

The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Roseville, MN 55113
Church Council meeting.
March 19, 2024 – 7:00 pm – Fireside Room

Members present: Pastor Sarah Friesen-Carper, Chris Westermeyer, Brent Swisher, Elizabeth Hendrickson, Dennis Stolp, Angela Smithson, Elsa Larsen, Alison Kessler, Nancy Nelson and Dick Hendrickson

President Chris Westermeyer called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Pastor Sarah led devotions.

Pastor's Report – report printed below

Because of several factors including lack of attendance there was a **Motion/Second/Carried** to support Pastor Sarah's request to discontinue worship at The Preserve.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Chris. **Motion/Second/Carried** to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Check signature signers was updated.

We are getting credit cards from US Bank.

Committee Reports –

Outreach – report printed below

Worship, Music and the Arts – report printed below

We need to update our Reconciling in Christ welcome statement.

Youth and Learning – report printed below

Youth Gathering Fundraising will begin soon.

Parish Life – report printed below

Building and Grounds – report printed below

Old Business-

We are going to use Microsoft OneNote for sharing Council information. Kurt is working on setting that up.

We discussed timing of Staff pay raises. We discussed leaving it as is (starting after Annual Meeting), begin pay raises January 1st or March 1st or approving a budget prior to January 1st. Since this change would begin in 2025 and since we have until the end of this year to decide, we will discuss further before making a decision.

The Synod Assembly is May 10 & 11. It will begin in the evening of May 10th and continue from 8:00 - 2:30 on the 11th. Elsa Larsen will be one of our delegates to the Synod Assembly. We are in need of another delegate and we are allowed one youth delegate. If anyone is interested in attending, please talk to Pastor Sarah.

New Business –

Nancy Nelson gave us a report on the Guatemala Trip. It is a relationship building trip to help get to know the people at the church there. The group visited schools in Guatemala City, they visited with people at the Santa Amelia congregation, met with the town council there, signed the covenant and had other visitations and conversations. It was a great trip for all!

Pastor Sarah offered a closing prayer.

Meeting was adjourned.

Dick Hendrickson, secretary

Pastor Report for March 2024 Council Meeting

Action item: Support to discontinue services at The Preserve of Roseville

I. Administration

- a. Season of Renewal – Second cohort meeting and first coaching meeting.
Currently I am working to assemble a team. That team will meet 2-3 times before a meeting with the cohort on May 4th. The team will take part in administering a vitality survey with members of the congregation between now and then.
- b. Working with Kurt on shared drive for Council
- c. 15 meetings.

II. Staff

- a. The staff continues to be great. Nothing to report on this month.

III. Education

- a. Monday Bible study continues.
- b. Sue Hendrickson and I met to plan a schedule for fundraising for the youth going to the ELCA National Youth Gathering this summer. We will need just over \$7,000 for the registration, travel, food, and hotel.

IV. Pastoral Care

- a. I helped Neil Johnston and his family to plan and lead a Celebration of Life for his brother, Curtis, at the Shoreview Community Center.
- b. Still working on a date for new member Sunday.
- c. 14 pastoral care interactions.

V. Worship, Music, Arts

- a. We hosted 1 funeral in February for Nancy Lind.
- b. Much gratitude for all those who are assisting with worship this Lent and preparing for Holy Week and Easter. Attendance at weekday services and dinners has been great!
- c. We've also added Lectio Divina on Tuesdays during Lent via zoom. This seems to be a bad time for folks. Next year we'll try a different day and time.
- d. Morning Prayer on Wednesdays at 8am via zoom continues apace with 8 regular attendees.
- e. 12 worship services; 8 sermons including at the Preserve and funeral

VI. Continuing Education

- a. Total is 2 weeks with 2 Sundays.
- b. None scheduled so far.
- c. I meet with a monthly clergy support group.

VII. Community Engagement

- a. I'd like us to discuss where/how my community involvement time is best spent. I think this will become clearer as we work on our Season of Renewal work. Currently I spend 6-8 hours/month in preparation for and at The Preserve of Roseville. We have two regular attendees (two have moved and the 5th regular is not there more than half of the year) and last time we were there no one showed up and the activities director had not included the service on the calendar. There is little cooperation from the staff. I don't think it is a good use of resources for us.

VIII. Synodical Engagement

- a. Season of Renewal –2 meetings.
- IX. Vacation
- 1. Total is 4 weeks with 4 Sundays

Date	Sundays	Work weekdays
March 10-11	1	1
April 8-14	1	4
June 27-July 5	1	4
Totals	3	9

Minutes – Outreach committee 3/10/2024

Love Your Neighbor coffee bar was very successful - \$1,139.00 will be donated to Keystone. Post it notes on the display board will be tallied. Noted that volunteers for Sunday night Youth group and Every Meal distribution are needed.

Summer Coffee Bars – Alayne suggested donations be directed to the Dorothy Rossing Fund which provides microloans for refugees. Angela had suggestions for various local organizations. Discussion will continue next month.

Phil inquired about Youth funding - Terra reported that 5 youth and 2 adults will be attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July. They will travel by train. Easter breakfast offerings will be split between youth attending Lutheran Summer Music and the youth gathering, they will work on other fundraising ideas.

Plant Sale – yes, it’s going to happen. Proceeds will be directed towards the possible purchase of a Bell for the congregation in Santa Amelia.

Pancake breakfast – Planning is well underway. Date is April 27, times TBD, Volunteers are needed. Phil has been experimenting with Irish pancakes, looking for Irish sausages and “fake” Irish coffee. We hope to advertise this event through Do Good Roseville. Proceeds will go to the teacher fund at EDW.

