

Agenda
Congregation Council

St. John's Lutheran Church
June 25, 2019 | 7:00 p.m.

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

1. Future Dates

- a. Boards - Tuesday, July 9. Treats provided by Faith & Health at 6:45 p.m.
Reminder: Please contact your board members prior to the meeting and remind them.

- b. Council - Tuesday, July 23, 2019, 7:00 p.m.; Bonnie Peterson, prayer.

2. Treasurer's Report

3. Pastor's Report

- a. Basement flooring
 - i. Volunteers are needed - mention at Sunday's services
- b. Hearing Loops - July installation
 - i. Still welcome funding
- c. Postcard Save the Dates for 150th Celebration in October
- d. July 1 - Emanuel begins
- e. A/C Systems
- f. NRC residents are having a difficult time getting to services. How can we fix this?
- g. Nominating Committee processes

4. Council Action Items and Updates

5. Consent Agenda Items for Council

- a. Vote on Pr. Pam's sabbatical

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 prayer the prayer Jesus taught us.

7. Adjournment follows

Children's Ministry and Education Committee
April 9, 2019

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

Concerning the rest of Summer:

- The planning team for Sunday School includes Melissa, Rachel, Amy, Sue and possibly Trish. Maybe Arielle will help with the music.
- No date has been set for the August pool party.
- Bible School is going well, and Good Earth Village camp is set for June 23-28.
- The 150th celebration picnic on July 13—we will need someone to lead games.
- The Red Barn gathering is set for June 19.
- Nite to Unite is on Aug. 6
- The 5th Grade “Moving to 6th Grade” event is moved to August when families are back from summer break.

Most of our conversation continued with a review of the Cross Generation Event held on May 12. Questions arose about Mother's Day. Should we consider options for scheduling events on that day? Should the SS year end the week before Mother's Day? Should Wednesday activities extend later? No decisions were made regarding these questions.

Someone approached Julie about a group for moms of young children. We sought ideas for such a group and decided we should begin plans.

Treats for the August board meeting are our responsibility. We will use an apple theme and firm up plans at the July meeting on the 9th.

We talked about the Pray Ground and other ideas for involving children, including kid-friendly songs, celebrating milestones, and using skits.

Coming up:

- Sept. 11, Wednesday Orientation
- Sept. 15, First Day of Sunday School
- Sept. 18, First Day of Wednesday programming.
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Submitted by,
Erik Holleque

Benevolence and Social Concerns Board

June 11, 2019

Present: Jo Franklin, Gretchen Hardgrave, Carolyn Nitz, Kathy Schuurman, Sue Sharrow, Kathy Shea

Adult Education

A subcommittee from Benevolence and Social Concern and Adult Education (Jo Franklin, Kathy Schuurman, Kathy Shea, Marilyn Calcutt and Rob Quanbeck) met to develop a series on Environmental Sustainability with 6 Adult Forums on Sunday mornings followed by the WELCA event on Environmental Stewardship in April 2020 (April 2 or 4). Our goal is to invite speakers with background in specific areas and ask them to give an overview of the topic and also speak about what is happening locally and/or what individuals can do to make a difference. We see this as providing information on our responsibility to help take care of Creation, the planet Earth that we call home.

We sent an email to Pastors Jonathan and Pam proposing the following dates: three Sundays in the Fall and three Sundays after the first of the year. Jonathan thinks these dates will work but asked that we ask about flexibility with each speaker around that date. An honorarium of \$75 is paid for local people and \$100 for out of town speakers. We need to make sure that people are appointed to advertise and host speakers. The subcommittee will meet again soon to start identifying speakers.

September 22 - Climate Crisis

October 20 - Energy Use

November 17 - Environmental Justice with a focus in indigenous people

January 19 - Agriculture

February 16 - Biodiversity

March 15 - Water

Missionary Support

We discussed how to use the \$2000 in Missionary Support that we have been giving to the Klines in Columbia. They are leaving Columbia and the churchwide office recommended supporting Gustavo Driau who will be based in Argentina, but working as a Regional Representative which includes Columbia. No one is replacing the Klines in Columbia. We are waiting for information from Kathy Chatelaine about possibly supporting an educational project that Katie Kline worked on. The consensus of the committee was that we maintain some missionary support in Latin America.

We also agreed that we will continue to support Augusta Victoria Hospital in Jerusalem and Border Servant Corp through the SE MN Synod.

