



Meeting Agenda

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

January 13, 2019, 10:30-12:30pm

“To worship God as an intergenerational praying community, learning God’s Word, and building lasting relationships as we grow in God’s love and grace.”

Members Present:, Duane Olson, Pastor Mary Kaye, Don Hansen, Wendy Szczepanski, Rose Anderson, Joe Landgreen Craig Loen, Miriam Flysjo **Members Absent:** none

A. Opening Devotions- Don

B. Sharing story- Wendy and Rose

C. Pastor Report-PMK- Two deaths in the last few weeks. PMK led worship at Parnly between Christmas and New Years. She continues to commune to people at home.

The 4 people present at the Conversation on funeral planning participated in a good conversation. Next conversation event is February 15 at 6:30. The topic is “Let’s Talk- Experimental Generosity”. PMK will vary the days and times of the events so more people can come. PMK is planning dinner events as fundraisers for the steeple. The first event will be a lasagna dinner Saturday, 1/19 at 5:30pm. She got a Thrivent grant to cover some expenses for food. Other dinners are planned. She will make some events during the daylight hours

Summer Stretch is a Ministry for middle schoolers (going into 6-9 grade) who are interested. It will be the week of June 10-14 so it won’t interfere with Together with Friends. Summer Stretch is an opportunity for the youth to experience different kinds of serving like packing meals, weeding, helping with younger kids. Many churches have done this ministry over the last 30 years to help the middle schoolers grow in their faith. The program is tailored to the individual churches. At least 1 or 2 adults are needed every day to help the program and transport the kids to the service places and recreation. High schoolers are encouraged to apply to be leaders. There is a charge but they can use their New Creations funds to pay for part of it. It is not required that individuals attend all week. Fees cover lunch and recreation fees.

Other meetings

Luther Point for annual meeting. First Lutheran is a voting member. Don and Joe volunteered to be our representatives. Feb 10 at 2:00. Delegates vote on camp board and give ideas about camp ministry.

St. Paul Synod Conference assembly and Tool kit meeting-Feb 23- 9:00-3:00. Rose, Wendy and PMK plan to attend. Two more adult members + 2 youth and 2 young adults are welcome.

St. Paul area synod assembly May 17-18 will get to send pastor, 1 youth and 1 young adult and 2 other adults. Don plans to attend.

Feb 24 at noon is the syrup commitment meeting at Peace Lutheran.

MiChiLu has been having meetings with the pastors and some members of the congregations. The churches are working to let other congregations know when they have events planned so other congregations can attend. Next event tentatively Mardi Gras before Lent. Next meeting 1/15 at Zion Lutheran in chisago City-lunch provided. Anyone who want to know anything about the collaboration is welcome to call PMK, or request minutes of any or all meetings.

Racial justice workshop- Feb 17 from 3-6 workshop at Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church in St. Paul. \$10

D. President's Report- Don-- First Lutheran youth have partnered with Peace Lutheran in the syrup program. Peace Lutheran has sold \$15,000 in syrup. They fund mission trips to Jamaica and Youth in Texas

First Lutheran sold \$12,200 in syrup since July. 75% goes into missions. 25% goes for expenses. The profits are split between the two churches. Working together is keeping the program going.

Angie is working on making a physical model of the steeple to use as the fund raiser. The steeple is 1200 square feet. Angie figured the cost per shingle is \$30. This helps people realize that even small amounts will help. PMK had the idea of small banks shaped like steeples that can be put on the tables in people's homes and other places.

E. Treasurer Report. Joe –

After Christmas we are still 5% below our budget. There was not a big bump in giving at the end of the year.. All our bills are paid.

Light Shine funds- Joe made motion to move \$565.71 from Light Shine line 3020 to choir funds line 3050. Rose seconded the motion. Motion carried

Don will write in the Council corner about what our financial goals are so the congregation is aware of what expenses need to be in the next budget.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report PMK seconded by Craig

F. Other New business

Craig asked about decorating for his daughter's wedding. Someone from church needs to be there to help with hanging the decorations.

G. Motion by Miriam seconded by to Adjourn Rose

Next meeting February 10 at 10:30