

Faith Lutheran Church - Council Minutes Tuesday, August 17, 2021

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| President Carl Horton | x | Vice President John Olsen | x | Treasurer Julie Wendland | | Secretary Penny Stuber | X |
| Connie Stromseth | x | Daryl Bateman | x | Wade Eastman | x | Monica Wehler | x |
| Jon Gelschus | x | Niki Pokornowski | x | Maria Weikle | x | Gail Telecky | x |
| | | Patricia Block | | Owen Weikle | x | | |
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| Pastor Scott | x | Pastor Dave | x | Pastor Paulus | x | Pastor Paul | x |
| Wendy Magruder | x | Marsha Schmit | x | Sara Wegner | x | Jeff Amundson | x |
| Austin Willhite | | Laura Weikle | x | Kristen Matthews | x | | |

Call to order by President Carl Horton @ 7:36 p.m.

Opening Devotions by Gail Telecky

Secretary's Report: Action: M/S/P to approve the July minutes as presented.

Treasurer's Report: General Fund has used \$15,700 of reserves since the beginning of the year. Special fund accounts - Mission trip expenses will be paid out in August. There is a special fund account for the community meal with money to purchase food for them. Balance in this account is currently \$3,100. Building Maintenance fund currently has a balance of \$17,000. Anticipated expenses from this account include: \$6,000 for parking lot repairs and \$8,000 to pay the city assessment in full by November 15 to avoid interest. YTD giving is over last year by \$5,000.

Action: M/S/P to approve July's treasurer's report.

Ministry Team Reports:

Church in the World (Connie and Jon): Carrie and Justin from UCAP came to speak with the group today about their programs including homelessness and transitional housing in McLeod County. The New Start Program (UCAP) includes backpacks with supplies for the homeless and a laundry basket with supplies for those in transitional housing. Church in the World would like to collect donations from the congregation for these programs and make up 150 of each (backpacks and baskets) to donate to UCAP to distribute to the needy in McLeod County. The weekly bulletin and newsletter will list specific needs.

Action: M/S/P for the Church in the World team to use \$500 from the Special Benevolence Fund as seed money for the New Start Program with UCAP to purchase supplies needed for backpacks and baskets.

Congregational Life (Niki and Wade): Austin is working on a video to show on Sept. 19 and Oct. 3 to invite members of the congregation to the anniversary event on October 17 at the Fairgrounds. A painting of the church is in progress and the Congregational Life team will take orders for prints on Sept. 19 before and between services. Charge is \$25 for an 8 x 10. Proceeds will be used to offset costs of the church directory. September 12 - Fall Kickoff Sunday will serve a meal including: hot dogs, chips, dessert and water.

Discipleship (Daryl and Gail): Arranging with the provider for times for carriage rides on Oct 17.

Wednesday, December 1 - Chili and soup supper before Advent service.

Working on displays of buildings, people who have served, and mission trip photos with trivia questions on them for the anniversary celebration

Management (Exec Comm): Proposed special congregational meeting—see New Business.

An all-congregation photo will be taken in the east parking lot on that day, as well.

Music and Worship (Owen and Maria): Last outdoor service with fall kickoff on Sept. 12. The outdoor sound equipment will be used for the Faith on Grove reunion, Sept. 19, and anniversary service on Oct. 17.

The first concert in the new series will be held on Oct. 3.

Children, Youth and Family (Monica and Patricia): planned fall kickoff for Sunday School; see New Business

Old Business:

150th Anniversary Update.

A family has committed to serving the free community meal on September 12.

Report on Summer Activities from Kristen and Laura:

Tuesday - Picnic in the Park with Laura - 4 families

God Squad - 25 different kids throughout the summer

Vacation Bible School - 60 kids morning session - 45 kids evening session

Bible Camp - 12 kids attended

Day Camp involved 45 children and Mystery Bus included 25 middle-school youth.

7th Grade Fun Day done together with CtK for incoming confirmation students

Volleyball - 7 kids per week

Middle School Madness, run through HAY - 50-60 kids per week

Mission trip to Savannah, GA had 40 youth and 7 leaders

Sound booth expansion update

New Business:

GLLM Update—discussion of inappropriate experience of several children from Hutchinson at camp.

Kickoff Sunday is September 12 and will focus on the start of Sunday School. Congregational Life will serve a picnic lunch after outdoor worship service.

Mission Trip Budget: M/S/P: Budget \$7,500 to support the 2022 mission trip to Colorado.

Faith Group Update—Starting on Sept. 28, a larger group will share a meal together then divide into smaller groups for discussion of the new Faith Group study. Dinner will start at 5:15 p.m. and the study at 6:00 p.m.

Special Congregational Meeting

Action: Call a special congregational meeting for Sunday, Sept. 26 at 9:15 a.m. The only agenda item is to present a vision for the congregation to try to raise \$150,000 in special gifts in celebration of its 150th anniversary. Funds raised will be used for programs to develop pastors and other church leaders for the next 150 years of ministry. Motion M/S/P.

Closing prayer by Pastor Scott.

Meeting adjourned

The next Regular Council Meeting will be Tuesday, September 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Devotions next month by Penny Stuber.