

# Agenda

## *Congregation Council*

St. John's Lutheran Church  
July 25, 2017 + 7:00 p.m.

Guests: Bernie Renander, Carrie Duba

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

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

### **2. Future dates**

Council – **August 22, 2017** 7:00pm; Jenny Nystrom, prayer

Boards – August 8, 2017 7:00pm (at chairs' discretion) Fellowship and treats at 6:45 pm, Youth Ministries and Education Board to provide treats and Devotion. Meeting at 7:00 pm

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

### **3. Pastor's Report**

### **4. Consent Agenda Items for Council**

- a. Treasurer's Report, June 2017
- b. Benevolence Discretionary disbursements for June and July/Jane Rinehart:
  - i. \$200 to Naomi Mandsager Bartley to support her attendance at a Climate Reality training. She is doing a presentation on this at St. John's on 8/16.
  - ii. \$500 to Northfield Operation Backpack
  - iii. \$500 Northfield YMCA
  - iv. \$500 to Bread for the World
  - v. \$250 to Mwangaza
  - vi. \$300 to SE MN Synod for the Lutheran Campus Ministries at Winona and Mankato (\$150 to each campus)
  - vii. \$500 to the ALC, Northfield Public Schools for the weekend food backpacks
  - viii. \$200 to the Center for Victims of Torture
  - ix. \$200 to Cannon River Watershed Project
  - x. \$200 to Health Finders Collaborative
  - xi. \$200 Ruth's House in Faribault
  - xii. From Mission budget: \$500 to the SE MN Synod for the ELCA South Sudan mission. Rev. Wal Reat, S. Sudan pastor, will be presenting on Aug. 1 at Trinity Lutheran in Owatonna.
- c. Minutes from the June 27, 2017 meeting

### **6. Council Action Items and Updates**

- a. Parish Nurse job description and Homebound & Elder Care planning: Jennifer Edwins
- b. 2018 Stewardship Drive
- c. 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Capital Campaign update

**7. Prayer** – The president leads a prayer asking God’s grace and help on our ministry. Items could include specific congregation needs / issues / items for thanksgiving; specific ministry areas of the congregation needing to be lifted to God; and/or any individual needs or requests council members would like to share in prayer.

**Lord’s Prayer:** After the president’s prayer is concluded, we finish the meeting praying the prayer Jesus taught us.

**8. Adjournment follows.**

## Appendix:

### 1. St. John's Foundation

#### Original Allocations

	%	Allocation	2017	BALANCE
St Johns Fund	67.18%	\$16,795	\$ -	\$16,795.00
World Mission Fund	0.69%	\$173	\$ -	\$172.50
Youth Fund	4.15%	\$1,038	\$ -	\$1,037.50
Music Fund	3.22%	\$805	\$ -	\$805.00
Bldg & Property Fund	6.17%	\$1,543	\$ -	\$1,542.50
Media Fund	3.74%	\$935	\$ -	\$935.00
Com/Social Fund	1.56%	\$390	\$ -	\$390.00
Soli Sem Fund	4.06%	\$1,015	\$ -	\$0.00
ELCA Scholarship Fund	9.23%	\$2,308	\$ -	\$2,307.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>

#### St. John's Council Allocation Tracking - 2017

2017 Budgeted Allocations		Balance	Date	
St. John's Fund	16,795.00	\$4,017.50		Budgeted Benevolence \$1,000 Habitat for Humanity \$1,000 Laura Baker \$1,000 Northfield Retirement Center \$1,000 Three Links \$2,500 Camping Membership \$5,000 Pajama Project \$1277.50 Seminarian Grants & College Scholarships
World Mission Fund	172.50			
Youth Fund	1,037.50			
Music Fund	805.00			
Building and Property Fund	1,542.50			
Media Fund	<del>935.00</del>	\$0	2/28/2017	
Community / Social Fund	390.00			
Soli Seminary Fund	1,015.00	\$0		Benevolence Seminarian Grants
ELCA Scholarship Fund	2,307.50	\$0		Benevolence College Scholarships
<b>Balance Total</b>	<b>\$7,965.00</b>			

