

TRINITY LUTHERAN CONGREGATION COUNCIL

January 12, 2022

OPENING BUSINESS: (7-7:15)

The Trinity Lutheran Congregation Council meeting was called to order by Saundy Solum at 7:04 pm on January 12, 2022.

Pr. Elizabeth opened the meeting with a prayer.

Members Present:

Pr. Elizabeth, Dan Alstad, Barb Arnold, Michelle Jahnke, Kim Kapplinger, Steve Kemp, Jan Kraabel, Bethany Moen, Saundy Solum, Judy Tollefsrud, Dean Wiste, Lara Wold Mendez, Mary Zaffke

Members Absent:

Laurie Moen

Saundy thanked Lara, Mary, Jan, and Barb for their service on the church council.

Secretary's Report for December 8, 2021 was read and approved. MSP (Jan, Bethany

Treasurer's Report (placed on file) Highlights listed below. MSP (Dean, Steve)

- 2021 offering (envelopes & online offerings) \$ 278,000
- 2021 income – \$ 390,000
- 2021 expenses – \$ 376,000
- 2021 Net Income – \$ 14,030

STAFF REPORTS:

Pastor Elizabeth:

1. I returned from vacation a little after midnight this morning! I very much enjoyed my time in Taos, reading a lot of books, taking walks every day with my friend LeAn, getting takeout from my favorite restaurants, and RESTING! Ready to go in 2022!
2. Highlights from Advent and Christmas:
 - a. Facebook "Live at 5" devotions every day.
 - b. Beautiful decorations, inside and out, thanks to Rick, Lee, and the Worship Team.
 - c. Bishop Hassanally guest preacher on December 12 (and fabulous postlude led by Mark Schroeder).
 - d. Resumption of congregational singing with masks in time for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.
 - e. Tremendous effort by Care Team to deliver Christmas Cheer packages.
 - f. Wonderful Sunday School program and Choir Concert.
 - g. Three beautiful (and musically varied) services on Christmas Eve with well over 200 people attending.
 - h. Lovely Christmas Day worship, and virtual Lessons and Carols on January 2.
3. Looking forward:
 - a. Confirmation Winter quarter begins next week.
 - b. Preparations for annual meeting on January 30 – in person.

c. What is God calling us to do in 2022? How are we called to see Jesus and be Jesus for this community in this time? How can we share our abundance to serve God's mission and God's church? How are we called to be a blessing?

Pastor Lane:

1. Home Visits with Holy Communion – 19 - 19 hours
 2. Visits W/out Holy Communion 3 - 3 hours
 3. Phone calls - 4 hour
 4. Services @ Assisted Living
 5. Services @ Nursing Home
 6. Staff Meeting – 4 @ 3 hours
 7. Office Time – 2 hours
 8. Sunday/Sat Sermon Prep and Service – 1 - 14 hours
 9. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day - 13 hours
 10. Hospital Visits - 1 - hours
 11. Driving time - 5 hours
 12. Continuing Ed
 13. 498 HOPE - 14 times @ 3 1/2 hours
 14. Newsletter - 1 hours
 15. Response Team
- Total Hours – 68 1/2 hours
- Funeral for Marjorie Rostad - 9 hours
- Funerals for Mabel Area 1
- 1 Sunday Services at Wilmington Lutheran Church

Kerri Jahnke (Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry):

Sunday School Pre-k - 6th grade youth

- Rotational Sunday School Curriculum
- Sunday School resumes on January 9th
- Rachel Storlie and Alisha Solum lead the Christmas program!
- Christmas Program was on December 19th and was success! Our Children did wonderful and loved telling about the TRUE meaning of Christmas!

Confirmation - 7th -9th grade youth

- We have 55 youth in Confirmation this year!
- 10 Mentor Groups
- We have adults in the congregation leading elective courses for our youth to learn and experience faith in real life!
- Confirmation Lock-In Feb 4th, 7th -9th grade youth

Highschool Youth 9th -12th grade youth

- Sunday Night Youth Group
- Trinity Center, Faith5, Community time, and games!

ELCA Youth Gathering 2022

- Information sent out to 9th -12th grade youth
- July 24 -28, 2022
- 9th-12th grade youth invited
- HS youth are excited and inviting friends to join!

HS MINI – LOCK-IN January 14th, 9th -12th grade youth

- 8pm - 12am at the church!
- Worship, Games, and community time!

Release Time K - 5th grade youth

- Pr. Len will teach and I will provide the Faith 5 activities, songs, and games
- K - 5th grades invited
- We have 104 students in release time!

4th - 6th grade youth group - January 19th 3:30pm- 5:30pm

Focus for 2022 is spending time in the Faith 5 and relational building with our Savior and our peers!