Other Funding Priorities

We received letters asking for our support again for Operation Backpack and Bread for the World. If we donate by July 15 our gift to Bread for the World will be matched and we will receive a book on world hunger. The committee voted to send money for the following:

Operation backpack - \$250

Bread for the World - \$500

Ruth's House - \$250

For future consideration we talked about support for

Habitat for Humanity

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

Center for Victims of Torture

Cannon River Watershed

YMCA

Support for food insecurity at Greenvale

Other

Jo or Sue will help at Legal Assistance Program Clinic the 2nd Tue in Aug.

Legal clinic – meeting with Partners

Colleen Bebee- organizer and lawyer gave a report on how many came and issues with the clinic.

There is a need, but not enough awareness. More fliers need to be posed around town. Today 8 came (more than in the past) and most had questions about immigration. To make people aware of the clinic Mar talked on a radio show on KYMN and put announcements on a Facebook page. The grant from St. John's has run its course – more funding is needed for continue with the current lawyers such as Sara Karki (Immigration Law Center of MN). Clinic will keep going – Volunteer Lawyers Network still has funding. Wifi hot spot and white noise (music) are needed for information and privacy.

Colleen will give a talk to Rotary soon.

Community Action Center – Food Shelf needs volunteers for summer. Kathy Schuurman will keep information in the newsblast.

The next meeting will be July 9.

Stewardship Meeting
June 11, 2019

Attendees

Allene Moser, Mary Hoff, Brad Kmoch, Duane Engstrom, Sam Lotegeluaki, Mike Roth, Kristy Harms

Agenda

Minutes from May 14, 2019

New Business

1. Report on May Council Meeting
 - Pastor's Report
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Council Action Items & Updates
 - Nominating Committee - Mary talked with Council about whether the Best Practices tool is being used. Feedback solicited.
 - Time & Talents - Mary asked about what information would be useful to build involvement and relationships. Feedback was solicited. Council would like Stewardship to develop some "catchy" one word themes for the campaign. Bullet points vs. wordy paragraphs. Emphasis on youth still pertinent.
 - Pr. Pam's sabbatical - Council will vote on this at the next meeting. Plans to be submitted to the Synod; grants available to provide financial assistance.
 - ECC - Hearing Loop update. Approved and installation is scheduled for this summer. Donations for installation are still needed.

2. Fall Stewardship Drive
 - Date for Thank you celebration - Mary & Allene. Pr. Pam will confirm a date in January, pending identification of St. Olaf Choir visit.
 - Information about pledge trends - Kristy. Pr. Pam noted that operating funds are flat. Budgeting was completed with the trust that operating expense funds will come. 2017 was a goal to increase the number of pledging households; that engagement was successful. 2018 response was slow/delayed. What percentage of giving occurs via electronic/online giving? Pr. Pam didn't know; Bernie may be the best resource. .
 - Bulletin inserts - Mary & Kristy.
 - CCB - Giving link - tutorial for congregation? - Brad. There isn't anything on the web about Stewardship. We can use some of the campaign materials to develop information for the website.
 - Time/Talent survey - Mike & Duane. Mike contacted Mt. Calvary (his previous church). Sample provided. What database is used to store/track the information?

Mike wasn't sure. Could this be completed electronically? Pr. Pam noted that CCB has a tool; it can be modified, but may be prohibitive to adapt.

- Youth Board priorities - Brad. Emmanuel starts in July.
- Design campaign materials:

Brad asked if some of the revised materials could be used to develop slides for the monitors. This is possible and can be developed and given to Leah to create slides and rotate through the fall.

Focus: The Next..... The next 150 years. Future plans. Next 150 people. Youth. Community outreach, Wednesday meals. Legacy as foundation. Gifts, Grace, Global (caring for the earth) over the foundation.

- Brochure
- Pledge card
- Content of initial letter
- Article for August Voice: distilled from other materials

3. Meet with Nominating Committee? Gathers for the first time in August.

Action Items

1. Giving/pledge sources: electronic, envelope, other. Kristy to contact Bernie to find out more.
2. 2020 campaign materials - Message Development. Pr. Pam will initiate revision. Allene, Mary, Kristy will work with Pr. Pam
 - Bulletin inserts
 - Brochure
 - Pledge card
 - Initial letter
3. Time & Talent survey - start with the Boards to review proposed tool. Send to Boards via CCB for response to the survey tool. Mike will send for response
 - Worship & Arts
 - Children's
 - Youth
 - Property & Grounds
 - Evangelism & Communication
 - Faith & Health
 - Business Management
 - Benevolence
 - Christy Hall-Holt & Angie Gehring

Next Meeting - Tuesday July 9, 2019

Adult Ministry and Education Board
Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Attending: Marilyn Calcutt, Genevieve Quarberg, Anita Hellie, Kathleen Hanson, and Andy Nelson

Day Trips

Minnesota Landscape Arboretum: The trip to the Arboretum is full; a totally of 31 people have signed up. Robert and Sandra Nyvall are hosting the trip, Departure from St. John's will be at 9:30 a.m. and plans are to return at 3:30 p.m. Anita will distribute a survey for all attendees to complete.