#### Authorized 2017 Dispersals

2017 Approved Expenditure	Authorized \$ Amount	Council Approval Date	Designated Fund	Fund Balance
Update of St. John's website with new graphic identity	\$935.00	2/28/2017	Media Fund	\$0.00

## **2. Board Minutes/Notes from July, 2017**

### **Adult Ministry and Education**

No notes submitted

### **Benevolence and Social Concerns**

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

Guest: Naomi Mandsager Bartley

1. Naomi attended the Climate Reality training in Seattle in June. We planned the presentations that she will do at St. John's. The first will be for St. John's members and she will also invite a few interested community members to give her feedback. The first presentation will be Aug. 16, 7 pm in the St. John's theater. There will be a second presentation for the Northfield community later in the year. Naomi will write an article for the August Voice and announcements for the bulletin and news blast.

2. The board decided on the following disbursements:

From Discretionary benevolence:

\$200 to Naomi Mandsager Bartley to support her attendance at a Climate Reality training

\$500 to Northfield Operation Backpack

\$500 Northfield YMCA

\$500 to Bread for the World

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\$300 to SE MN Synod for the Lutheran Campus Ministries at Winona and Mankato (\$150 to each campus)

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3. We received a letter from Upendo about her graduation from Maasai Lutheran Girls Secondary School. St. John's has supported her education since 2010. Jane will write an article for the Voice with excerpts from the letter.

4. Kathy Shea has written a letter for the Sept Voice about the appeal for LWR.

5. Jane will write a article for Voice about the donation to Northfield Operation Backpack.

6. There will be a "Welcome Home Wal Reat" event, Tue, Aug. 1, 6:30 - 8 pm at Trinity Church in Owatonna. He is part of South Sudan mission.

Jane plans to attend and others are invited to go, too.

7. Kathy Schuurman will deliver the items collected for refugees to LSS.

### **Business Management**

See Treasurer's Reports

## **Children's Ministry and Education Committee**

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

Present: Sue Brockman, Erik Holleque, Amy McBroom, Todd Menssen, Keri Peterson, Julie Brehmer

Julie explained that the curriculum committee met and decided to do Spark lectionary this coming year. There are no leaflets with this curriculum, so we will be saving around \$600.

Julie asked members of the board to help find Sunday School teachers. Various members agreed to call previous teachers, as well as people we identified might want to teach, to determine if we can currently fill the need. Please report back to Julie once you have made your calls.

The board decided to turn the resource room into a "parent lounge." The resource information will be moved into one of the classrooms.

Alex Dell will be painting the Sunday School classrooms in August as his Eagle Project.

Sue brought up that in 2019 is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Johns. Each board is charged with doing a special event. We discussed ideas of how to include the children in having some type of celebratory event. Many ideas were discussed.

### **Evangelism and Communication**

No July Board meeting.

## **Faith and Health**

### **Faith and Health Board Meeting Minutes – July 11, 2017**

**Present:** Guenther Moesler, Bonnie Peterson, Lynette Marks, Jennifer Edwins, Lynette Marks, Rob Quanbeck, Pastor Pam

**Excused:** Leah Sand, Howard Thorsheim

1. Pastor Quam requested to meet with Faith and Health. He prepared a list of people he is currently visiting on a regular basis, and explained who receives individual visits and who he meets with in groups at NRC, Three Links, and 1000 Cannon Valley Dr. The board expressed our appreciation and thanks to Pastor Quam for the care he has faithfully given to members of St. John's over the past 20 years.
2. The Faith and Health Board reviewed a draft of "Homebound and Elder Care Plan" prepared by Pastor Pam. The board thought the plan covers areas we need to consider as we determine how best to meet the needs of our homebound members.
3. The Parish Nurse job description has been submitted to Pastor Pam. She will take this plan to the Personnel Committee for review and discussion.
4. Plans for the dessert reception for those who are grieving were made. Lynette, Jennifer and Bonnie will bring desserts and set up for this event at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, July 19.

