

## Bethany Lutheran Church- Council Minutes October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Call to Order** at 6:30 by President Kent Kaufman

Members Present: Jon Twing, Dale Swenson, Pastor Chad, Cindy Knoop, Kent Kaufman, Kristen Van Scoyoc, Howard Moss, Courtney Heid

Members absent: Pat Cassabaum, Jessica Fonseca

### Opening Prayer & Discussion

### Pastor's Report

#### Joys and Thanksgivings

- Faith Forward events (Open House and High School Night)
- Choir singing/staff appreciation Sunday
- Community Tailgate

#### Ministry Happenings

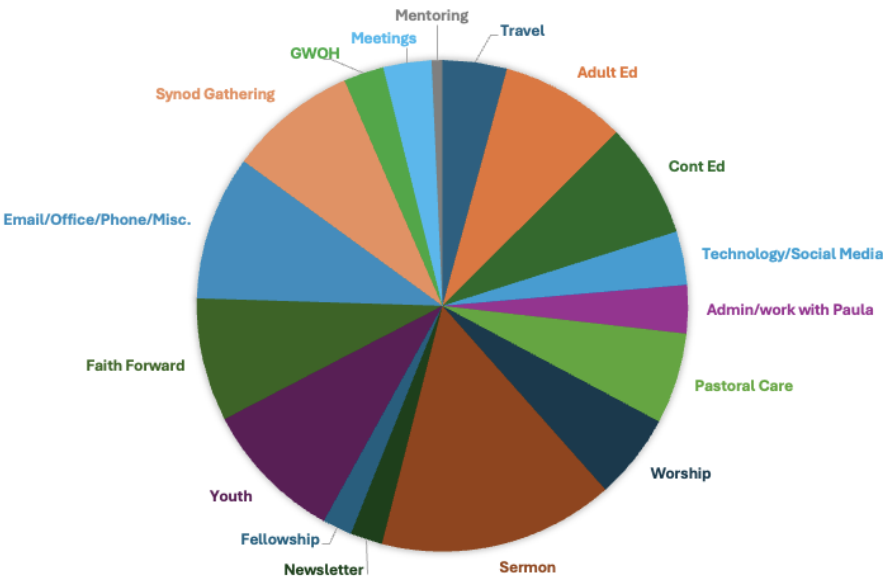
- Faith Forward Events
  - 7 youth @ high school event
  - 51 people @ open house
  - More kits taken after church yesterday
- Faith Forward mentor and cohort meetings
- Sermon Camp (Continuing Education)
  - Concluded in September after 6 weeks
- Community Tailgate
  - Well attended by students and families
- Fall Conference (Southeastern Iowa Synod)
  - Topic – Christian Nationalism
- Crestview Worship
  - 4 in attendance
  - Recently asked if I would lead worship at a new facility in Iowa City I was recently visiting a parishioner at
- Funeral of Richard Madsen
- Worship Meeting
  - Thanks to Cindy for leading and those present: Beth, Linda, Jill B.
- West Branch Area Religious Council Meeting (WBARC)
  - No recent expenditures
  - Wal-Mart gift cards will be provided to resource counselor to provide to families in need
  - Updated resource brochure being worked on
- Attend quilters group often
- Wednesday men's Bible study group
- Pastoral Visits: 15

