

Community of Grace Lutheran Church
CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
6/21/18

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

Excused: Mike Verley

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Refreshments and devotions were provided by Jodi Bendt.

The May 17, 2018 minutes were approved.

Facilities Presentation: Security

Pastor Jon Nietzell of Valley Self Defense visited to discuss different levels of church security procedures along with prevention and emergency response training at Community of Grace, Magnuson, and LADC. Council discussed and assessed findings and agreed it would be favorable to obtain Pastor Nietzell's services.

Interim Senior Pastor's Report: Pastor Angie Way

Pastor Angie has continued to have peace that God is leading and guiding us in this time of continued transition. She shared that she is extremely thankful for the Prayer Team. Upcoming worship will focus on Minor Prophets. She expressed excitement that the summer schedule due to the Fellowship Hall Renovation is bringing us closer together as a community. The two worship services contain all generations, and some meaningful connections are being made.

Pastor Angie had a fruitful trip to the LCMC District Coordinators meeting in St. Charles, Illinois. While there, she connected with Perry Fruhling, who will be coordinating Call Committee Workshops at CGLC.

Children's Ministries: Mark Schuneman

VBS is June 25-29. 212 children are officially registered with more likely registering when they arrive on the first day. Core Team is working on a learning path tying in our core values as a church with Children's Ministry teachings.

Student Ministries, Welcome Team: Dan McMahon

Core Team will be more involved Sunday morning, so Anna Shoberg can do further outreach.

Adult Ministries: Maia Hendricksen

Linsey Petersen has stepped down from Groups, and Anna Shoberg has generously agreed to help in transition.

Senior Ministries: Ken Colberg

Groups: J.U.L.I.E.T. met on June 4 at 4 Seasons in Willernie with 15 in attendance. R.O.M.E.O. and Old Guys Bible Study continue to meet.

Service: Quilters meet weekly, averaging about 20 women.

Events: July 24-James J. Hill house tour. Milt Bighley will be taking over senior events for the summer. The plan for this tour runs from 1-4 p.m. with a bus at church. Cost is \$15 for bus and tour.

Care: This summer, we are offering bussing to church via NewTrax on the first and third weekends. The riders have decided to attend the 9 a.m. Traditional Worship in the summer and will continue to do so in the fall. Parish Nurse Carol Watnemo and member Sylvia Johnson will be calling on our homebound members to take their pictures for the myCG directory over the next few months.

Coming up: Women's Circles next year will be doing a study on the Lord's Prayer. July J.U.L.I.E.T. will be at Joseph's in Stillwater July 2.

Worship: Tim Orf

Different worship times this summer have yielded an unexpected blessing as we come together in the Sanctuary. Tech Staff and Dan Lugo have been working on the acoustics/audio in the Sanctuary to enhance the experience. The Worship Teams group has been discussing Sunday morning schedules "behind the scenes" leading up to worship.

Missions: Mike Verley

HAITI: No trip dates have been booked yet.

HOM: A team of volunteers prepared and cooked a meal at the Family Place on June 3.

HOOD: A team of 16 people helped serve at **Bonus Saturdays** at the Food Shelf from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on April 28 and on May 26. Perry is working on a revised plan for the **School Tools** drive this July/August. It will shift from a Women's Ministry volunteer event to an event that will be more open to the congregation to volunteer.

GENERAL: Undesignated giving to Service and Missions has been approximately \$1,000 per month less than what we have been given in the past. In good news, giving of designated gifts has been very strong this year and for the most part appears that we are getting the same number of gifts, but just given differently than years past. Regular bulletin updates will be given to let the congregation know the status of the budgets and encourage people to give.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff Montgomery for Mike Verley

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

Facilities: Jeff Montgomery

Fellowship Hall Renovation process was discussed. The City of White Bear Lake met with Jeff to discuss the timelines moving forward. The architectural contractor, VanMan, is working to provide the city with answers to structural questions.

Stewardship: Mike Mathisen

Financial information will continue to be presented to the congregation to make people aware of where giving stands this year.

Transition Team: Mike Mathisen

Mike Mathisen continues to meet one on one with staff. Staff retreat will potentially occur in August. Transition team updates will continue to be in the bulletin each week.

Vice President's Report: Jodi Bendt

No report.

Secretary's Report: Michelle Blankenship

No report.

President's Report: Sandy Anderson

Tim Orf, Jodi Bendt, Mike Mathisen, Maia Hendrickson, and Jeff Montgomery will be helping to review and edit the Employee Manual. A draft will be ready to approve for the July meeting.

Council should consider ways to intentionally lift up staff during this transition time. We as a community are so thankful for their hard work, particularly now.

Call Committee recommendations reviewed.

Offering for July: Mark Schuneman at 9 a.m. and at Ken Colberg 10:30 a.m.

Devotions & Refreshments for the meeting will be provided by Sandy Anderson.

Next meeting on July 19.

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m. Closed with prayer.

Michelle Blankenship
Executive Secretary