

The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Roseville, MN 55113

Church Council meeting.

September 19, 2023 – 7:00 pm

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Chris Westermeyer.

Nancy led devotions talking about forgiveness and the Golden Rule.

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

Gary Butler has started Treble Choir on Sundays and has the schedule for the year prepared.

Terra Swisher is going to begin a Youth Group starting Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> with a campfire in the courtyard.

VBS was very successful.

**Motion/Second/Carried** to welcome Carolyn Chapin as a new member by Affirmation of Baptism.

**Treasurer's Report** – the cost to resurface the parking lot will come from Rooted and Renewing donations.

Teri will meet with Kurt to go over funds to prepare for budgeting.

Committee budgets for 2024 are requested by the October Church Council meeting.

Last year's budget for 2023 will be sent to all committee chairs to help with the budgeting process.

The Deposit Machine is working well.

**M/S/C** to approve the Treasurer's Report.

## **Committees**

**Building and Grounds** - see printed report below.

**Youth and Learning** – see printed report below

**Parish Life** – rolling out the directory app. After the October Congregational Meeting we will be available to help people set up the app.

## **Old Business**

The parking lot will be resurfaced sometime in October or early November.

## **New Business**

The Congregational Calendar meeting will be September 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the Fireside Room. We will share planning ideas for the coming months. Appetizers will be served.

Kris Rongstad and Joel McDermott will lead this year's Stewardship Campaign. We will use more standard stewardship resources this year.

**M/S/C** to approve our renewal of our Covenant Agreement with ILAG Cristo Luz del Mundo and Como Park Lutheran Church. Part of our commitment includes a \$750 yearly donation. A more public renewal of the Covenant will take place during worship in one of the upcoming weeks.

The Nominating Committee will meet soon to present nominees for our October Congregational Meeting. Chris Westermeyer, Teri MacNabb and Dick Hendrickson have agreed to serve a second, one year term.

We are changing the combination to the church safe. We will provide the new combination to the offering counters, Kurt Posz and Pastor Sarah. We will ask those people to not share the combination with anyone else and to not write the combination down and leave it out for others to see.

Pastor Sarah offered a closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Next meeting of the Church Council will be Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Fireside Room.

Dick Hendrickson, secretary

## Pastor Report for September 19, 2023

Action item: Approve Carolyn Chapin as new member.

### 1. Administration

1. Sally Westermeyer, Kurt and I worked through the current roster of members. We will be contacting a few who have moved or whom we have not seen and have not contributed in two years (per our constitution). A list of inactive and membership withdrawal will be in a subsequent report for Council action.
2. 30 meetings.
3. Jon Christianson has agreed to be the LSS liaison beginning in January 2024. Thank you, Jon!
4. Administrative needs: Group/individual to liaise with Kinderhaus Montessori

### 2. Staff

1. Gary Butler has started adding the new role of Treble Choir Director to his portfolio. So great to have him doing this with our kids!
2. Gary hosted our staff for potluck on September 7<sup>th</sup>. We have staff outings/meals twice a year.

### 3. Education

1. Vacation Bible School was another success! About 40 kids attended with over 15 adults in leading and supporting roles and 10 youth counselors. Huge thanks especially to Sue Hendrickson who created the curriculum. And a huge thanks to Gary and Mary for their leadership in the musical.
2. Adult Forums began September 17<sup>th</sup>. Adult Forums are planned through Advent and a list of the sessions is available. More Bible Study has been added to forums this fall to meet the desire named in our staffing and priorities conversations. Thanks to Arlin Becker, Rebecca Sauer, and Linda Hildebrandt for partnering with me in this planning.
3. Sunday School began on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Sue Hendrickson for her work in coordinating teacher rotations. I get to work with the SS classes five times a program year introducing them to the Bible story they'll focus on for that series.
4. We are starting a weekday Bible study on Mondays at 2pm. I will lead the first five weeks on Matthew. Joel McDermott will lead a six-session series to round out the autumn. For now, this is experimental. We will evaluate as we go.
5. Youth Group begins September 24<sup>th</sup> with a campfire. We hope to see all the youth there! I'm very excited for Terra Swisher's leadership on this!

### 4. Pastoral Care

1. Carolyn Chapin is joining the congregation on September 24<sup>th</sup> by Affirmation of Baptism.
2. There will be a baptism of potential new members Jon and Lauren Zuran's daughter Greta on October 15<sup>th</sup>.
3. 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.
4. 22 pastoral care interactions.

### 5. Worship, Music, Arts

1. The Lectio Divina group is on hold until Lent. Morning Prayer continues to meet weekly on Wednesdays at 8am via zoom.
2. Gary Butler and I have met to discuss children's involvement in worship, a desire expressed in the staff and priorities meetings. You'll notice supplies for children

to be more deeply involved in worship available in the sanctuary as well as the Spark Story Bible used for the readings in worship occasionally. Other opportunities will continue as well.

3. 11 worship services; 11 sermons including at the Preserve.
6. Continuing Education
  1. Past: Retreat January 17-20 (4 days)
  2. May 23 – Restorative Conversations with Lombard Mennonite Peace Center: A great zoom webinar teaching ways of leading conversations in congregations to manage decisions making, brainstorming, conflict, etc.
  3. September 10 – Healthy Congregations with Lombard Mennonite Peace Center
  4. October 15-17 Bishop’s Theological Conference
  5. I meet with a monthly clergy support group.
7. Community Engagement
  1. Worship at the Preserve is paused for the month of September. We will be back in October.
8. Synodical Engagement
  1. Attended the LSS Gala on September 16<sup>th</sup> with other members of the congregation including Gary Butler, Jon and Janet Christianson, and Pete and Rebecca Sauer. Jodi and Stan Harpstead were also in attendance.
  2. Bishop Lull invited me to be part of a small team to plan and lead worship for the Bishop’s Theological Conference in October.
  3. I spent August 13-15 at Camp Wapo. We had two kids there during that week and another 2 the previous week. Great to connect with some of the staff there and celebrate the great work they do with kids!
9. Vacation
  1. Total is 4 weeks with 4 Sundays
  2. February 13-15
  3. April 13-16
  4. May 30-June 3
  5. June 25-26
  6. August 4-5, 7-12
  7. August 27 - Dick Hendrickson preached and presided.

## **Building and Grounds Committee**

There are four first aid kits in the church. They are in the office, kitchen, usher's closet and the children's play room. They are all well stocked. Benadryl and Tylenol are available in the church office.

Light switches were replaced in the Montessori classroom. Also, motion sensor lights were installed in the classroom to provide light upon entry to the classroom.

Pavers were installed at the entry to the Montessori play area.

We are updating the batteries on the AED equipment. The main battery has a ten year life and the machine is about ten years old.

We are organizing a Landscape Committee to discuss trees and other landscape issues on the church property.

## **Youth & Learning - 2023**

Terra Swisher will lead a Youth group.

Starting on September 24<sup>th</sup> with a campfire at church.

Probably continue on Sundays from 6-8pm. Consist of Supper, An activity, Conversation.

Bible distribution for 3rd Graders - Sunday, Sept. 10.

Also, projects with ELCA God's Work, Our Hands , went well. - Sunday, Sept. 10th.

Pie Making -

Sara Hasse can do the pie crusts on the morning of Saturday, November 18

Youth Gathering 2024:

We hope to bring the Youth to this event in New Orleans. July 16-20, 2024.

We will have some sort of fundraiser to help get our Youth there.