

The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Roseville, MN 55113  
Church Council meeting.  
November 21, 2023 – 7:00 pm – Fireside Room

Members present: Pastor Sarah Friesen-Carper, Chris Westermeyer, Brent Swisher, Teri MacNabb, Jason Koering, Nancy Nelson, Caren Cushing, Jon Christianson, Arlin Becker and Dick Hendrickson

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Westermeyer.

Arlin Becker led devotions centered on “A Great Cloud of Witnesses”

**Pastor’s Report** – see printed report below

Thanks to Kris Rongstad, Joel McDermott and Chris Westermeyer for their work on the Stewardship Campaign. Also, thanks to the three people who offered Temple Talks.

The Pastor’s headset microphone is being repaired.

Our Youth Group gatherings on Sunday evening are going well.

Treasurer’s Report – **Motion/Second/Carried** to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented.

### **Committees**

Building and Grounds – see printed report below

Youth and Education – see printed report below

Pie Sale went well.

Ministry to the Aging is being moved from Youth and Education to Parish Life.

Parish Life – see printed report below

Lent suppers start February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Outreach – see printed report below

LSS has revamped their holiday giving strategy. They will not be gathering gifts this year.

Money raised by Resurrection will be donated to LSS for holiday giving.

April 27<sup>th</sup> will be an Irish Pancake Breakfast at church.

Worship, Music and the Arts – The church will be decorated for Advent

### **Old Business –**

The Stewardship Campaign and the process went well.

2024 Budget – Tentatively it is expected that the 2024 budget will be similar to the 2023 budget.

## **New Business –**

Jon Christianson is the new liaison from our congregation to LSS. How do we and how can we interact with LSS? The Outreach Committee will discuss options.

Mortgage payment – When do we make a payment? How much do we pay? The general consensus was to wait until January to make a mortgage payment.

Our December 19th meeting will be a potluck starting at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will invited the new Council members. The current Church Council members will provide the food for the potluck. Chris will set up a way to organize the potluck.

Pastor Sarah offered a closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Dick Hendrickson, secretary

## Pastor Report for November 21, 2023

Action item: None

### 1. Administration

1. Thanks to Chris Westermeyer, Kris Rongstad and Joel McDermott for working on this year's stewardship campaign. Special thanks also to the three who gave such beautiful Temple Talks!
2. Thanks to Dick Hendrickson who is working with Faber Sound to fix the problem with the pastor's microphone. We should have a new headset by next week.
3. The Communications Team met. We agreed that the new Newsletter model (quarterly with an emphasis on stories and photos) works well. The next project is to work with committees on print and web-based descriptions of what each committee does.
4. Thanks for a great congregational meeting, especially to Chris Westermeyer who ran the meeting and all those who stood for election to Council and Nominating Committee. Thanks to Wayne Griesel and the Prish Life Committee for organizing the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the stained glass windows.
5. A group met to discuss gathering opportunities in the spring and winter. Since we are not hosting a Hymn Festival in January, there is some open time. However, since Lent is so early this year, we decided not to fill anything there. The Outreach Committee is pairing with the music par of Worship, Music, Arts for an Irish Music pancake fundraiser in the spring. More info to come!
6. 23 meetings.
7. Administrative needs: Group/individual to liaise with Kinderhaus Montessori

### 2. Staff

1. Staff annual reviews will take place late November (pushed later because of schedule conflicts.)

### 3. Education

1. Planned the intergenerational event on Martin Luther on November 19<sup>th</sup> with Sue Hendrickson.
2. Sue and I also planned the children's epiphany pageant scheduled during worship on January 7<sup>th</sup>.
3. Thanks to all who helped bake pie on November 18<sup>th</sup> and all who bought them! We had 12 children and youth and 9 adults.
4. Thanks to Gary Butler, Paul Westermeyer, Jennifer Baker-Trinity, and Rachel Sauer for leading Adult Forums this past month.
5. Weekday Bible Study on Mondays at 1pm continues. We're still looking at Matthew. We'll move to studying Mark in January.
6. Youth Group is still going well. I attend once a month and enjoyed "ask the pastor" night on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Great conversation!

### 4. Pastoral Care

1. Visitation Ministry – met in August to evaluate and make some changes. Each of our homebound members has an assigned Connector who contacts at least once a month and brings communion.
2. 15 pastoral care interactions.

