



Fall Retreat Notes

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church
September 23, 2018, 10:30-2:00 pm

“To worship God as an intergenerational 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, Craig Loen, Miriam Flysjo **Members Absent:** Joe Landgreen

A. Opening Devotions- Wendy Craig will do October devotion

B. Review Mission of First Lutheran

All are actions... should we add prayer? After considering several options, it was decided to add praying to the Mission statement. The statement will now read: “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.”

Discussion of how we are carrying out our mission. An adult Bible study that meets a few times a month on Wednesday night was added. We sponsored 3 community outreach/relationship building meetings. The council will start wearing name tags and ask other members also wear them to help to promote building relationships.

C. Stewardship- sharing of our time and talents, as our treasures

Share our individual story of what each of us believes our talents are:

Duane- Experience: background in the chamber and teaching. Gifts: Asking questions to stimulate the group thinking, taking risks- trying something new

Don- Experience: supervising people, where he worked to determine individual’s strengths. Gifts: Fix things so they work again, Collaboration- bringing people with differing ideas or conflicts to an agreeable solution to all.

PMK- Experience: being part of 17 congregations. Gifts: Doesn’t give up easily, Still love and care for people she doesn’t agree with.

Craig- Experience: Working closely with hundreds of different farmers to make sure it works by giving guidance. Gifts: Care for people, help them... push them to do better. Help everyone to succeed.

Rose- Experience: Family owned nursing home, Owned catering business. Gifts: Coordination, loving people, compassion, good listener, giving generously of her time

Wendy- Experience: Teaching science. Gifts: love to teach, help people understand something they don’t get. Serving others...making others happy, interacting with people of all ages

