

Bethany Lutheran Church
Council Meeting April 11, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Poppen at 6:34 p.m. with song, prayer, and the reading of Psalm 36: 5-11.

All members present: Patricia Ernst, Anne Fetzter, Kent Kaufman, Cindy Knoop, Amber Marsh, Kristin McElhinney, Howard Moss, Dave Poppen, Jill Taylor, and Pastor Chad Whaley

Pastor's Report – Pastor Chad Whaley

Thanksgivings and Joys

- Choir sang with us and will sing on Easter
- All the children and more people returning to in-person worship
- In-person event with colleagues ... finally!

Wednesdays in Lent

- Thanks to all who attended, provided treats, and the youth there every week

Ministry Happenings

- 13 Pastoral Visits
- Two Meetings with Kristin and Amber
 - Family Prayer Night planning and preparation, and VBS discussions
- Attended Worship for Renewal in Bettendorf hosted by Bishop Current with other rostered leaders
- Synod Nominating Committee Meeting
- Pre-Marital Session for July wedding

Technology

- Continued testing, updating, along with postings to Facebook, website, and Twitter.
- Assisting Paula in posting worship videos and sending links to those who do not have Facebook and for Crestview residents.

Other Activities

- Newsletter preparation
- Planned and prepared for Wednesdays in Lent
- Assembled Holy Week Psalms Document, a devotional and spiritual tool to assist people this Holy Week.
- Text study, worship planning, and sermon preparation
- A week of rest and renewal

Prayer

- Time spent in sanctuary
- Praying over the pews
- Praying for all our people
- Praying for guidance and vision
- Tuesday morning prayer group

Community

- Anti-Bullying Committee Meeting (WBCSD)
- Wrote two letters of recommendation for youth applying for scholarships, etc.

Upcoming Events

- Easter
- Bible Presentation (May 1)
- Baptism of Everett Dlhj (May 14)
- Synod Assembly (May 20-21)

Secretary's Report – Anne Fetzer

Kent moved to approve the March minutes, seconded by Cindy. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report – Jill Taylor

Howard moved to approve the report, seconded by Amber. Motion approved.

Committee Reports

Building & Grounds – Howard Moss

- Within two weeks both church furnaces and the parsonage furnace needed repairs.
- Broken water line in the parsonage and broken valve.
- Belltower light repaired and fitted with brighter LED light.
- New faucet for great hall kitchen sink.
- Volunteers for painting projects.
- Looking for someone to transport an old piano to the transfer station.

Education & Youth – Kristin McElhinney & Amber Marsh

- Three new families participating in Sunday School – averaging 13 students among eight families. Meeting three times a month.

- Ten children participated in the Palm Sunday parade during worship.
- Hosting a Family Prayer night on Wednesday, April 27 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. for preschool through grade 8.
- Bible presentation on May 1. Distributing 12 Bibles.
- VBS planned in the evening from July 10-12. A formal schedule, registration, and volunteer requests coming soon.

Evangelism & Missions – Anne Fetzer

- No report.

Fellowship – Patsy Ernst

- Increased fellowship attendance following worship. Exciting to see more families and children participating in the fellowship activities.
- Signs for the Fourth Sunday Dinner (April 24) posted around West Branch businesses and Facebook.

Stewardship – Kent Kaufman

- Began reviewing Synod information for Stewardship ideas

Worship & Music – Cindy Knoop

- Lent services around the Cross were successful and busy with planning Easter activities.
- More discussion on adding greeters and other ministry roles as we return to in-person worship services.

Old Business

1. None to discuss.

New Business

1. Outdoor Services Discussion

- Patsy moved that we provide outdoor services on the second and fourth Sundays beginning in June, weather permitting. An extra Communion will be added and service to be condensed as done previously. Howard seconded. Motion approved.
- Worship committee to further discuss volunteer duties needed for outdoor setup and Communion schedule.
- Also, looking at options for running electricity outdoors to simplify setup.

Dave moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Howard seconded. Motion approved.

Council members closed the meeting by reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Next Regular Meeting – 05/09/22