Properties and Grounds

## **Stewardship**

Stewardship Board Meeting 7/11/2017

Present: Dan, Ralph, Sandi, Ruthie, Pastor Pam, Mark, Christy, Mary

Discussion regarding the current open board position and 2 board positions coming open in January. Names of possible candidates include Jim or Judy Cederberg, Gretchen Falck, John Gorder, Kathy Granquist. Dan will speak with possible candidates. Patty Lindell 15-18 (current open position) Sandi Gerdes 15-18 David Kelvie 15-18 Mark Rydberg 16-19 Dan VanTassel 16-19 Ralph Yernberg 16-19

Discussions regarding 150th fundraising committee. It is important the Stewardship Board does not dictate timelines for 150th fundraising committee. The Stewardship Board and Fundraising Committee are 2 separate entities but will try to work cohesively as much as possible, as information becomes available. 150th Fundraising committee meets 7/12/17.

Discussions regarding the incorporation of last year's theme into a new theme of "Embrace and Extend God's Beauty in the World" as we prepare for the 150th celebration. Coordinate with Council regarding this year's theme and goals. Ask Council to update Stewardship Board and ultimately the whole congregation on how last year's fund drive has impacted each board's ministry. Would updates be best spoken through Temple Talks or through Voice Articles? Importance of continuing to make sure we are bringing in front of the congregation how their funds are being used as designated from last year's drive. Agreement on using similar brochure and pledge cards as previous successful year. Dan will meet with Ralph to model a new brochure. Ralph's timeline looks viable with a few adjustments made with Pastor Pam's guidance. The pledge date has been changed to Nov. 12 and the deadline for final letter Nov. 29.

The Ministry Fair typically in September is going to be revamped into Temple Talks given throughout the year aiming for one Temple Talk per month. The Stewardship Board and Shared Ministry will work together to have the Ministries of the church most affected by last year's fund drive give Temple Talks in September and October to help gird the current year's fund drive.

## **Worship and Arts**

Board did not meet in July.

No action items for Council.

## Youth Ministry and Education

### NO July Board meeting for Youth Ministry and Education

#### Youth and Family Ministry Board Meeting Minutes 6/9/17

Present: Jenny Nystrom, Rob Nutt, Beret Froehle, Sue Hagen, Sylvi Hanson, Dan Franklin

Absent: Mike Skunes, Oden Hoff, Terry Gilbertson

1. Reviewed Recent Events
  - a. End of Year Canoe Trip May 13 – Well attended
  - b. High School Senior Recognition Lunch May 21 – appeared to go well
  - c. Adopt a Highway June 8<sup>th</sup> – need details but consistent difficulty with attendance in past.
    - i. Question of whether this should be a Youth event
    - ii. Discussion of promoting this as a challenge between boards
2. Upcoming Events & communication of events:
  - a. Mission Trip June 10-18; In process – Facebook pictures great
  - b. Green Lake Bible Camp - June 18-23, appx. 14 attending
  - c. Fall Welcoming Event for 6<sup>th</sup> graders – Romans and Christians
  - d. Magical Mystery Tour – multiple summer dates
3. 2017-2018 Calendar Event Planning – Addition to May Discussion
  - a. Additional thoughts/input adding to previous discussion
    - i. Post-secondary planning event with Dan Franklin
      1. Open up to kids from other churches
      2. 1 event for Seniors; 1 event for Juniors/Sophomores
      3. 1 hour in September
      4. Parents can attend, but focus on students
      5. Provide some type of food for event (e.g. Ice cream or Pizza)
    - ii. Dan gave summary of grant proposal work.
  - b. Update on 150 year celebration
    - i. Members asked to identify someone who can represent youth & families on 150 year celebration committee;
    - ii. Dan gave summary of grant proposal work.
  - c. Discussed possibilities for Teens Together summer events
    - i. Red Barn Pizza night
    - ii. Peggy Hanson's if she's available and interested
    - iii. Ultimate Frisbee
    - iv. Estenson's farm for an outdoor moving night/smoers (discussion this could be all youth)
4. Next Meeting – **August 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**\*\*Youth Board in Charge of Treats in August (will send details closer to date)**
  - a. Assignments –
    - i. All: Identify someone interested in Youth events for 150 year celebration planning committee.



- ii. Jenny: follow-up on Teens Together summer event
- iii. Next meeting topics: will review Youth Ministry info on St. John's website; will discuss how to obtain feedback from Youth & Parents

FOR COUNCIL – NO ACTION ITEMS  
YOUTH BOARD NOT MEETING IN JULY