

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CONGREGATION COUNCIL

May 10, 2022 • 7:30 pm

### OPENING BUSINESS:

The Trinity Lutheran Congregation Council meeting was called to order by Saundy Solum at 7:30 pm on May 10, 2022.

Pr. Elizabeth opened the meeting with a prayer.

Members Present:

Pr. Elizabeth, Dan Alstad, Jon Halverson, Terry Holland, Michelle Jahnke, Kim Kapplinger, Steve Kemp, Bethany Moen, Laurie Moen, Steve Nelson, Saundy Solum, Judy Tollefsrud, Dean Wiste, Mary Zaffke

Secretary's Report for April 13, 2022 was read/edited and approved. Bethany, Terry (M/S/P)

Treasurer's Report (placed on file) Highlights listed below. Mary, Laurie (M/S/P)

- Offering up 6000 from last year
- Total income is also up from last year.
- General Fund account – Merchants Bank
  - April income \$28,174.31
  - April expenses \$36,604.88
  - April net loss \$-8,430.57
  - Merchants ending balance \$13,908.29
  - Jan.-April 30, 2022, net loss \$-15,301.47
  - Jan.-April 30, 2021, net loss \$-2,459.49(NOTE – in 2021 \$10,070.75 received – Pandemic SBA)
- Special Accounts
  - Merchants Bank
    - Jan-April 30 income \$7,796
    - Jan- April 30 expenses \$103,142.07
    - Jan- April 30 Net loss \$-95,345.91
    - April 30, 2022, balance \$174,869.01
  - First Southeast Bank – Canton, MN
    - April 30, 2022, Money Market – church \$3,874.06
    - April 30, 2022, Money Market – T.C. \$15,104.08
  - Merchants Bank – All Endowments
    - April 30, 2022, Money Market \$14,856.90
- Building Project – Thrivent
  - December 31, 2021 \$566,517.76
  - Feb 28, 2022 \$528,789.49
  - April 7, 2022 \$528,376.45
  - May 5, 2022 \$501,861.90
- Luther League account – Merchant Bank
  - Jan. – April 30 income \$4,279.86

○ Jan. – April 30 expenses	\$7,203.87
○ Net loss	\$-2,924.01
○ April 30, 2022, balance	\$19,395.12

## STAFF REPORTS:

### Pastor Elizabeth:

1. Our Holy Week services were wonderful! It was so good to go through the Passion of Christ in person, singing ("Thine Is the Glory") and praying together. Our fifth graders used their self-made cups for their first communion. (One even brought his cup for communion last Sunday!) The choir was wonderful, it was a blessing to have Loren Esse on the trumpet Easter morning, and the second-service baptism was also a joy. More than 400 people attended worship during the Three Days. I'm so grateful to all who made and make worship possible.
2. As you know, we had a death on Easter Sunday evening, so I was unable to take my vacation as previously planned. However, I felt blessed and privileged to see her on the last evening and to preside at her celebration of life service. I "made up" a couple of days of vacation here and there during the last two weeks.
3. The Master Planning Committee and Facilities Planning Committee will meet jointly tomorrow afternoon to define next steps for the Master Plan.
4. The Synod Assembly will have been held last Saturday. I attended, along with Mark Schroeder and Jacque Wennes.
5. Yearly evaluations of all our staff are ongoing. The Staffing Team leads these important reviews of our ten staff people, and I attend each of them. The Staffing Team has been doing an excellent job on these. I'm very appreciative of their organization, cheerfulness, and support.
6. You will have heard by now that the school is forming a pre-K program and Bethany Bergsgaard will be the director. The Beary Patch board of directors is meeting in late May to determine next steps for Beary Patch.
7. Looking forward, I am "attending" the online Festival of Homiletics seminar next week. I also have a wedding on May 29 (at the Outback Ranch). We have three confirmation classes remaining – the last one is May 25. We also have our Senior Recognition Sunday May 22 and Baccalaureate June 1. It's a very busy month!
8. ***To be continued: 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 - 7 - 8 hours
2. Visits W/out Holy Communion 1 - 1 hours
3. Phone calls - 3 hour
4. Services @ Assisted Living - 1 - 1 1/2 hour
5. Services @ Nursing Home - 0 hour
6. services at Manor - 1 - 2 hour
7. services at Tweeten Apt hour

