

Faith Lutheran Church Council Meeting Highlights

March 18, 2019 Meeting

The following is a summary of the highlights of the March 18, 2019 Council meeting.

- **Pastor John** presented a devotion about love and opened with prayer, asking God to help us lead with love. He also reported the good news that Teresa Wilkes accepted the Director of Youth Nurture position, so we now have a full council roster.
- **Vice President Jeff Ausman** noted he received comments from council members on the Time and Talent Google survey form he is developing and outlined ideas about how to present the updated survey to members.
- **Director of Youth and Family Ministries Danny Stone** reported that he purchased a curriculum for the younger Vacation Bible School students that complements the curriculum the older Day Campers will be using. Danny will be working with new Director of Youth Teresa Wilkes to plan for VBS.
- **Director of Witness Marlene Pasker** reported Faith will hold a new member dinner on March 31. Easter crosses will be available at church for people to take home and display in their front yards during Holy Week. Marlene is also looking for outreach ideas and events Faith members can participate in this year. Please contact her if you have a suggestion.
- **Directors of Youth Jenny and Dustin VansCoy** noted they had 8 youth participate in the Middle School overnight. They are enjoying working with former Youth Directors Kellie and Josh Osbeck and 15 high school youth on the mime, which is telling the Joseph story this year. They invite you to support our youth by attending the mime on Wed., April 17, at 7 p.m.
- **Director of Worship Connie Bulman** announced that Faith will have two services at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Easter, April 21, with brunch at 9:15 a.m. Please watch for the egg casserole signup sheet.
- **Treasurer Karen Cain** reported all bills are paid.
- **Facilities Director Mike Dautremont** reported that our new furnaces are installed and working. The installer is working on the air conditioner compressors, followed by the narthex air handler and thermostats. The installer has assured us we are on track to meet the rebate deadlines. ♦ An ice dam caused by this winter's excessive snow caused water from a Feb. 23 rainstorm to run down the west drive into the cleared path for the sidewalk and under the west church door, ruining the laminate flooring in the high school room. Mike installed a sump pump and sand bags to keep the water out, and the Facilities group is working on a solution for water protection in this area and a finish for the high school room floor. ♦ More kitchen storage is being created in the south entrance closet; all of the Sanctuary LED A19 bulbs have been replaced under warranty; and Faith is up-to-date on kitchen hood inspections and the quarterly emergency light tests.
- **Fellowship Director Chris Thompson** noted the signup for food, servers, and setup/cleanup for the Lenten Soup Suppers is almost full, with a few slots open on March 28. Sixteen people are signed up to attend the Rough Riders hockey game on March 29. The Good Time Rollers are meeting at Paskers' on March 30 for a Bingo Bash.

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- **Adult Nurture Director Diane Lehtinen** urges Faith members to take advantage of any of the opportunities for study and learning through the Monday night Bible study, Faith Reads (*The Faith Club* books are in), Men's and Women's Book Clubs, Pastor's Class, Daytime Disciples, and our library, which Deb Aldrich has reorganized. Ask Deb to recommend a good read!
- **Social Concerns Director Christy Pratt** reported via email that: ♦ The Marion Churches' blood drive received 38 blood donations from our three parishes. ♦ The totes for Fishing for Food for the Marion Churches' food pantry have been filling up every week. ♦ "Buck a Chick" is the recipient of our mid-week Lenten offerings. Proceeds go to ELCA World Hunger. ♦ Faith signed a contract with Feed Iowa First for the 2019 growing season, and we'll be planting corn and potatoes. Planting will start May 5, weather permitting. ♦ We are working with St. Pius to set a date to do another food packaging event.
- **Technology report from Danny Stone:** Danny noted that Faith had to go with Mediacom for the church internet, as Rise Broadband's signal was too weak to work at Faith.
- **Next meeting** of the Council will be May 20, 2019, at 7 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Debra Bell Geiser
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