TEAM REPORTS:

Care Ministry (Laurie)

- No report

Communications (Mary)

- Mary shared a document to share with each member to update their contact information, geographic information, parochial information. She has a team lined up to call members and use the document. Goal is to have most done within three weeks.

Education (Bethany)

- Meeting tomorrow night

Finance (Barb/Judy)

- Barb shared that all the money that was borrowed in 2021 was paid back.
- The Beary Patch Preschool submitted a check for some of the rent back in September. The check was turned in with salary payments. Barb shared that Beary Patch is behind on their payroll expenses for the year.
- Financial reports will be in the annual report, but will not be audited reports
- Barb shared that there has been no financial report from WELCA. Judy will be talking to WELCA in the morning. Barb hopes to have WELCA report for annual report.

Outreach (Lara)

- No report

Mission (Dean)

- No report

Property (Dan)

- Problems with boiler at Trinity Center. Further discussion under New Business.

Staffing (Meets the 3rd Thursday each month) (Jan)

- No report

Stewardship (Steve)

- Plans to meet next week
- Giving statements to mail out

- Annual meeting is on a 5th Sunday. Plans to serve refreshments that are prepackaged.

Worship (Kim)

- Next meeting is in February.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. COVID protocols
 - Pr. Elizabeth shared that if school goes virtual, confirmation will go virtual, and Sunday School will be put on hold.
 - Continue as is – Council had discussion and said we will continue as we have been, but with one change – we will dial back with singing for a few weeks. Council will revisit this again at next month's meeting.
 - Response Team may meet in a couple of weeks if needed.
2. Master Plan committee/Facility Planning update
 - Committee has been formed. Steve Kemp will be lead of the committee. Members of this committee are as follows: Eric Frydenlund, Bev Nelson, Barb Arnold, Aaron Solum, Mary Deters, Dana Kjome, and Dan Alstad.
 - The committee plans to meet within the next two weeks
3. Nominating committee
 - A Lead for Outreach is needed
 - 1 more person is need on Stewardship Team
 - Will be working to complete by Annual Meeting. Open to suggestions
 - Mary Z. will serve one more year on the Communications Team and serve as the team lead.
4. Gift and Memorials
 - The Gift and Memorials Brochure was emailed to all council members. Saundy asked for suggestions to add to the Gift and Memorials brochure. Suggestions shared were monetary gifts to Outreach to sponsor Holiday Meals, monetary gifts towards sponsoring campership for Confirmation Camp – campership, and monetary gifts to help fund new website.
 - More ideas may come from the Master Plan Committee and team meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Annual Meeting plan
 - Saundy shared that some members have inquired about attending the Annual Meeting via Zoom. Discussion followed. Council decided that we will offer members the ability to attend in person or via Zoom.
 - Pr. Elizabeth will add an announcement in the bulletin and will ask Marlene to include this information in the weekly email that goes out.
 - Lara will coordinate people to count the votes during the Annual Meeting.
 - Annual Report will be posted on the website.
 - Will plan on doing the Annual Meeting in person and via Zoom going forward to allow as many members to attend that would like to.
2. Root River Conference Assembly February 20, 2pm – 4pm
 - Trinity will be hosting.
 - Coffee and prepackaged refreshments will be served.

3. Boiler at the Trinity Center

- Boiler is quitting numerous times a day. Gary has to go to the Trinity Center several times a day to restart the boiler.
- Dan contacted David Eiken, Brent Newgaard, and Winona Controls asking for bids. Received a rough bid of \$21,000 from Winona Controls
- Discussion regarding how to pay for new boiler. There is \$7,000 left over from tuck pointing, and the Olerud Fund for Trinity has \$15,000.
- David Eiken is stopping by every morning to check to make sure the boiler is running
- Dan made a motion for Property Team to spend up to \$25,000, which includes the \$7,000 left over from tuck pointing, and \$15,000 from The Olerud Fund to replace the boiler at the Trinity Center. Seconded by Kim, MSP

4. Tithing the surplus of \$14,000

- Kim made a motion to give through the ELCA Disaster Response \$500 for the Kentucky tornado fund and \$500 to the Colorado fire fund, and \$500 to purchase KT gas cards. Dean seconded the motion.
- Discussion followed. Lara asked why we couldn't do more. Michelle suggested \$1000 to each. Mary amended the motion as follows: \$1,000 to the Kentucky tornado fund through ELCA Disaster Response, \$1,000 to the Colorado fires through ELCA Disaster Response, and \$500 to purchase KT gas cards. Jan seconded the motion. Amended MSP.

OTHER:

- Pr. Elizabeth shared that the church will be closing the west front steps and west entrance doors due to ice buildup on the steps and the winds that keep opening the west entrance doors. Pr. Elizabeth will add an announcement in the bulletin.

LORD'S PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

UPCOMING DATES:

- Newsletter items due January 21

Submitted by *Michelle Jahnke*