

COMMUNITY OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

September 20, 2018

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Refreshments and devotions were provided Mark Schuneman.

The August 16, 2018, minutes were approved.

Interim Senior Pastor's Report: Pastor Angie Way

- It's been exciting to hear how the staff is energized after kickoff, HisKids, and Refuge. We've had a successful start to the ministry year!
- Angie was a speaker recently in Watertown, Minnesota with Augustana Synod of LCMC.
- Angie finished reviews with staff.
- Next Step lunch is coming up with plentiful sign ups.
- Meeting early this morning with Magnuson to talk about things that we can continue to do together as partners. Core team between CGLC and Magnuson discussion deepening.
- Guest pastors doing a great job and ongoing discussion and training are occurring.
- Service time changes have been discussed among staff. Looking at the deeper numbers to make sure any change is well thought through. There is potential in many possibilities, as well as drawbacks. We want to be faithful to what will work best for our church.

Children's Ministries: Mark Schuneman

- HISKids started last week and went very well.
- Working towards a more accountable and secure system of releasing kids to parents.
- Next core team meeting on Monday.

Student Ministries Dan McMahon

- Leader training September 5
- Refuge kickoff September 12
- Midnighter on September 21 for seventh through ninth grades
- Guy/Girl Night: Guys will play whirly ball, girls will have a "Mystery Night"
- High School bowling night in the works
- Current message series: Activate, looking at life of Peter and talking about situations in our lives that can activate or deactivate our faith.

- Lots of new seventh graders (30+)
- Introducing the idea of confirmation based on years and milestones versus grade
 - Confirmation as three-year program regardless of grade level
- Confirmation interviews October 16 and 18.

Adult Ministries: Maia Hendrickson

- Growth Groups are starting up again.
- Love Pours In Event on September 30.
- Connection event on October 7 will occur in the Commons. Some new leaders have stepped forward.
- Campaign to update myCG and make sure it's accurate.

Senior Ministries: Ken Colberg

- J.U.L.I.E.T. September 3 Great Moon Buffet
- R.O.M.E.O. and Old Guys Bible Study: going strong.
- Quilters continue to meet
- Mount Carmel Camp August 27-30. Pastor Angie attended as well.
- War Room Movie - 70 women attended and it was a great event.
- A meeting was held for combined ministries of Care Team, Parish Nurse, and Visitation Ministry to better communicate and equip members serving our homebound. Led by Carol Watnemo and Tom Schultz.
- Women's Circles leader studies are beginning. Retired Pastor Doreen Jeffers led the study on the Lord's Prayer today.
- October 1 J.U.L.I.E.T. will be at Keller Grille
- October SAMPLE: 11:30 a.m. meal for \$5. The program is to be led by a White Bear Lake police officer to discuss the avoidance of scams and frauds.

Worship: Tim Orf

- Sunday Mornings: Have started Trust Issues sermon series.
- Sunday, September 30: Love Pours In Worship event. Great opportunity to pour into the entire congregation.
- Refuge group has a vibrant worship component. One of the high school volunteers is being equipped to take on further worship duties in Refuge.

Welcome/Hospitality: Dennis Engman

- 12 new visitors and family came to the Orange Wall on Kick off Sunday
- 6 sign ups for Next Steps lunch
- Volunteers in parking lot to direct congregants and visitors
- Nursing Lounge open

Missions: Jeff Montgomery

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- MOH: current plan is to restart mobilization teams in September, and there is a plan to send a team January 12-19. Registration is open now online and the deadline is October 7.
- MOH has been contacted about the next service project for Source Matelas. In 2018 our team did the basketball court and in 2017 it was the water canal. In 2019 we are looking at doing a project and having donations of around \$9,000 to help fund the project

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- A team of volunteers cooked and served a meal at the Family Place on August 18 and will do another one on September 23.
- \$200 of diapers and supplies are delivered each month by volunteers to the Family Service Center shelter in Maplewood.

HOOD

- School Tools Drive final numbers are in! Volunteers helped pack and delivery 256 backpacks to WB Schools and 8 backpacks to Magnuson. The 264 total backpacks are up from 159 that were donated last year!
- 12-16 volunteers continue to serve food to 90+ families at Bonus Saturdays once a month at the WB Food Shelf.

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- The School Tools Drive has also received 156 bags for children overseas. Another great response from the 107 bags donated in 2017.
- Significant progress has been made for Service & Missions offerings. At the end of August, we had a balance of \$3736.78 and only -\$272.88 off of our desired one-month total of commitments balance.
- Ashley Collins is heading out to 11 months of service in 11 different countries through The World Race on October 4. The Service & Missions Core team decided to support her with a gift of \$1000 as she tries to be fully funded before she leaves.
- Michaela Koll is back from her missions work in Vietnam through YWAM. Both Michaela and Ashley Collins were able to attend the Service & Missions Core Team meeting last Thursday to share about their callings to missions.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Mathisen

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

Facilities: Jeff Montgomery

Fellowship Hall Renovation and security doors are an ongoing project. There is a delay in shipping the staging for installation in the Fellowship Hall, but temporary solutions are being discussed.

Stewardship: Mike Mathisen

Continuing to report financial status weekly in bulletin.

Transition team: Mike Mathisen

Team is now meeting every other week.

Vice President's Report: Jodi Bendt

Mid-year staff reviews are nearly wrapped up.

Secretary's Report: Michelle Blankenship

No report.

President's Report: Sandy Anderson

Candidates for vacant Missions position on Council were discussed.

Offering for October: Michelle Blankenship at 9 a.m. and at Tim Orf 10:30a.m.

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

Next meeting on October 11, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m. Closed with prayer.

Michelle Blankenship
Executive Secretary