

TRINITY LUTHERAN CONGREGATION COUNCIL

June 8, 2022 • 7:30 pm

OPENING BUSINESS:

The Trinity Lutheran Congregation Council meeting was called to order by Saundy Solum at 7:32 pm on June 8, 2022.

Pr. Elizabeth opened the meeting with a prayer.

Members Present:

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

Secretary's Report for May 10, 2022, was read. Dean made a motion to approve the secretary minutes, seconded by Terry. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (placed on file) Highlights listed below. Dan made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Mary. Motion carried.

- General Fund account – Merchants Bank
 - May income \$26,442.23
 - May expenses \$31,573.47
 - May net loss \$-5,131.24
 - Merchants ending balance \$13,908.29
 - Jan. – May 31, 2022, net loss \$-20,432.71
 - Jan. – May 31, 2021, net loss \$-22,971.76
 - May 31, 2022, account balance \$5,307.33
- Special Accounts
 - Merchants Bank
 - Jan. – May 31, 2022, income \$8,336.16
 - Jan. – May 31, 2022, expenses \$105,153.76
 - Jan. – May 31, 2022, Net loss \$-96,817.60
 - May 31, 2022, balance \$173,397.32
 - 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
 - June 1, 2022
 - Canton First Southeast Bank
 - May 31, 2022, money market – church \$3,874,383
 - May 31, 2022, money market – Trinity Center \$15,107.10
 - Merchant Bank
 - May 31, 2022, money market – Endowment \$14,859.34

- Luther League account – Merchant Bank
 - Jan. – May 31, 2022, income \$5,049.86
 - Jan. – May 31, 2022, expenses \$10,850.05
 - Net loss \$-5,800.19
 - May 31, 2022, balance \$16,518.94

All Endowments have investment in Thrivent Charitable Accounts, down 10% for year to date.

STAFF REPORTS:

Pastor Elizabeth:

1. Yearly evaluations of all our staff are now complete. The Staffing Team did an excellent job organizing and conducting these.
2. We completed this year's confirmation classes last week as well. May was very busy!
3. Our Senior Recognition and Baccalaureate services were lovely. It was a blessing to have the SGHS choir singing in the Trinity sanctuary again.
4. The online Festival of Homiletics was awesome. It's always great to hear from other pastors and chers such as Nadia Bolz-Weber, Lauren Winner and David Lose and get inspiration and ideas about how to make preaching more impactful.
5. I had a wedding on May 29 (at the Outback Ranch) last weekend which was very nice. We have several baptisms coming up in July, and several more later in the summer.
6. I am on the Synod's Fall Theological Retreat planning team, and we have been busy planning not just for the 2022 event (in November), but also the 2023 event.
7. The Beary Patch board of directors met last week and there will be no Beary Patch programming in the 2022-23 school year. Bethany Bergsgaard has been hired to direct the school's new 4K program. The school has also hired a director to oversee the Little Gnomes. We have much to discuss regarding the future of Trinity Center.
8. I will be on vacation from June 27 through July 8.
- 9. *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:

May 2022 time

1. Home Visits with Holy Communion - 10 for 12 hours total
2. Visits without Holy Communion 1 for 2 hours total
3. Phone calls - 2 hours
4. Services @ Assisted Living - did June 1
5. Services @ Nursing Home - 1 hour
6. Services at Manor - 1 hour
7. Services at Tweeten Apt- 1 hour
8. Staff Meeting – 4 for 3 hours total
9. Office Time – 2 hours
10. Sunday/Saturday Sermon Prep and Service – 2 for 21 hours total

11. Hospital Visits - 0 hours
12. Driving time - 1 hours
13. Continuing Ed - 12 hours
14. 498 HOPE - 13 times for 3.25 hours total
15. Newsletter - 2 hours

Total Hours – 63.25 hours

Planned Bob Neve's Funeral - 1 hour

1 Sunday Services at Wilmington Lutheran Church

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

Ed Team Tasks:

1. Music in the Park - Ed team serving dinner June 8th. Fundraiser for Education & Youth Ministry.
2. Children's coloring bag - refill/restock/clean out - 2 people from Ed Team to work on this.
3. Snacks for VBS - Sign up
4. Spread work about VBS and Day Camp.

Meatball Dinner:

- We served 570 meals, and we brought in \$4979.00 for the Youth Luther League account!
- We ran out of brownies. People were well pleased with the meal as always.

SUMMER EVENTS:

HIGH SCHOOL BONFIRES

- Starting June 8, we will have weekly bonfires on Wednesday nights from 8-10 p.m. for 9th-12th 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 7th-12th 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.

CONFIRMATION CAMP AT GOOD EARTH VILLAGE BIBLE CAMP

- ALL 7th - 9th graders are encouraged to attend Confirmation Camp on July 10-15! 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.)

