

Faith Lutheran Church – Council Minutes
 Tuesday, October 15, 2019
 Council Members and Staff

President Amanda Schueler (19)	X	Vice Pres. Bob Kreie (20)	X	Treasurer Kathy Silvernale (19)	X	Secretary Connie Stromseth (19)	X
Penny Stuber (20)	X	Cheryl Buboltz (19)	X	Monica Wehler (19)		Dan Moe (20)	X
John Olsen (19)		Maria Weikle (20)	X	Shelly Kirchoff (19)	X	Niki Pokornowski (20)	X
Gail Telecky (19)	X	Andrew Weckwerth (20)	X				
Pastor Scott	X	Pastor Paul	X	Kristen Matthews	X	Sara Wegner-Interim Financial Coordinator	
Pastor Dave	X	Marsha Schmit	X	Will Holt	X		
Pastor Paulus		Wendy Magruder	X	Laura Weikle	X		

The meeting was called to order by President Amanda.

Devotions led by Penny. God’s Love is Intentional. God knew the price paid to save us. God’s love is not reckless.

Secretary’s Report: M/S/P

Treasurer’s Report: October bank balance so far was \$39,000 and \$13, 000 has yet to be transferred out. All gifts given electronically are put into the General Fund. The funds are held and then transferred out to their designated funds.

Mortgage loan balance is under \$500,000.

The five Sundays in September yielded a larger offering and also slightly above the 2018 numbers. Simply Giving is a strong support of the ministry. The first two Sundays in October showed strong giving. M/S/P

Pastor/Staff: Pastor Dave noted Dec. starts the year of Matthew. Plans are to have a Digging Deeper on Matthew in Nov.

Marsha reports 66 meals were served for the Progressive Dinner.

Wendy reports that Faith had TAP students (transitional Adaptive Program that teach life skills) here helping around the church and helped to clean up the sanctuary.

Ministry Team Reports:

Management: (Exec Comm)

- Snow blowing contract signed – Same company – hand shoveling price increased.
- 2020 staff budget will be coming out soon for benefits and compensation
- Marsha stated the coffee maker is not working consistently

Worship: (Shelly and Maria)

- Will reports the fund that was raised over 4 years ago has a balance of \$4,800. The amount of \$1,400 will be used for the Bell Choir. There is a request of need to replace the keyboard. There are two different brands/styles that Will is researching and will discuss with Marc V. and other music players on which keyboard would best meet the needs of worship. The current keyboard was bought used about 12 years ago. We can discuss to sell or possibly use it at outdoor worship so a new keyboard would not have to be transported back and forth in the trailer etc. There are two brands being discussed are Nord (\$3,500) and Kawai (\$2,800) .

Children, Youth and Family: (Dan and Monica)

- Reviewed October’s Faith Fun Family Event. It seemed to be more families this year. Keeping the activity simple was well received.
- November 2 will be the Feed My Starving Children Event. The plan is to leave at 10:00 am and carpool. The max number of persons is 60.
- Confirmation Reception on October 21 needs volunteers to help serve cake.

Church in the World: (Penny and John)

- Daughters with a Purpose: Tammy Rolf and Chris Ruppert are raising funds for “Place of Home” homeless shelter in St. Cloud. The cost is \$350.00 per bed. Pastor Paul mentioned a fund—recycling can funds that are not designated at this time. It has a little over \$350.00 and is requesting we use it for a bed at the shelter. M/S/P
- The recycling trailer remains in the parking lot for donations of cans.
- Pastor Paul reports on the LCMC convention and how the Lutheran Church is in so many corners of the World and Missions. It is an amazing outreach of leaders and Pastors around the world.

Congregational Life: (Niki and Gail)

- Hosted Progressive Dinner. Good comments were heard. It was a good time of year to have and a good mix of ages.
- New member lunch is planned for November 3 and new member Sunday is November 17.
- Thanksgiving Eve Dessert will be November 27th.
- “Fill the Boat” usually is held in November, will be moved to a Spring event for better participation.

Discipleship: (Andrew and Cheryl)

- Bibleopoly Celebration planned for January 8th @ 5:30. Plans are to have a theme for Bibleopoly 2020.
- Soup and Chili supper will have a sign up soon.

OLD BUSINESS:

LCMC gathering = National Church Body – Association of Congregations. There are 750-800 Congregations in the U.S. and 100+ overseas. The annual gathering is required as a business meeting. All different mission agencies are represented there. The current service coordinator is retiring. Pastor Randy Freund will now be on the Board of Trustee and will help to influence the election of a new service coordinator. There are about 80 congregations in the Augustana District.

NEW BUSINESS:

Surge of year-end giving carries us through the new year. End-of-year funds need to be replenished. Remaining expenses=\$200,000 to meet what is needed. Keep trying to educate the church on trying to even out the giving throughout the year.

Anniversary Committee has met and is focusing on the “major” event possibly end of Sept. or Oct. The event would possibly last one whole weekend inviting past Pastors, staff, and members. The logo is done. Hoping to have monthly anniversary events.

****December and February devotions are needed.**

****Volunteers are needed for Council Communion on Christmas Day.**

Coorespondence:

Thank you from Augustana for the donation of \$2,500.

Thank you from New Hope Mission for the donation of \$1,400.

Closing Prayer by Pastor Scott.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 beginning at 6:00 pm

Devotions: John Olsen

Connie Stromseth – Secretary