participation such as activities that families can do together or that require specific skills.
- *Recruitment.* Connecting with other people – friends and new friends – is an important motivation for service. Recognition needs to be thoughtful and will lead to further service. New members should be engaged during the discernment process for membership.

Many ideas were raised during the discussion. The idea of “vocation” was discussed. Mark suggested we ask “where are you going this year on your vocation?” We need to recognize that a person's perception of their service or vocation can change over the years. How can we keep this theological notion prominent in recruiting?

Christy explained the way in which St. John's is able to track interests and passions that members have which may lead them to volunteer for specific tasks. Allen passed out samples of surveys that seek to record skills and interests. We discussed a variety of collection tools that might be helpful.

Ralph passed out a logo of a thumbprint with a cross imbedded in it that might be useful for a volunteer recruitment them – perhaps “Christian service at St. John's – as personal as your thumbprint.” The idea of work clubs for special projects was mentioned.

Recommendation: The Stewardship Board would like to conduct a Volunteer Recognition Sunday in late April or early May (April 15-22 is National Volunteer Week). The components of the “thank you” time would include the following:

- A strong theme that would carry through worship into the fellowship hour – the board should clearly state its value proposition. “As personal as your Thumbprint” might be a theme.

- Lifting up volunteer recognition in the worship service – how important it is, how thankful we are, invitation to join the fellowship between services.
- Recognition of volunteers during the social hour between services – a short, 5 minute recognition.
- A start at identification of passions that might inspire members to serve. The idea of a “Matchmaker” song and person was suggested.
- A motivation piece – perhaps a video or photographic. (See Steven Spielberg’s generosity project).

Christy also brought up the idea of equipping volunteers through a book study of “Discover who you are.” She explained how use of specific training tools to identify personal traits and characteristics can encourage people to try new forms of service or express new interests. This may be tied into an overall program for volunteer recruitment and recognition.

Assignments:

- Allene to look into special cakes or food to use as a centerpiece for the Volunteer Sunday.
- Christy to check on available dates when such an even would not distract to other planned events.
- Ralph to look for the short inspiration video piece on volunteers.

Ralph Yernberg
Stewardship Board Scribe

Worship and Arts

Worship and Arts Notes from 3/13/2018

Sanctuary Piano (Steinway down front) Pin Block is cracked. Piano is worth about \$100,000 Value, (gifted)

The Pin block is what holds the piano in tune – pin block holds the tension on the pins and on the strings. Pin block has cracked from Middle C down

The technician would rebuild the piano around a new pin block. The fee is discounted and includes transport of the piano.

Ken Hanna - Stillwater workshop - willing to discount \$1500 because he did the work in 2006(?) when the piano was overhauled. His estimate is \$4200.

We are requesting \$4500, from designated and/or undesignated memorial. Nathan is hoping to get the work done sooner rather than later. Ken said he could start work in April. After the work was completed the piano would need a couple of tunings while it was settling down again.

Other maintenance items:

Tuckpointing first, then painting

HVAC system work will start after Easter

Good Shepherd Window will start after Easter

150th Ideas

Commissioned work

Nathan had an info meeting with Dan Kallmann regarding a commissioned work. Dan was open to working with St. John's, but there has been no official agreement. Dan could come to April or May meeting.

NATHAN will research funding resources and ultimate decision makers.

Dance

Liturgical Dance in Worship – Emma Knoch and company (she has agreed, contingent upon fairly specific parameters)

History of Hymns

John Ronstvedt (sp) - Old Hymns and Liturgies

Tony Becker

Community requests

Fun to go through "every color book" and pick a setting from each of those

Use 5th "Sunday"

2019 March 31, June, September, December 29 - Pick hymns from the different hymnbook (Mind the exclusive language)

Black to Red, Green, one of the paperback ones, blue Concordia (did St John's ever use this one?)

Look at bulletin archives

Follow the evolution of one hymn

Post the hymn numbers up on the columns

Carolyn voiced interest in working on this project.

Service in Norwegian?

