

ELC Council Meeting Minutes

Date: July 9, 2024

Called to Order: 6:00PM

Present: LuAnn, Pastor, Jenny, Barb, Patti, Ashley, Tasha, Ann, Peter

Absent: Sue

Devotion: John 3:1-36

- Talking about things in a literal sense
- The Amazing work Jesus was doing
- Nicodemus was very curious

Group Conversation:

- The Nones
 - Those that are spiritual
 - No religious affiliation
- Why do they believe what they believe?
 - Different Priorities
- How do we connect with them?
 - Meet them where they are at
 - Everyone is busier
 - More conversations
 - More listening

Worship Committee Report:

- Kudos to Sue for leading the Worship Committee. She is so organized, and has things laid out so it is a way to follow.
- This Saturday July 13th, digging up plants around the church.
- Thursday, July 18th Community Worship at 5:30 at at D1CC a the Ho-Chunk Nation
- Baptism Splash: Hatfield: August 4th
- Blessing of the Pets: Hatfield: July 28
- Worship with Calvary Lutheran/ELC: August 18
- End of Summer Pie/Ice Cream Social: September 1
- Joey has agreed to stay on as Choir Director.

Building and Grounds Committee Report:

- Digging up plants this Saturday, July 13.
- Green Oasis is behind due to weather
 - Jason is our contact, Mary does scheduling

- Plan is to start August 12
 - THIS IS A MUST DUE TO FALL WORSHIP STARTING AND SUNDAY SCHOOL.
- Sunday School Door
 - Will be here in August
- ADA door upgrades
 - Waiting to hear from Trulock
- Ed Johnson will start working on Building and Grounds Committee, January 2025.

Education Committee:

- Birth to 3 doing pop up events over the summer
- Retained all teacher from last year
- Planning to do Sunday School Kick Off with God's Work Our Hands
- Youth Bible Study on Wednesday in July
- VBS everything is lining up as it should
- God's Work Our Hands
 - Will know more next month

Youth and Family

- 25 Kids registered for camp
 - 14 Overnight
 - 11 Day Camp
 - Day Camp Grades K-3
- Baptism Splash
 - Focus on the younger kids/toddlers
- Parents Night Out
 - 3rd night of VBS
 - Parents walk to Rozario's

Witness/Outreach Committee:

- July 25-Homelessness Event
 - Chamber Office/Old Deer Park
 - Plan is to do Care Kits
 - Containing personal hygiene supplies
 - Towels
 - Flipflop
 - As well as of grab and go items
 - Small gifts for kids
 - Will be spending \$1000.00 from the Outreach Mission Investment Fund

Witness/Might Table Committee:

- Making 111 meals a week
- Received a referral from HoChunk Social Services
- Homeless family is now in Western Dairyland house
 - Would they like/need a meal
- If you see a sale on meat: Let Patti know!
- Possibly working on more grants

Stewardship:

- Theme: Imagine If....
- October: Spotlight one ministry every week
 - Talk about the missions year round
- Missionary has been chosen
 - Kelly Schumacher Fuller and Rev. Aaron Fuller
 - Navel Chaplin
 - Focus on Children
 - We will be able to send our Missionary Support Funds to him
 - Send via ELC Gift Processing Center vs through the Synod He will receive funds sooner.
 - Put his name in the memo line of the check
 - Approximately: \$1125.00
 - Lizzie will be able to notify the Synod when the check is sent.
- Quilters have made 240 Quilts
- W/ELCA: LuAnne reported, Sonja is working on school kits

Pastoral Report:

- Joey has turned in tax paperwork for getting paid as Choir Director.
 - Back pay of approximately \$1000.00
 - No pay for the month of June, July, and August
- Community Worship
 - Help is needed
 - Setup Helpers
 - Usher/Greeter
 - Our church color is GREEN. Everyone should wear a GREEN shirt.
- New Bishop Elect:
 - Martin Halom
- Lunch with Pastor Jenny
 - 20 people of all ages
 - Good open conversations
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace

- We need to send our funds to assist
 - Approximately \$1500.00
- Allowing others to use church
 - Exercise class: Emily's kids are now being baptized
 - Child Care Class: Pastor Jenny took kids on a tour of church looking at the stain glass. One person was especially interested in the Medicine Wheel stain glass.
- Vision:
 - Sue and Pastor Jenny will meet next week when Sue returns.

Treasure Report:

- Gifts and Memorials
 - Roof Donation have dropped off
 - Have envelopes for people to purchase plants and/or benches.
 - So, they know where their money is going
 - All memorial funds balance
- Endowment Fund:
 - Currently working on getting access
- Getting great interest back
- We are behind on our giving
- Income is better than expenses
 - Motion of approve: Tasha
 - Second: Ann
 - Motion Carries @ 7:10 PM

Secretary Report:

- Motion to approve June Minutes as presented
 - Motion: Barb
 - Second: Lu Ann
 - Motion Carries @ 7:12 PM

Other Business:

- July 28-August 5 we will need help cleaning the church as Paul will be off.
 - Mighty Table will be able to assist in setting up for sewing, when they are done.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Jenny

Adjourned: 7:17 PM

Next Meeting August 13, 2024 @ ELC @ 6:00 PM

