

Community of Grace Lutheran Church
CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
5/17/18

Those present: Jodi Bendt, Sandy Anderson, Michelle Blankenship, Mark Schuneman, Dan McMahon, Ken Colberg, Tim Orf, Mike Preston, Mike Verley, Maia Hendrickson, Jeff Montgomery, Steve Turnbull
Angie Way

Excused: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. The refreshments and devotions were provided by Mike Preston.

The April 26, 2018, minutes were approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Steve Turnbull

Transition updates - "Who We Are & Where We're Going as a Church Community" document was discussed. Transition team realized it was important to put the team together immediately. Angie is managing much of the senior pastor role at this time and Steve is in the process of handing things over and working on capturing his day to day tasks. Pastor Steve expressed his gratitude and confidence in Pastor Angie's leadership.

Pastor Angie Way

The sermon schedule is set through September, with several guests planned to speak. We have a total of nine retired pastors to assist in this time. God has provided so well for us!

Work is underway to have the September 2018 through May 2019 preaching calendar set soon, with specific attention on keeping HISKids message and main message connected to help build deeper understanding and conversation among families.

Children's Ministries: Mark Schuneman

Core team continues to meet regularly.

VBS is June 25-29. Volunteer sign up out in the lobby and online. Any and all volunteers are appreciated, including those willing to help with preparations as VBS gets closer.

Student Ministries: Dan McMahon

Refuge finished the season with a Fiesta. The students enjoyed the fellowship. High school aged students are attending PULSE Twin Cities, a Christian concert series. Mission Trip will be to Lake of the Ozarks, July 16 -21 for those in 9-12 grades.

Adult Ministries: Maia Hendricksen

Growth Group survey needs to be completed by May 30, and will help to identify developmental opportunities.

Volunteer Event will occur on May 30.

Senior Ministries: Ken Colberg

S.A.M.P.L.E. event on May 2 had a great turnout of 35 attendees to hear the Silver Harmony Singers. R.O.M.E.O. has officially moved to Denny's in Maplewood. Old Guys Bible Study and J.U.L.I.E.T. continue to meet faithfully. Women Circles met for the last time this season until next fall, when a study on the Lord's Prayer will begin. 65 books were ordered for this study. 4:00 Senior Bible Study also met for the last time this program year.

Bandage Rollers, Knitters, and Card Makers continue to serve. Caryl Aanenson stepped up to serve as interim director of the Quilters as Pat Ponath continues to recover from surgery. Any fabric or donations can be processed through Caryl at this time.

Mount Carmel Adult Camp is taking registrations on August 27-30. See Pastor Angie for more information.

Worship: Tim Orf

The last According to Luke sermon series will be this weekend. We have been on this journey as a community since Sept, and are wrapping it up with prayer.

Summer worship venue and timing will be slightly different with Traditional at 9 a.m., Contemporary at 10:30 a.m., and all in the Sanctuary.

Dan Lugo will be back this Sunday, after spending time with his new family.

Missions: Mike Verley**HAITI**

- Perry Petersen will begin to price out flights for January & February 2019.

HOM

- A small volunteer group helped paint a couple of rooms at the Family Place on April 21
- A team of volunteers prepared and cooked a meal at the Family Place on April 21

HOOD

- Stamp Out Hunger had over 100 volunteers help clean the Food Shelf and sort & check 13,000 lbs of food. It is one of the largest events for the Food Shelf throughout the year.
- A team of 16 people helped serve at Bonus Saturdays at the Food Shelf from 9am-1 p.m. on April 28.
- Registrations are pouring in for the Garage Sale. Volunteer sign is now available online and in the Commons.

GENERAL

- We had a team of eight help serve a meal at CURE ministries on April 30.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Verley

Giving in April finished below budgeted expectations and below 2017 actuals. 2018 expenses are below budgeted amounts.

Facilities: Mike Preston

Church Security: Outside resources and Paul Wetterling have met with White Bear Lake PD. Some questions regarding the level of security we are choosing need to be addressed, including what type of security personnel we may need, uniformed or plain clothes, etc. Council would like to meet with the outside security resources to assess the need.

The sloped roof received damage during a storm last year, so we need to have that assessed for repair.

Fellowship Hall Renovation Project: Council reviewed three Fellowship Hall Project Plans and discussed the positives and negatives of all plans along with the cost.

MOTION by Mike Mathisen: Of the three Fellowship Hall Update plans Council reviewed during this meeting, *Revised Plan B* will be presented during a congregational meeting on June 3, 2018.

Motion discussed. Seconded. Motion carried.

Stewardship: Mike Mathisen

Financial information will be presented to the congregation in the next couple of weeks to make people aware of where giving stands this year.

Transition team: Mike Mathisen

A team consisting of Sandy Anderson, Jodi Bendt, Lisa Ambli, Mike Mathisen, Pastor Angie, Jeff Montgomery with Pastor Steve in an advisory role is meeting weekly on Tuesdays. They have been working on equipping staff to run effectively during the transition, so by the June 10, we'll be fully ready. Mike Mathisen continues to meet one on one with staff. Staff retreat will potentially occur in August.

Communication during the transition: beginning next Wednesday, the Transition Team will start publishing an update email with bullet points to update staff and council on transition team discussions/action items, asking for comments and concerns.

Vice President's Report: Jodi Bendt

No report.

Secretary's Report: Michelle Blankenship

No report.

President's Report: Sandy Anderson

Next month we'll be tackling revised CGLC personnel manual. Tim Orf, Jodi Bendt, Mike Mathisen and Maia Hendrickson will be helping to review and edit.

At the next Council meeting, we will be discussing options for the Senior Pastor Call Committee.

MOTION: Sandy moves that Diane Hovis would be appointed to Call Committee chair. Seconded.

Motion carried.

Farewell to Mike Preston, who will be moving to Arizona with his wife Diane and leaving Council. We thank him for his leadership and he will be missed.

Offering for May: Tim at 9:00 and Maia at 10:30.

Devotions & Refreshments for the meeting will be provided by Jodi Bendt.

Next meeting on June 21.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m. Closed with prayer.

Michelle Blankenship
Executive Secretary