

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Moorhead, MN
Council Minutes
February 21, 2017

Present: Richard Rix, Cathi Chial, Clint Fallgatter, Kathe Eldred, DeAnn Smith, Dan Bentley, Pete Kim, Connie Jarrett, Alayna Fjelstad

Absent: Todd Sax

Staff: Pr. Loren Mellum

1. Meeting called to order at 6:55 p.m. Pr. Loren led devotion and prayer.
2. **Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed; Connie Jarrett made a motion to approve. Kathe Eldred seconded. **Motion passed.**
3. **Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report was reviewed. Connie Jarrett made a motion to approve the report. DeeAnn Smith seconded. **Motion passed.**
4. **Secretary's Report:** The secretary's report was reviewed. Pete Kim made a motion to approve. Cathi Chial seconded. **Motion passed.**
5. **Team Reports:**
 - a. **Social Justice:** Monroe Crossing will be holding a concert on Thursday, March 9, 2017, at Our Savior's.
 - b. **Youth and Family Report**

Attendance is down from last year. Faith Family Sundays are being held. Sunday School will sing March 19, April 9, and May 14. Sunday School Celebration will be held May 21, along with Senior Sunday.
 - c. VBS will be May 21-23, 6-7 pm, for age 3 – Kindergarten. Grades 1-5 will be June 4-6, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
 - d. Confirmation is going well. There are 26 confirmands this year. Pr. Loren & Melissa lead large group and six small group leaders help to develop relationships with the students. They are required to attend Lent worship (March 1- April 5). Last day of Confirmation is May 10.
 - e. Fifth grade youth will have their Holy Communion Retreat on Sunday, March 26 from 11:30 am to 2 p.m. First Communion is Thursday, April 13, 2017, on Maundy Thursday.
 - f. The 2017 Mission trip to St. Paul will be June 25-30, 2017. Melissa, and possibly Loren, will be going. We have 10 students registered. Cost is \$600 with each youth having to contribute \$275.
 - g. The 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering will be June 27 – July 1, 2018, in Houston Texas. Cost for the trip is approximately \$1,500/youth. Registration begins September 15. Our Savior's plans to travel with Pathways Bible Camps.
 - h. An adult service trip is planned for Friday, April 21, to Minneapolis. We will pack meals at Feed My Starving children and volunteer at Second Harvest Food Bank. We will travel by coach bus with all meals provided. Cost is \$100/per person and covers bus, driver, snacks, breakfast, lunch, and supper.

- i. Our Savior's is planning a 2-day "Serving Others" event in the F-M area for our youth in grades 4-6. Date and time is still being determined.
- j. Mini Mission Trip for grades 6-12 to Sioux Falls, SD is being planned for late July or August. Cost is \$100/person.
- k. Kid's Club is going great. There are 14 students each Wednesday afternoon. Katie Aanstad, the leader, is wonderful. Jeanne Rodriguez and Leah Klocke help supervise. The last day is May 10.
- l. Youth Group for February was cancelled to go to the escape room in Fargo. We did not have enough youth interested. Youth Group meets again on March 12 for a movie/bible study evening.
- m. Youth will be serving the March 15 Lenten Wednesday meal.

6. Pastor's Report:

- a. Epiphany was longer this year. Lent begins on March 1. Services will be at 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. In commemoration of the 500th Reformation Anniversary, the services will focus on Luther's small catechism.
- b. An estate came in valued at \$66,000 plus. Another \$1,000-\$1,500 is expected as the estate completely closes in the spring. Approximately half the estate will be considered for a matching gift for the 70th anniversary year of OSLC.
- c. The heater in the east narthex has been replaced by Ray Maas and Gary Haaland. We continue to make changes to energy efficient lighting. An LED light in the back corner of the sanctuary by the usher's table is being considered for installation in the future.
- d. We have had 12 members die with 10 of the funerals held at OSLC since November 1, 2017. We give thanks to the service units who provide the meals and staff support that cares for the grieving families.
- e. Lifeworks Marriage Preparation: Most ELCA congregations in the F-M area are beginning to do their marriage preparatory through Lifeworks. It is an excellent program and offers couples a retreat format and individual counseling. Pastor Gordy Lee and Zach Lee are facilitating these retreats.
- f. March 30 -April 2, 2017 will be Pr. Loren's final trip to the Lutheran Center in Chicago for the ELCA Church Council. His term of service expires in 2017 on the Board of Directors, completing four years of service
- g. Pr. Loren will be on vacation March 13-19, 2017 in Arizona. Pr. Protector will preach. Sunday, February 26, Pr. Judy Holman will be preaching and guest worship leader.

7. Old Business:

- a. Light-weight round tables will be ordered in February, along with a dolly.
- b. Replacement of the current phone system is being considered. Sandy is acquiring bids.
- c. A new website is being planned. Sandy is acquiring bids.

8. New Business

- a. The current Constitution pertaining to the Church Council was reviewed. In 2018 the Constitution should be revised. The annual report and soul script were also reviewed from the 2016 Annual Report.
- b. The Matching Fund campaign was discussed regarding advertising and priorities for the money to be spent on specific items for the church. A list of items was shared, discussed,

and prioritized. Choir robes was a suggested item to possibly add to the list. Council agreed to make the following a priority: a new phone system, purchase risers for choirs, new website, make the reservation for the anniversary celebration event, "The Drawn Word", and give staff 2016 end of year appreciation gifts.

- c. The goal is to have a promotion concept ready by Lent to present to the congregation for this matching campaign. Kathe Eldred will work on visuals to promote this message. The big giving months will be March, April, May and August, September, October of 2017. A motion was made by Richard Rix as follows: "Pr. Loren is to begin a matching gift campaign for the 70th Anniversary Celebration of Our Savior's". Pete Kim seconded. **Motion passed.**
- d. Kathe Eldred expressed interest in using some of the money to help those in need.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Kathe Eldred and seconded by Cathi Chial. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Next meeting is March 21, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.