Luther League/Trip Budget is at \$27,465.88

TEAM REPORTS:

Care Ministry (Laurie)

- Had a sight visit with Channel 1 to the Trinity Center. The food is stored in the furnace room in the Trinity Center.
- Channel 1 advised not to repackage food.
- Channel 1 said that Laurie needed to take a food safety test. Laurie took the test and passed.
- Seems to be more challenging with Channel 1. Looking ahead, if more difficult in the future, maybe looking at doing some shopping for food in bulk.

Communications (Mary)

- Trying to get a list of Military members. She will put something in bulletin & newsletter asking for assistance in getting this list.
- Marlene helping with Google Calendar to add events and pictures.
- Working with outreach with county wide backpack give away.

Education (Bethany)

- Since Kerri's report was submitted, Trinity received a phone call from Sugar Creek stating that they do not have enough counselors to lead Trinity's Day Camp. Kerri is working on a different plan. Day Camp will be happening at Trinity.

Mission (Dean)

- Called team members to talk about this year's projects.

Property (Dan)

- Property not doing any projects, Master plan is overseeing projects.

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

- Evaluations went well.
- Plans to meet in July.

Stewardship (Joyce)

- Still needing volunteers to help serve refreshments following outdoor worship on July 31. Peggy is making the meal and needs people to help serve.

Worship (Kim)

- Ask for families or group of friends to volunteer for ushering this summer – June 19 & 26 – outdoor worship.

BIBLE STUDY

Read Romans Chapter 5-8

The Apostle Paul discusses the origins of sin (Adam). He writes "Yes, Adam's one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ's one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone." (5:18)

The Blessings We Receive Through the Gospel (5:1 - 8:39)

- The gospel brings peace, righteousness, and joy (5:1-11).
- The gospel allows us to escape the consequences of sin (5:12-21).
- The gospel frees us from slavery to sin (6:1-23).
- The gospel frees us from slavery to the Law (7:1-25).
- The gospel offers us a righteous life through the Spirit (8:1-17).
- The gospel offers us ultimate victory over sin and death (8:18-39)

Please read Romans 9-12 for next month

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. COVID protocols
 - Checking with the county numbers. Numbers low – continue as is.
2. Master Planning update
 - Meeting next week. More to come.
3. Fall Retreat – when and where
 - Sunday, October 2 at Giants of the Earth, 11a-2:30p, lunch will be served. Retreat open to all team members.
4. Synod visit July 13 (how many will be there)
 - Team members are invited to the meal with Rev. Emily Carson at 6pm. Council members need talk to all team members, and all need to RSVP by July 1 by calling or emailing the church office.
 - Rev. Emily Carson will have 15-minute presentation about Stewardship
 - Council meeting to follow

5. Outdoor worship Stewardship Team meal July 31 (who can help serve)
 - Peggy is looking for help in serving the meal. Laurie Moen and Mary Zaffke volunteered; they both will ask their team members.
6. Bury electrical wires in old cemetery
 - Over \$30,000 quoted to have this done and cannot do for a couple of years. This is a city job. Saundy will meet with the city for a firm number.
7. Trinity Center
 - a. Beary Patch Preschool
 - Board met last week. School is offering a k-4 preschool program and have hired Bethany Bergsgaard. We will not offer any preschool this coming school year (2022-2023).
 - Trinity Center building needs to be brought to the congregation.
 - Kerri is looking into where we can have Release Time.
 - May winterize the Trinity Center. Dan made a motion to winterize the Trinity Center by September 1 as long as we have a place for release time, seconded by John, motion carried.
 - b. Boiler
 - We will not be updating the boiler. Dan will check with Dave Eiken on the status of the parts ordered.
8. Chamber update
 - Chamber can do things for us such as advertising.
 - Pr. Elizabeth asked for council's advice on where to place the Spring Grove Chamber Member window cling. Council advised on the south door to the offices.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministry – full time
 - John made a motion to hire Kerri full time, Bethany seconded. John stated that Kerri's salary would be around \$8,000 more for the year. Motion carried.
2. Windows
 - Pr. Elizabeth met with an anonymous donor who asked for needs for the church. She mentioned the windows project. The donor offered that they will match up to 30k of what we can raise.
 - We have had a couple of quoted in the past – in 2013, \$149.7K for all windows, and in 2017, \$193K for all windows.
 - Associated Glass Willet Hauser out of Winona coming tomorrow to give a quote on the windows on the south and west side. We would not be doing the northside as this would be apart of the addition/building project.
 - Pr. Elizabeth will bring to the congregation on Sunday and get the fundraising started.
3. Parsonage Porch
 - Porch is deteriorating. Gary got a bid from the lumber company: \$3,350.00 for the porch. An additional \$870 for underneath framework. \$395 for the facia. Total if all this needed to be done, \$4,615.00. \$2,000 in the budget. Dan made a motion to get the remaining funds from sale of the second parsonage, seconded by John. Motion carried.

LORD'S PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

- Terry made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dan seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.

UPCOMING DATES:

- 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*