

Community of Grace Lutheran Church
CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
10/11/18

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. Refreshments and devotions were provided Jodi Bendt.

The September 20, 2018, minutes were approved.

Interim Senior Pastor's Report: Pastor Angie Way

- Angie recently attended the LCMC Annual Convention. It was inspiring and invigorating.
- In this time of transition, we are shaken out of our sense of security. It's a wonderful time for the Holy Spirit to remind us that WE are the church--that we are disciples who make disciples.

Children's Ministries: Mark Schuneman

- Core Team is meeting on Monday.
- Hallelujah Festival will not be held this year as Children's prepares for a larger component in our services around Christmas.

Student Ministries Dan McMahon

- Confirmation 2018
 - Celebration of Confirmation 11/11
 - Interviews 10/16 & 10/18 5:30 - 9:00 pm
 - Interviewers needed – Melinda emailed out a link to Sign Up Genius
- Breakout Night 10/24
 - Confirmation: Teen Alpha
 - High School: Buffalo Wild Wings Blazin' Challenge
- Fall Recharge 11/16-11/19
 - 8th-12th grade welcome
 - Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp

Adult Ministries: Maia Hendrickson

- Connections Event in October added 20 more people to Growth Groups
- Short term sermon-based discussion group in November (discussion changed after further discussions by Growth Group)

Senior Ministries: Ken Colberg

- J.U.L.I.E.T. Keller Grille October 8th
- S.A.M.P.L.E. October 11 – Meal with a presentation from Officer Tracy on how to avoid scams and fraud. 25 in attendance.
- November 5, J.U.L.I.E.T. at the Machine Shed
- November SAMPLE: A celebration of Veterans. 11:30 meal (\$5, free for Veterans). Program following with Magnuson Christian School and Veteran speaker.

Worship: Tim Orf

- *Trust Issue* sermon series ongoing.
- In the moments of bringing struggles to God, we find that He sees our circumstance and provides the true resolution of peace in Jesus Christ.
- Third grade Bible presentations were powerful and showed families fulfilling baptismal promises.
- Celebrate Love Pours Out sermon time. It was needed and spirit-filled!

Welcome/Hospitality: Dennis Engman

- Anna has expanded her volunteer positions to include a co-lead, someone to help her understand what's going on with all our visitors and fill in missing pieces.

Missions: Michelle Sherman

- HAITI
 - 16 people for the Haiti service trip, January 12-19, seven returning and nine new, for a total of 108 participants over the ten-year partnership with MOH.
 - Plans are being made to gather care packages from the 170 people that sponsor MOH kids. Typically, 40-60 are packages are sent.
 - In December we will be inviting the congregation to buy a birthday gift for Orphanage children or Transition House teens and young adults. 62 gifts are usually taken for this purpose.

- **HOM**
 - Diaper drive in November for Operation HOM partners, culminating with service event after Thanksgiving Eve service.
 - Project Home is coming back in December. 200 volunteers needed.
- **HOOD**
 - CGLC was able to give a \$2500 gift to the Give a Gobble Thanksgiving Event at the WBA Food Shelf thanks to a designated gift.
 - Fall Clean up November 3.
- **GENERAL**
 - Keep Ashley Collins in your prayers. She left on October 4 to do 11 months of service in 11 different countries through The World Race.
 - Sarah Ambli is serving as a nurse in Zambia during this semester of college and is doing well. Please keep her in your prayers.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Mathisen

Giving in September finished below budgeted expectations. 2018 expenses are below budgeted amounts. Total giving for 2018 is ahead of 2017 actuals.

Facilities: Jeff Montgomery

Fellowship Hall Renovation is looking good! Our first Sunday with worship in Fellowship Hall is scheduled to be on October 28. All staging has arrived. Abatement has begun, carpet, sound and lights to be installed next week. Security doors will be installed shortly after MEA. Our leaky 20-year-old roof means we need to begin to look at solutions.

Stewardship: Mike Mathisen

Continuing to report financial status weekly in bulletin. Letters will go out to congregation to update them on the status soon.

Transition team: Mike Mathisen

Team is now meeting every other week.

Vice President's Report: Jodi Bendt

Magnuson board meeting: continuing to look for new director. Core team between LADC, CGLC, and Magnuson continue to meet.

Secretary's Report: Michelle Blankenship

No report.

President's Report: Sandy Anderson

- Call committee continues to identify qualified applicants. Next steps in the process are being undertaken. There will be a Call Committee basics update in the bulletin in the coming weeks to help all congregants understand the process and where we currently are in it.
- Continue to discuss how Council can further the work of the church, including a Start Up committee to help introduce, welcome, and pave the way for the new Pastor when he or she arrives.

Offering for November: Jodi at 9 a.m. and Maia at 10:30 a.m.

Devotions & Refreshments for the meeting will be provided by Tim Orf.

Next meeting on November 15, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m. Closed with prayer.

Michelle Blankenship
Executive Secretary