Future trips: A trip to the Swedish Institute to see the Viking exhibit. The completed survey which will be completed on the Arboretum trip will also ask for suggestions.

Wednesday Night Pizza

Rob has agreed to get information to Leah regarding the Red Barn Pizza night. There will be information in the Bulletin, News Blast and on the Common's monitor. Rob will be at the Red Barn at approx.. 5 p.m. to hold a space for all St. John's members to gather.

Library

Summer Book Group: Ten people have signed up for the Summer Book Group which will be held in the library during June, July and August. The first discussion will be held on June 19.

Library Computer: The Board has decided to move ahead with obtaining a computer and the updated library program. The Board is aware of the budgeted monies for the Library and will stay within those confines.

Forums

Information from the combines meeting with the Benevolence/Social Concerns Board was shared with the Board. Other possible topics for Forums were discussed; Aging and Children's Music were a couple suggestions.

Worship and Arts – June 11, 2019

Discussion re: Time/Talent/Skills/Interests Survey for Stewardship Board

What should go on it?

Descriptions of Boards

Topic Ideas for Adult Forum

Nathan will look back at some old ones of those survey brochures – we will meet in July with some ideas.

Nathan will put something in Voice about Vintage band that will be playing in church on August 3rd.

Tarkel scholarship - \$500 is a go from us, next time maybe suggest a partnership with Youth board.

Pastor Benson working hard on text for the commission – moving forward.

More in July from Dan Kallman re: his commissioned piece.

New hymnal supplement out next summer – by churchwide assembly – so we'll have to think about how to fund that when the day comes.

Submitted by Nancy Ordahl Kmoch

Chair, Worship and Arts, June 2019

**Faith and Health Board
Minutes - June 18, 2019**

Present: Bonnie Peterson, Shirley Keltto, Debby Nitz, Guenther Moesler

August 19 Blood Drive - Bonnie has advertised the drive in the summer Voice. We discussed other ways to get the word out about the drive - inserts in the Sunday bulletin, a few sentences in the Sunday bulletin, the weekly email news blast, phone calls to people who have signed up, given in the past or cold calls to congregation members (Shirley has offered to get started on this) , posters around town (Bonnie will be getting these and will notify Debby who can help) and KYMN. Caroline Olstad of Red Cross will be speaking briefly about donating blood at a church service either July 21 or 28.

Members of the 150th Anniversary committee have offered to help. Amy McBroom will update the Red Cross card on donating in Northfield.

Social for people who have lost loved ones - Pastor Pam has reached out and would like this to be either July 10 or 24, 7 pm. She will confirm and let Bonnie know soon. The church office will make the invitations and our board will host by welcoming people and providing some food.

Wellness Information - This was tabled from the last meeting. Pastor Pam thought it would be good to have another health fair. Bonnie will check with Pastor Davis to find out which Sunday in the fall will work. Most likely November. The wellness information could be presented at that time.

July 9 board meeting- our board is responsible for treats and devotions that evening. We should expect to serve around 50 people. Shirley, Debby and Bonnie will bring bars. Guenther will bring grapes. We agreed to arrive at 6:15 to set up and make coffee. We agreed that we will change our meeting times to 7 pm. Bonnie will reach out to other board members to do devotions.

Transportation to church from NRC - Pastor Pam is interested in pursuing avenues to help members from NRC get to church. More research needs to be done to find out if NRC has a driver we could contract with to drive members to church 1x/ month. We would need to find out the cost and make a proposal to church council. We also need to find out how many people are interested in this service. Nancy Kluver was doing some research as to what other churches in Northfield are doing. We will wait to hear from Nancy. We looked at the F & H budget and discussed the possibility of using funds from there for this.

First Aid Kits - Bonnie has checked the first aid kits in the sacristy, narthex and the kitchen - all are adequately supplied. She will check the one downstairs.