- 8. Staff Meeting – 4 @ 3 hours
- 9. Office Time – 2 hours
- 10. Sunday/Sat Sermon Prep and Service – 1 - 14 hours
- 11. Lenten Worship - Prep and service - 2 - 10 hours
- 12. Hospital Visits - 0 - hours
- 13. Driving time - 1 hours
- 14. Continuing Ed
- 15. 498-HOPE - 13 times @ 3.25 hours
- 16. Newsletter - 2 hour
- Total Hours – 43 3/4 hours
- Maple Syrup - canning 7 hours

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

- Last day of Sunday School—MAY 8 - Singing at the Nursing Home at 10:30am
- Last day of Wednesday School May 25th
- Last Day of Confirmation May 25th
- We need a VBS Teacher and Leader for pre - k VBS. June 20-23 9am - 12pm

#### **SYTTENDE MAI MEATBALL DINNER**

- Our youth will be leading the Meatball Dinner on Sunday, May 15.
- We will be serving from 10:30 a.m. til supplies last as drive-thru only.

#### **SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY**

- On Sunday, May 22 we will honor our graduating seniors with a special blessing during worship followed by a special Fellowship Time. Seniors: Reid Bjerke, Sierra Blaskowski, Julia Halverson, McKenzie Fisch, Brielle Neeley, Ava Olerud, and Jonah Udstuen.
- Ed committee to get the cake.

#### **COMMUNITY BACCALAUREATE**

- This service is for all graduating seniors, families, and friends. Area pastors will be participating in the service. Join us for this meaningful service for our local graduates on Wednesday, June 1 at 7:30 p.m.

#### **SUMMER EVENTS:**

##### **HIGH SCHOOL BONFIRES**

- Starting June 8, we will have weekly bonfires on Wednesday nights from 8-10 p.m. for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth on the big lawn at the church. There will be games, devotions, community time, and of course.....s'mores! Bring a friend or two, you do not need to be a Trinity member to attend — all are welcome!

##### **TENNIS TUESDAYS**

- The first Tuesday in June, July, and August we will meet at the tennis courts from 7-9 p.m. and have fun playing tennis, no skill needed, as Kerri has no skill! Bring a racquet and tennis balls if you have them. This will be a fun community time for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth. Our first Tennis Tuesday is June 7.

### **SUGAR CREEK DAY CAMP**

- All Kindergarten—6th grade youth are invited to attend Day Camp led by counselors from Sugar Creek Bible Camp. Day Camp is June 20-23 from 9 a.m. -3 p.m. at Trinity. Cost is \$20. It will be a great week of fun games, Bible studies, activities, and more! We also need two host families for these college-aged counselors.

### **PRESCHOOL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

- Our preschool Vacation Bible School will be held the same week of Day Camp, but only a half-day program. We are looking for one or two people to lead VBS. Kerri will prepare the curriculum but is in need of people to teach the lesson and crafts. Please contact Kerri if you are interested in this opportunity to work with our young youth.

### **CONFIRMATION CAMP AT GOOD EARTH VILLAGE BIBLE CAMP**

- ALL 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to attend Confirmation Camp on July10-15!
- Confirmation campers have memorable faith-building adventures during this week! Campers spend time each morning with our pastor or a confirmation leader exploring faith topics in depth. In the afternoon and evenings, campers enjoy group activities, canoeing, swimming, arts and crafts, epic games, and campfire worship led by the GEV summer staff.
  1. Please sign up online by June 1: <http://goodearthvillage.org/register>
  2. Make sure to list in your registration: CONFIRMATION CAMP with TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, SPRING GROVE, MN in the program space.
  3. You will have to pay a non-refundable deposit when you register.
  4. Total cost per youth is \$200 (monies from WELCA and other groups have been given to offset the costs). If you are unable to pay the amount or deposit, please let Kerri know and we can help figure out a way for your child to attend camp!

