

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CONGREGATION COUNCIL

July 13, 2022 • 7:15 pm

### OPENING BUSINESS:

The Trinity Lutheran Congregation Council meeting was called to order by Saundy Solum at 7:13 pm on July 13, 2022.

Pr. Elizabeth opened the meeting with a prayer.

Members Present:

Pr. Elizabeth, Betty Dokken, Terry Holland, Michelle Jahnke, Kim Kapplinger, Steve Kemp, Bev Nelson (for Bethany Moen), Steve Nelson, Kathy Overland (for Laurie Moen), Saundy Solum, Dean Wiste, Mary Zaffke

Members Absent:

Dan Alstad, Judy Tollefsrud

**Secretary's Report** for June 8, 2022 was read and edit and approved. Dean made a motion to approve the secretary minutes, seconded by Terry. Motion carried.

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

- General Fund account – Merchants Bank
  - June Offering \$18,115.25
  - Beary Patch reimbursement \$10,854.35
  - June income \$29,603.87
  - June expenses \$26,314.08
  - June net income \$3,289.79
  - Jan. – June 30, 2021, net loss \$-12,877.98
  - Jan. – June 30, 2022, net loss \$-12,905.38
  - June 30, 2022, account balance \$27,383.68

(NOTE: Offering in first 6 months of 2022 is \$9,523.02 less than same period in 2021.)
- Special Accounts
  - Merchants Bank
    - Jan. – June 30, 2022, income \$19,053.25
    - Jan. – June 30, 2022, expenses \$119,743.10
    - Jan. – June 30, 2022, Net loss \$-100,689.85
    - June 30, 2022, balance \$169,525.07
  - Building Project – Thrivent
    - May 5, 2022 \$501,861.90
  - Canton First Southeast Bank
    - June 30, 2022, all money market \$18,958.41
  - Merchant Bank
    - June 30, 2022, money market – Endowment \$14,838.40
- Luther League account – Merchant Bank
  - Jan. – June 30, 2022, income \$14,113.86
  - Jan. – June 30, 2022, expenses \$11,925.04
  - Net income \$2,188.82

o June 30, 2022, balance

\$24,507.95

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

## STAFF REPORTS:

### Pastor Elizabeth:

1. I am back from vacation, and I feel rested and ready for what's next. I'm so grateful to have been able to take nearly 2 weeks (1 Sunday) off after missing my post-Easter vacation. I'm very grateful to our staff for managing things while I was gone. I'm also very grateful to Lee and Gary, who rebuilt the front porch while I was gone. It looks great, and it should last long after I'm retired. (Not that I'm retiring anytime soon!)
2. Day Camp and VBS were awesome! Kerri's report has all the highlights, but I participated every day as well with Bible studies and activities. I really want to call out our young helpers – mostly confirmation students – for the wonderful job they did helping Kerri and taking the lead on games and other activities. They were an immense help, and a joy to have here.
3. This week the 7<sup>th</sup> graders and Kerri are at Good Earth Village for Confirmation Camp. I (will join) joined them on Tuesday for a short while to lead a session on prayer, and specifically The Lord's Prayer. I love these kids! It's been two years since GEV was open, and I'm so grateful we can have in-person overnight Confirmation Camp again!
4. We had two baptisms last week, and we have three more coming up. Always a blessing.
5. I'm looking forward to a special outdoor worship at Trollskagen Park on July 31, with Stewardship serving a "Servant Sunday" meal after. I hope you all can join (and help).
6. The thing I'm focusing on the most right now is the Master Plan, and specifically the windows. We will need to make some big decisions about whether to do all the windows or just the south (and maybe west) side windows. Also, raising the funds. It's not going to be inexpensive! Several of the Master Plan team members will go to Austin to visit a church that underwent a project very similar to ours. Many decisions to be made.
7. ***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: 11 for 12 hours total
2. Visits without Holy Communion: 2 for 2 hours total
3. Phone calls: 2 hours
4. Services @ Assisted Living: 1 hour
5. Services @ Nursing Home: 0 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: 1 for 13 hours total
11. Hospital Visits: 2 hours
12. Driving time: 8 hours

