



For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – not the result of works so that no one may boast. –
Ephesians 2: 8-9
Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established. ~ *Proverbs 16:3*

NOTES

Congregation Meeting of Christ Lutheran Church & PreSchool Sunday, February 26, 2023

1) Call to Order/Determine Quorum/Opening Prayer

- a. Congregation President Lynn Brandl determined quorum and called to order at 10:34 a.m.

2) Highlights of Ministry

- a. Lynn gave overview of the ministry, highlighting milestones and successes

3) 2023 Proposed Budget

- a. Henry Sauer presented the 2023 budget with projected shortfall at end of year of \$11,000
- b. We continue to discuss space sharing with other churches to generate rental income
- c. **MOTION:** Nan Dahlke moved to approve budget as presented; Natalie Hilberg seconded; Motion carried.

4) Congregation Secretary Position

- a. **MOTION:** Natalie Hilberg nominated Nan Dahlke to position of Congregation Secretary; Kathy Davis seconded; Motion carried.

5) Cub Scout Pack 273 on Pause

- a. Lynn Brandl updated that Pack 273 is on pause; Christ Lutheran is the chartering organization (sponsor) for that group. (Note: Troop 273 is healthy)
- b. **MOTION:** Natalie Hilberg motioned to take control of bank accounts (and fiduciary responsibility) for Cub Scout Pack 273 assets, as directed by BSA leadership; Lynn Brandl seconded; Motion carried.

6) Worship Processes

- a. Attendees discussed options and changes to processes including Sharing of Peace, Communion distribution, hospitality
- b. Preference for keeping individual kits but also offering option for pre-poured “open” cups and wafers distributed by Pastor. Discussed use of gloves, etc. Lynn directed to discuss with Pastor Castello.
- c. Sharing of peace options include eliminating, going back to a more personal greeting, or something in-between (such as elbow bumps). Lynn directed to discuss with Pastor Castello.
- d. Worship processes and worship in general will be reviewed periodically

7) Worship/Events Calendar

- a. Easter is April 9 – decorate on morning of Saturday, April 8 (time tbd) including decorated butterflies and flowers donated by congregation members (flowers may be brought home after Easter worship)
- b. Worship planned for both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday at 7p
- c. PreSchool 30th Birthday scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 10a to 2p, at church
- d. No Lenten mid-week worship; Devotion resources on website

8) Property

- a. Need to find additional help for mowing and maintaining property; Other tasks include window washing, chair cushion cleaning, ceiling tile replacement, etc. Harrison Menis offered to help
- b. Option to replace Sanctuary video screen with one of the monitors in storage room
- c. Office copier is no longer functioning; no longer have ability to fold/staple, etc. so simpler bulletins
- d. Parking Lot likely needs patches; Monica Lundeen has offered to reach out to vendor Kelly Wheland
- e. Roof may need inspection; Will look to our provider for advice in order to maintain the building

9) Discussion

- a. Jack Brandl suggested that we focus on increasing membership, attendance and outreach
- b. Group discussed need to gather visitors in and formally offer/invite membership; Lynn directed to discuss with Pastor Castello to clarify the process for pastoral contact, invitation and path to formal membership
- c. Harrison Menis suggested restarting Sunday School activities – returning to mid-service activities with a Bible story and activity; Kathy Davis said she would look for activities/curriculum; Natalie Hilberg offered to help one time a month; Audio feed may not be working to provide teachers with option of listening to service from classrooms; Kathy Davis suggested rotating teachers so that volunteers are able to worship consistently; Alternate idea of starting by offering one time a month. (Expectation to have some sort of materials available within next couple of weeks to resume Sunday School.)
- d. Synod Assembly planned for Saturday, June 3 in St. Charles; Nan Dahlke and Lynn Brandl have agreed to attend (note: Lynn may have a conflict)

10) Adjourn

- a. **MOTION:** Kathy Davis motioned to adjourn; Penni Sauer seconded; Motion carried and meeting adjourned with Lord's Prayer at 11:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nan Dahlke, Note-taker
Lynn Brandl, Transcriber