

McFarland Lutheran Church Council
Tuesday Sept 27, 2016
7:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Joe Schwartz, Pres.

Devotional Bible Study Pastor Tim led a devotion on Luke 17: 11-19. Why did the Samaritan come back to thank Jesus? What drew him? What are we thankful for? Jesus said, "Get up and go; your faith has made you well."

Agenda Review/Changes:

CLM- brief note

Treasurer/ Financial Report:

Mortgage balance is \$1,468,483. In Aug \$4732 was received for the building fund which reduced the principal on the mortgage

Checking acct balance is \$25,846. Savings acct, after 3rd draw to pay for lower level, is \$478,902.

Envelope offering income for Aug. \$45,446

Year to date total offering \$81,414

Year to date total income \$163,019. Year to date expenses are \$167,616.

All committees and programs are operating within budgeted amounts.

Pastor's Report:

New Space Downstairs: great turn out for Rally Day on Sept 11th, fun kick off to educational ministries and space is already being well used. Quilters was our first group to use it! Youth breakfasts began, and 50-55 HS kids attended our first one. Confirmation, choir, and Sunday school cooking rotation have been using it as well.

Hurdle: There is still a leak coming in through a small crack and leads into the quilting room. **Solution:** possibly installing drain tiles. Tom Showers is working on getting bids for this.

Anniversary News: Our theme for the anniversary is "Renewed in Christ to Serve: 150 Years of God's Grace in Action."

Pastor Reports cont...

* Luther Bus Trip Nov. 12-13 in Minneapolis Institute of Art. Info can be found in the Great Hallway.

* Habitat for Humanity. The anniversary task force proposes that the congregation be part of an "apostle build" which is also called a faith build, includes

12 congregations. The 2017 Faith Build will be located in Fitchburg. Donation of \$7,500 per congregation which is 1/12 the cost of building the home. Anniversary committee would be part of a fundraising effort to raise this money over the course of 3 years. Spring is dedication of site. Motion moved by Steve Schoch and seconded by John Berg, motion passed.

October Events:

*Polka Service is Oct 15-16

*Confirmation is Oct 30, 10:00 a.m. service. Students have been participating in faith talks

November 6, 11:15 a.m. Stewardship Celebration Lunch, in the Family Life Center. The theme will be “Generously Sharing the Fruit of the Spirit” (Galatians 5:22) New campus pastor, the Rev. Emily Tveite, will be the guest preacher that day.

Pastor Tim going to craft of preaching conference at Luther Seminary in St Paul
Pastor Tim expressed his appreciation for council and congregation for their thoughtfulness and support during his dad’s illness and death.

Pastor Kelli: refugee welcome boxes, completed 9 boxes. Just under \$300 given for the mattress fund.

Global mission is giving a mission moment at all three services, Oct. 1-2.

Sunday school is up and running. 100 kids are registered. Over 30 leaders are involved, and a sub list is used a lot as well.

10th annual pumpkin fest Oct 22, Sat, from noon to 3:00. Great ministry that is a positive outreach for the wider community.

3rd grade bibles classes are coming up Oct 5 or 8. The children learn how to look things up by having a scavenger hunt around the church. The children receive their bibles on Sunday Oct 9th at 10:00 a.m. service.

Continuing Ed: Bishop's Convocation this years theme is on stewardship, Oct 16-18

Council Retreat: Saturday, January 28, 2017

Location: Skaalan Home in McFarland-facilitator to be determined.

* Assistant to the bishop Eric Jelinek is a possible facilitator to help us plan our mission

*Create a summary of where we have been and how this process has worked

Dec. we will have a brainstorming session about topics to be covered
Look forward; Two/Three Year Planning

Other Committee Reports:

CLM Committee: The committee invites the Council and the Personnel Committee to attend an open house on Nov 15th from 6-7 p.m. The Council meeting follows at 7 p.m.

Reminder that as council members we need to be open to other members of the congregation sharing concerns and celebrations with us. Bring them to council as needed. **Suggestion:** we could have a more formal listening session to allow congregation a time to bring things up, both positive and negative.

Motion to Adjourn: Norma Kohl, second: Dave Nelson and Carol Munch. Motion passed.

Council was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer led by Pastor Tim.

Next Council meeting date: Tuesday, October 25 7:00pm.