

Bethany Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting May 9, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Poppen at 6:34 p.m.

All members present: Anne Fetzer, Kent Kaufman, Cindy Knoop, Amber Marsh, Kristin McElhinney, Howard Moss, Dave Poppen, Jill Taylor

Members Absent: Patricia Ernst, Pastor Chad Whaley

**Pastor's Report – Pastor Chad Whaley**

**Joys and Thanksgivings**

- Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday Worship
- Family Prayer Night
- Increased in-person worship attendance

**Ministry Happenings**

- Baptismal Education
  - Everett Dhly on May 15th
- 15 Pastoral Visits
- Family Prayer Night
- Synod Nominating Committee Meeting
  - Follow-up phone calls to rostered leaders
- Moses Project Continuing Education Event in Des Moines
- Hiking Ministry canceled due to weather but prepared a devotion
- Prayer (Individual and with Paula/others)
- Attended Fourth Sunday Supper
- Attended Angel Meals preparation, spent time with high school students, and assisted with cleanup
- Holy Week Worship
  - Found them to be meaningful and moving
  - Heard similar comments from others in attendance
- Attend Sunday school class (pre-K – 3rd Grade)
  - Join a few minutes each Sunday
- Meeting with the Cedar County DVIP representative
- Reading the book *Simon Peter* for a possible book study
- Created a video for confirmation
- Newsletter

- Worship Bulletins
- Website, Facebook, and Twitter updates and postings
- Sermon Preparation

### **Upcoming**

- Synod Assembly – May 20-21
- Out of the Office – June 22-24

### **Secretary's Report – Anne Fetzer**

Kent moved to approve the April minutes, seconded by Howard. Motion approved.

### **Treasurer's Report – Jill Taylor**

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

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Building & Grounds – Howard Moss**

- All smoke detectors replaced due to expiration
- Air conditioners serviced and cleaned
- LED lights replaced in the track lighting
- Outside outlet to be installed by Dan Haub
- New faucet installed in the kitchen

#### **Education & Youth – Kristin McElhinney & Amber Marsh**

- Family Prayer Night was held on April 27 with five families in attendance.
- Twelve students received Bibles in April.
- VBS Registration forms ready. VBS occurring July 10-12.
- Confirmation classes ending for the summer, classes will resume in the fall.
- One Senior, Cole Bailey to be honored on Senior Recognition Sunday, May 15.

#### **Evangelism & Missions – Anne Fetzer**

- No report.

#### **Fellowship – Patsy Ernst**

- Sunday, May 22 is the next scheduled Fourth Sunday Meal.

#### **Stewardship – Kent Kaufman**

- No report.

#### **Worship & Music – Cindy Knoop**

- Easter Services were well attended, estimated 80 in-person attendees.

- Mid-week services averaged about 20 in-person attendees.
- Scheduling regular Worship Committee meetings.
- Discussion for adding a youth choir in the future.

#### **Old Business**

1. Discussion of outdoor worship - frequency and ways to simplify.
  - a. First outdoor service is scheduled for June 12.
  - b. Council members plan to assist with the outdoor setup.
  - c. Pastor looking to council for cancelation guidance (weather, etc.). Congregation to be notified by 8:00 a.m. if there are changes to the worship format.

#### **New Business**

1. Church clean-up day and fellowship lunch
  - a. Planned for Sunday, June 5 following worship services.
  - b. Areas of focus include cleaning out the shed, organizing the kitchen, washing windows, cleaning nursery toys, painting projects, and repairing drywall.
  - c. Picnic and outdoor games planned following clean-up.
2. Summer Council Meetings
  - a. Howard moved that June's regular meeting be rescheduled to Monday, June 6, seconded by Kristin. Motion approved.
  - b. July's regular meeting is scheduled during VBS. More discussion in June if a July meeting is needed or could be rescheduled.

Howard moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m., Kent seconded. Motion approved.

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

Next Regular Meeting – 06/06/22