#### Upcoming

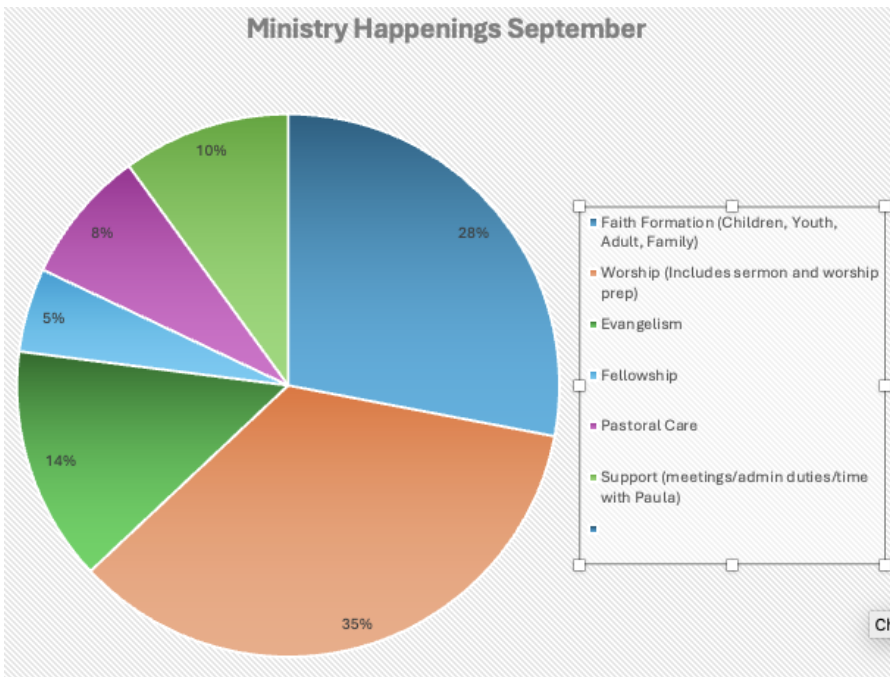
- Vacation – 10/19-10/22

\*These pie charts are a way of monitoring my activities and provides a graphic. The first is a detailed pie chart showing specific duties. The second is an attempt to combine these into more general ministry terminology that reflects our budget. Remember, this is a snapshot of one month and each month changes. This month will most likely see a large uptick in pastoral care and a decline in continuing education.

**MINISTRY HAPPENINGS - SEPTEMBER 2024**



**Ministry Happenings September**



**Secretary's Report- Courtney**

- September Council Meeting Minutes
  - Howard moved to approve; Kristen seconded. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report- Jon**

- August Treasurer's Report (was tabled in September due to books not being closed)
  - Kristen moved to approve; Howard seconded. Motion approved.
- September Treasurer's Report
  - Howard moved to approve; Kristen seconded. Motion approved.

## **Committee Reports**

### Building and Grounds – Howard

- The city water main project affecting the church and parsonage is complete.

### Education & Youth- Kristen & Courtney

- Christmas program prep
  - Planned for Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

### Evangelism & Missions – Jessica via email

- Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup> I will be delivering the personal care kits that were made during God's Work Our Hands. I will be dropping them off at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids. We ended up with a total of 63 kits.

### Fellowship – Pat via email

- The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Meals:
  - October - Del & Sue Hughes
  - November - Paul & Nancy Bruns
  - December – no meal

### Stewardship- Dale

- Temple talks have been going well, two more planned
- Looking at getting reusable water bottles and bags as well as potentially getting a bottle filling station in the church. Use memorial funds?
- October 3<sup>rd</sup> – stewardship providing fellowship

### Worship and Music – Cindy

- October 20<sup>th</sup> – Hymn sing Sunday
- October 27<sup>th</sup> – Reformation Sunday
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> – All Saints Sunday
- Christmas season planning
- Looking at Christ/Pascal candle replacement

## Old Business

- Capital Improvement Fund
  - Multiple items on list for church building and parsonage – we need to prioritize
    - Kent motioned to replace storm door for parsonage using Capital Improvement Fund; Kristen seconded. Motion approved.
- Solar Tax Credit – Jon working on getting information needed to fill out forms. Many hurdles with government changes.

## New Business

- Church use request:
  - Alda is the Cedar County Rep for DVIP – asking to use some church space as a remote workplace occasionally. Chad gathering more information about details of this.
- Reminder to start thinking about 2025 budget requests for committee
- Nominating Committee (responsible for finding replacements for outgoing council members)
  - Dave Poppen
  - Jill Taylor
  - Sue Hughes

Howard moved to adjourn the meeting at 08:01pm, Kristen seconded. Motion approved.

**Closed** with the Lord's Prayer

Next Regular Meeting November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024