Guest preachers? Bishop is unavailable - Former Pastors? --

***Seminarists that have been sponsored by St. Johns (Pam is getting a list together).

Recital ideas –

Gregory Peterson, Organ; Kristin Marks, Bassoon; other musicians who grew up in this church

Community Outreach / Collaborations Art / Vocal collaborations

with other community groups / churches –

Joel Frohle (sp) - potter

Katherine Norrie - Nancy will speak to her about some kind of community art

Sculpture - if/where will it be placed Scott and Nathan go see it together – (We know a welder...says Scott S).

Youth and Family Ministry Board Meeting Minutes

3/13/18

Present: Jenny Nystrom, Dan Franklin, Barry Becker, Sylvi Hanson, Elsa Nystrom, Beret Froehle Absent: Rob Nutt, Sue Hagen, Also present: Angie Gehring, Pastor Jonathan, President Quanbeck

1. Fellowship Hall renovation – Met with Children’s Board in Fellowship Hall and discussed potential renovations. Overall, agreed would be nice to open up area more by knocking out wall with ‘serving window’ but keeping that middle area as a station for messy projects (easy clean-up floors with sinks available) and then perhaps dedicating back room more intentionally with storage. Prefer wood in main part of fellowship hall, but would consider carpet if wood too expensive. Better lighting, maybe opening up ceiling a bit. Lots of ideas floated.
2. Youth Transition Team Update – Team meeting every couple of weeks; recently met with Karen Gieske; learned about history/origins of Sunday School coming out of Industrial Revolution when needed something to do for Youth when not working in factories; Since 1950s peak, steady decline in Sunday School attendance across denominations; trends around identity and faith/vocation and faith; we need to consider our own personal history at St. Johns; consider Integrated Ministry. Planning to have more discussions, including Youth and Children’s Board, Council, congregation.
3. Easter Breakfast planning
 - a. Info sheets for volunteering and bringing donations being sent to youth’s families, will be distributed at mission meeting 3/14
 - b. Menu: egg bakes; muffins; fruit; juice
 - c. Some egg bakes dropped off Saturday unbaked, some Sunday baked – will need to be in early Sunday to start baking
 - d. Board members will help out with ‘supervising’ volunteers
 - i. Saturday March 31, 2018 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
 1. Angie
 2. Barry
 3. Jenny
 - ii. Sunday April 1 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
 1. Jenny
 2. Dan
 3. Barry
 - iii. Sunday April 1 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
 1. Angie
 2. (need at least 1 more)
4. Recent Events
 - a. High School Party – Peggy Feb. 19
 - b. College Info Session - Juniors and Sophomores – Feb. 21
 - i. Relatively small group but lots of great information shared with the group
 - c. Romans and Christians – March 2nd
 - i. 70 to 80 students participated, lots of chaperones
 - ii. In future, should have college students as Romans if possible
 - d. Lenten Soup Supper Hosting – Feb 28
 - e. Multiple Meaning Bible Studies – Olaf Hall-Holt
 - i. Small turnout – difficult to get high schoolers Saturday morning
 - ii. Great content – looking at parables with different cultural lenses
5. Upcoming events

- a. Easter Sunday – April 1
- b. Interfaith Event – April 6
 - i. Greek Orthodox Church, St. Paul
 - ii. Carpooling; 7:00 two hour service
 - iii. Discussed possibility of Grand ol Creamery after if interest
- c. Canoe Trip – Tentative May 20 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
 - i. Canoe Trip followed by picnic and Mission Trip Planning
- d. Senior Recognition – May 6
 - i. 2nd Service; Luncheon after catered by Quarterback Club
- e. Spring Intergenerational Event – Personal Care Kits (March collect, April Event)
- f. Possible Event – Latino and Friends Event possibly w/mentors at NAG – May 11-12; 18-19
- g. HS Mission Trip – Houston - June 16-24
- h. MS Mission Trip – Milwaukee – June 16-22
- 6. Annual Calendar 2018-2019 school year
 - a. Draft calendar handed out – will revisit in April
- 7. 150 year celebration
 - a. Combine with Children’s Board for supersized night to unite
 - i. Hastings Creamery Milkshake Machine
 - ii. Bouncy Castle, Lawn Games – possibly at different location
- 8. Table Issues: Summer calendar, Babysitting List/Nursery Volunteers/Drop-in; 2018-2019 Annual Calendar
- 9. **Next meeting: April 10, 2018 7:00 p.m.**

NO COUNCIL REQUESTS