5. Worship, Music, Arts
  1. We're in full Advent, Christmas and Epiphany mode! Can't wait for these seasons. We spent some good time planning for these seasons this last month.
  2. We are in the process of organizing a group which will work together to prepare the intercessory prayers for each Sunday.
  3. 7 worship services; 7 sermons including at the Preserve.
6. Continuing Education
  1. Past: Retreat January 17-20 (4 days); May 23 – Restorative Conversations with Lombard Mennonite Peace Center; September 10 – Healthy Congregations with Lombard Mennonite Peace Center
  2. I meet with a monthly clergy support group
7. Community Engagement
  1. Thanks to all who participated in the All Saints' Hymn Festival on November 2<sup>nd</sup>! A wonderful experience and great turn out!
  2. Worship at the Preserve continues. We have 4-5 regular attendees. Gary and I will lead Christmas Caroling there in December with the residents.
8. Synodical Engagement
  1. Fall Meeting of the North Central Conference on October 24<sup>th</sup>.
  2. Fall Ministerium with Saint Paul Area Synod and Minneapolis Area Synod on October 26<sup>th</sup> included worship and presentation by Kao Kalia Yang and then a plenary discussion with Kao Kalia Yang and two pastors in our synod who are refugees from their home countries.
  3. Meetings with Bishop Lull and DEM Justin Grimm (don't worry, it was good stuff.)
9. Vacation
  1. Total is 4 weeks with 4 Sundays

Date	Sundays	Work weekdays	Total
February 13-15		3	3
April 13-16	1	3	4
May 30-June 3		3	3
June 25-26	1	1	2
August 4-5, 7-12		4	4
August 27	1		1
November 10-13	1	1	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>19</b>

## **Building and Grounds met November 13, 2023**

We're working with Air Mechanical to get all of the boilers in working order. One boiler on the east side of the building needed to be cleaned. The boiler for the west side of the building needs an electrical part that has been ordered.

We took our old freezer that was no longer working and two dehumidifiers that were not working to Cloud Recycling.

We are redoing the locks in the Elevator control room so that those rooms can be locked.

We have been working with Farber Sound on some tech booth and sound system issues.

We had a discussion about the Chancel Lift. We talked about removing it and not replacing it, removing it and replacing it with a portable lift or removing it and renting a portable lift whenever needed.

## Parish Life – November 2023

- Slice of Lefse – November 26 (after service)
  - May set up coffee/cookies downstairs to encourage folks to stick around, FYI
- Advent Suppers – December 6, 13, 20 (5:30 pm before service)
  - Menu is published in the bulletin
  - Please help with cleanup if you attend
- Skipping December meeting as the next events are closer to Lent
  - Heads up to other committees, standard procedure is to have each committee be responsible for one Wednesday supper in Lent

## Youth and Education

Pie Sale went well!

Many Thanks to Rachel Wright for organizing, along with the following adults for helping supervise:

**Joel McD, Jason K., Pastor Sarah, Terra S., Sue H. and Baker-Trinity. Thanks to Sara Hasse for the pie crust making.**

**Nov. 26** - Lefse Gathering

We will hand out Advent Cards.

Epiphany program is being planned. May be either Lessons & Carols again or a brief script written by Sue Hendrickson.

We are wondering if it might be a good time to move the Ministry to the Aging to the Parish Life Committee?

We are aiming to send our Youth to the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering which is being held in New Orleans.

Plans for some fundraising is in the works.

We may be joining forces with Roseville Lutheran in fundraising efforts. They are sending 10 including adults.

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11/12/2023 **Outreach committee**

We discussed distribution of the donations received during our Christmas in July Cookie Bar. LSS has revamped their Holiday Giving program and only one of the houses we've provided gifts for in the past has opted to take part in the new program. LSS will be providing gifts to residential houses and also youth in need so the committee decided to contribute the Christmas in July donations to LSS Holiday Giving.

We hope to schedule an Adult Forum to hear more about LSS Church Partnership Ministry. Jon Christianson is our LSS liaison (this is an "add on" from a discussion at Buildings and Grounds meeting)

We started to create an outline of our projects this past year and plans for the future for the annual report.

We started planning for a Spring Event – building on the success of last year's pancake breakfast and including Irish music and art. We feel donations from the event should be kept local and decided that Keystone services would be a good recipient.