Next meeting – April 14

Here is the **Worship Music and Arts Committee** minutes from our meeting on March 3rd.

-Ensure SPARKS story Bible is noted in bulletin. Cheryl will email pastor Sarah a list of dates when the readings happen from SPARKS.

-We are providing soup supper March 20th. Before soup supper: make sure PBJ supplies are there; we should have one or two soups, at least on vegetarian and gluten free option. Cheryl will be sending out an email about soup supper.

In future, let's not do soup supper right before Holy Week, too much added stress in an already busy time.

-Pastor will ask odd jobbers about lectern and pulpit locations in regards to cords and navigation for serving communion at the rail. Please ensure they are respectful of not scratching the floor.

-Palms for Palm Sunday have been ordered. Dee will confirm if someone needs to be in the building when they are delivered.

-Setup for Maundy Thursday will happen after Palm Sunday worship. Dennis Stolp will be contributing stools with handles to aid in foot washing. Cheryl will coordinate the people stripping the altar on Maundy Thursday.

-Saturday morning will be setup for Easter Vigil.

-People can take their Easter plants home after Easter Sunday. There will be a list with what people ordered to ensure they take home the right plants.

Add QR code to Easter Plant order form for next year.

-Start Easter Vigil at 7:39pm (sundown), listed start time will be 7:30.

-Fun thing: donkey naming contest for the prop donkey. Pastor will coordinate with Kurt about how this will be executed.

Wednesday email: donkey naming contest, DST reminder for March 10th, set your clocks forward!

-Pastor will source little bells for kids to ring for vigil and Easter morning on Alleluias

-Cheryl will organize ribbon wrigglers for Easter processional

-Pastor added a list of dates to the usher light box of when the paschal candle should and should not be lit.

-There are currently three books on how to set up communion, Sarah will meet with Nancy as to clarifying one method

-Worship assistant training: when was the last time this happened, can we have another one to encourage new members to serve, do we want to do another round of Time and Talents involvement sheets (or address a different way to seek people's interests in serving). Elsa will bring to council at March meeting?

-We discussed the potential of a committed involvement fair, kind of like what clubs do in college, for people to learn what each committee is doing for people to get involved. Elsa will bring to council at March meeting?

-RIC sign outside and banner inside/ certificate posted: in Adult Form on Sunday, it came to the group's attention that our RIC sign was formerly posted outside somewhere and has since gone missing. We would like to find a way to post either the general pride flag or the updated RIC logo on our sign (painted plexiglass that can be slid in). We would also like to relocate our certificate from Reconciling Works and post it somewhere where everyone can see it.

-Council needs to address welcome statement to be in line with Reconciling Works, Elsa will bring this to council at March meeting.

Next meeting has not been set. We did not meet on the 17th as was noted in the bulletin.

Here's the report from **Youth and Learning:**

March 3, 2024

Youth and Learning

Present: Arlin Becker, Jason Koering, Sue Hendrickson, Rebecca Sauer, Rachel Wright, Terra Swisher

Late Over was held on Friday, March 1.

Successful event with 18 kids; 5 teens; 4 adults.

Easter Coffee Bar - coming up on March 31

Getting volunteers to sign up for setup crew, host the event, and clean-up crew.

Food will be provided by committee members and families.

Egg hunt will be provided by the older youth.

VBS

July 28 – August 1

Sue will teach and do curriculum.

Musical will be “Are We There Yet?” (story of Moses)

Youth Gathering update

Fundraising

Spaghetti Supper – April 17 (5-7 pm)

Caramel Roll Sunday - May 19

Take Stock – June 9, 16, 23, 30 (have table at church; youth will talk at worship; 2 people sitting at table)

\$50 for one stock

Ice Cream/PP – August 4 (tentative date)

Youth need to buy a synod-based t-shirts, clear water bottles, clear backpacks

Terra is going to clarify with Pastor Sarah registration payment (by families initially or after fundraising)

Lutheran Summer Music

Cost: \$2500

LCR – we pay \$1000

For next year – do we want to increase the amount? Will cost families \$250 more

Not an issue for this year because Baker-Trinity registered early before increase

Youth Arts Showcase - Sunday, April 21 at 10:30 a.m.

Rachel will have Kurt send out a sign-up genius for signing up for the showcase

Will provide an overview in paper form for the Sunday School class

Next Meeting: April 7

Parish Life – March 2024

- Thanks to all committees for helping/hosting during the Lent suppers and making those a success.
- Coffee mugs are out on a table in the hall. Claim your personal mug by re-hanging on the tree. Unclaimed will be donated.
- Invitations/reminders were sent to some select members for Holy Week, hoping to see some folks return.
- Easter Vigil service will be followed by a reception. If you're able, please stick around to help with cleanup.
- Cake will be provided after the April 21st service in honor of both the Cantata and Youth Arts showcase.
- Started discussion about time/talent sheets and/or pew cards.
- Looking ahead:
 - Ascension Day (May 9)
 - Graduation Sunday (May 26)

Building and Grounds – March 18, 2024

Air Mechanical is coming to church this week to work on the boilers. In addition to that work we still have some questions about the boilers that we hope Air Mechanical can answer. There is additional electrical work needed for the boilers and we are going to hire another company to do that work. If we are comfortable with the work they do we will switch to that company rather than continue with Air Mechanical.

The stove is not working properly. There are three burners that are workable and three burners that are not working. We will hire someone to fix the gas stove and oven.

The piano top in the Fellowship Hall was damaged. The Odd Jobbers replaced the hardware to fix the damage. The top of the piano is not to be lifted.

We have set a Spring Clean Up Day for Saturday, May 18th.