### **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH SUMMER SERVICE TRIP — BOUNDLESS W.Y.L.D.E.**

- All youth entering 9th—12th grade this fall are invited to participate in this trip. We will experience a powerful week of immersive youth ministry. The Boundless Wisconsin Youth Leadership Development Event is at Sugar Creek Bible Camp in Ferryville, WI. It is a gathering designed to inspire, equip, and send. The trip dates are July 24-29. We will experience hands-on service opportunities, leadership learning activities, spirit-filled worships, meaningful faith exploration, and supportive community! Cost is \$300. Deadline to register is June 1.
- (This trip is replacing the ELCA Youth Gathering that was canceled.)

### **TEAM REPORTS:**

(Brief reports from teams who met since the last council meeting or have an update/question.)

#### **Care Ministry**

- Worked on the HIP program.
- Channel 1 will be on site May 17.

#### **Outreach**

- Delivered Glazer Donuts to the local daycares on May 5 and May 6 as a random act of kindness.

#### **Property**

- Boiler at Trinity. Looking for parts to fix boiler. Received two bids: \$25,000 and \$24,000.

- Team will be doing a walk around the church in mid-June to evaluate what needs to be fixed/repaired

### **Staffing**

- Have been working on face-to-face evaluations with staff. Still working on a few more evaluations.

### **Stewardship**

- Went over summer schedule. Will meet next in July to finalize plans for Bishop
- Mailing giving statement in mid-July
- Will be submitting a newsletter article regarding gifts and memorials.

### **Worship**

- Time and talent survey in the summer
- Ushering schedule needs to be updated
- Broadcast fund is just over \$8,600. Team is looking into updating the equipment.

## **BIBLE STUDY**

Read Romans Chapter 1-4

- Pr. Elizabeth shared and said the key thing to take away from the first 4 chapters of Romans is, "For all have sinned, and all fall short of the glory God."
- Council was asked to read chapters 5-8 before next month's meeting.

## **CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

1. COVID protocols
  - Keeping an eye on things. No changes as of now.
2. Master Planning update
  - Meeting tomorrow.
3. Trinity Center Boiler Update
  - See Dan's notes from report from the Team reports.
4. Synod visit on July 13
  - Rev. Emily Carson will be here at Trinity. We will have a dinner at 6pm. Council member and Stewardship Team are invited to attend the dinner.
  - Bishop Carson will be coming to council to share a brief presentation on Benevolence and giving, and to thank us for our gifts to the greater church.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Expense report reminder
  - Anytime you have receipt to give to Nichole, the receipt must have a full name and a description.
2. Fall retreat
  - Saundy will look at some options and discuss more at the June meeting.
3. First Southeast Bank - Canton
  - Judy made a motion to authorize president, Saundy Solumn and treasurer, Steve Nelson to access funds, to authorized bookkeeper, Nichole Krenzke to inquire and view the

account, and to remove Barb Arnold and Marlene Deschler from the account, seconded by Kim. Motion carried.

4. Servant Sunday

- July 31. Steve is asking for help as 3 of the members will not be here on this Sunday. Saundy asked the council to think this over and she will gather volunteers at June meeting.

5. Master Plan-Facility Plan next steps

- Steve K. reported they are on their third plan. Need to do some tweaking.
- Going to need some dollars as two things need to be done first.
  - The windows and the south side.
  - The steeple is losing slate shingles.
- Recommends getting a project manager to meet with contractors and get bids. They are meeting tomorrow to discuss further.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- Steve K made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mary. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**UPCOMING DATES:**

- Senior Recognition May 22
- Baccalaureate June 1
- Next Council meeting: Wednesday, June 8 at 7:30 p.m. (Ed Team serves Music in the Park)
- Day Camp/VBS June 19-23
- Next newsletter (July-August) items due June 17
- July 13 meeting: Synod visit with Rev. Emily Carson (picnic beforehand at 6)

Submitted by *Michelle Jahnke*