- 13. Continuing Ed hours
- 14. 498 HOPE: 15 times for 3.75 hours total
- 15. Newsletter: 2 hours

**Total Hours:** 52.75

Funeral services: Bob Neve and Sharon Buxengaard - 14 hours  
3 Sunday Services at Wilmington Lutheran Church

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

- June 20-24 we hosted Day Camp and VBS at Trinity. We had wonderful youth helpers/counselors help Kerri and Pr. Elizabeth lead a successful Day Camp! Sugar Creek Bible Camp was unable to come, so we trained up TLC youth to help lead the week-long camp!
- Our 7th grade youth leave July 10th for a week at Confirmation Camp! Please keep them in your prayers!
- August and September -- we will be selling maple syrup at the Farmers Market on Wednesday nights at music in the park.

## **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.

### **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 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.

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

All youth entering 9<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup> 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 SugarCreek 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!

(This trip is replacing the ELCA Youth Gathering that was canceled.)

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

## **TEAM REPORTS:**

### **Care Ministry** (Kathy)

- Laurie talked to Rachel Udstuen about keeping the HIP storage at the school. Laurie is waiting to hear back from Rachel.

### **Outreach** (Terry)

- Outreach has Thrivent Funds for Helping Hands Backpack Project.

### **Staffing** (Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month) (Betty)

- Updating and renewing the staff documents for 2023.
- Met with the finance team to discuss the wages for 2023

### **Stewardship** (Steve K.)

- 6<sup>th</sup> month giving statements will be sent out in the next two weeks.

### **Worship** (Kim)

- Met to discuss the logistic of the outdoor worship service on July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Worship team needs to update readers, ushers, communion servers, etc., people that help with the worship services. The team would like to have an updated time and talent. Kim asked Mary and her communications team to help assist in working on the time and talent information.

## **BIBLE STUDY**

Read Romans Chapter 9-12

In chapter 9 of Romans, Paul discusses "selection." Specifically, Paul tries to explain to "new" Christians how traditional Jews, God's chosen people, fit in the picture. What, he asks, really makes God's people God's people? "What does this all mean?" Paul asks in 9:30. In 10:4b, Paul writes "all who believe in him are made right with God." Continuing that theme, Paul writes: "If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (10:9) He continues: "Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. For 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'" (10:11b-12)

In chapter 12, Paul asks the young churches to be a "living sacrifice to God." This passage is one of several in which Paul promotes the metaphor of the "body of Christ." We all have different gifts, all of which work together for the good of all. In 12:7-12,

Paul gets specific about some of these gifts: service, teaching, encouraging, leadership, etc.

Saundy asked council members to read Romans Chapter 13-16 for next month. Pr. Elizabeth asked all to find out what is the tricky phrase (verse) that is used.

### **CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

1. COVID protocols
  - Status quo – no changes as of now.
2. Master Planning update
  - Received 4 proposals to do the windows. Jeff Engan volunteered to look at the proposal.
  - Saundy Jacque, Dan and Pr. Elizabeth will meet with Jeff. Then to the master planning team. And back to councils
  - Going to view a church in Austin to view addition done by CRW Architects in Rochester.
3. Fall Retreat reminder (Sun., Oct. 2, 11 am – 2:30 pm, Giants of the Earth)
  - More to come. For all team members and leads
4. Outdoor worship stewardship meal July 31 at Trollskogen Park (who can help serve?)
  - Laurie Moen can help serve along with the worship team.
5. Electrical wires in old cemetery update
  - tabled
6. Trinity Center update:
  - Electricity will be left on as we need to have the dehumidifier on.
  - **Release Time**
    - Release Time will be held at Giant's of the Earth Heritage Center.
    - Will also need have crossing guards
  - **HIP storage**
    - Waiting to hear from the school.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- No new business

### **LORD'S PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT**

- Mary made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Betty seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm, followed by The Lord's Prayer.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.

### **UPCOMING DATES:**

- Next newsletter items due August 19 for September newsletter
- Outdoor Worship: July 31 and August 28
- Helping Hands Give-Away (donations to church by 7/27; event for families 8/4 & 8/5)

Submitted by *Michelle Jahnke*