

McFarland Lutheran Church Council
Tuesday, September 26, 2017
7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
Agenda

Call to Order

By Sharon Mylrea at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Pastor Tim, Pastor Kelli, Sharon Mylrea (Pres.), Diane Wells (V.P.), Tiffany Kvalheim (Sec.), Randy Hansen, Norma Kohl, Steve Schoch, Brent Odell (Treasurer), Lee Thorson. Pete Ellestad, Todd Bolstad, Mary Grell, Cheryl Brown

Not Present: John Berg

1. Devotion, Bible Study – Seven Faith Practices- Pastor Kelli

- Prayer: How can we do this? Different types of prayer. No one way is right or wrong. It's about connecting to God through word and listening.
 - Extemporaneous-
 - Contemplative, meditation 1 word or short phrase
 - Pray the hours-reading psalm reading all through out day and night
 - Journaling
 - Song Lyrics
 - labyrinth
 - Lutheran Rosary
 - Scripted prayers
 - Service Project
 - Devotional books
 - 5 fingers
 - ACTS
 - Sermon writing process
 - Lectio Divina-slow walk through scripture
 - Lord's Prayer-Always a good go-to prayer!

2. Agenda review and changes – Sharon Mylrea

- Properties Update (Diane Wells):
 - Rainbow Center is getting a new front step and railings.
 - Properties Committee has gotten one contractor to look at the bathrooms for CLM, and give us a bid
 - Parking lot is complete!
 - Met with Finance Committee and assessed the top 10 needs. Have a good start on them

3. Synod Mission Moments – Norma Kohl

4. Treasurer/Finance Committee report – Brent Odell

Cash Balances

Checking Account balance is \$32,511

Total Savings Account balance is \$471,137

Mortgage

Additional Capital Building fund contributions totaling \$3,389 that go to reducing the principal of the church mortgage were received. For FY 2016-17 the total additional amount received for the building fund is \$6,464.

Mortgage balance is \$1,326,139 (*reduced \$6,292 from previous month*).

Church Giving / Income and Expenses

Offerings received this month were approximately \$41K bringing YTD total offering to \$88,875. YTD church income is \$180,397, an increase of approx. \$85K from last month, which is less than the budgeted YTD amount. However, YTD income is more than income received last year at this time by approx. \$17K.

Expenses for the month were \$96K bringing the YTD expense total to \$181,203. Expenses exceed income by approx. \$1K, however expenses continue to be lower than the budgeted YTD amount.

Committees and programs are operating consistent with or below budgeted amounts.

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Current 4K expenses are \$2,855.

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Designated and undesignated giving totaled \$9,096.

Memorials

\$735 in memorials were received. YTD memorial amounts received \$735.

5. Pastors' reports –

Pastor Tim-

- Update from Pastor Pablo Quinones of Reconciliation Lutheran Church in Puerto Rico: no one in congregation has died, but a number of homes have been badly damaged; church building itself sustained minor damage; canopy porch built by MLC survived. Donate to Lutheran Disaster Response. Through this ministry, MLC has donated over \$3000 in the first couple weeks of September. Thank you!
- New member class just started 9/24/17. New members will be joining at the 10:15 service.
- Oct 14 and 15 at all services will be Polka Service.
- Oct. 22nd Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism 10:00 service. Chris Landerud will be providing the sermon for that day.
- Oct 29th Reformation Sunday. One service at 9:00 am. Sermon by Bishop Mary Froiland, free catered brunch will follow.
- Nov 10 is Martin Luther's birthday. A movie about Luther will be shown on Friday night (Nov 10), and birthday cake will be served.
- Nov 12 is the archive dedication. Ron Larson, church historian, is working hard to make this happen. Ron is finishing up a history book that will be available for purchase.

Pastor Kelli

- On Sept 17th, nine 3-year-olds received their Bibles.
- Sunday School is off to a good start, and we have 101 students enrolled.
- Global Mission sponsor changed to Pastor Kirsten Fryer in Cairo. (StARS) Saint Andrews Refugee Services
- Sat. Oct 21st, noon to 3:00, will be Pumpkin Fest.
- Continuing Ed: Pastor Kelli will be attending "Leadership in Times of Rapid Change." Oct 9 and 10 will be an opportunity to participate in the Bishop's convocation. The book, The Cross and the Lynching Tree by James Cohen, is being read by both pastors, and discussed with colleagues in neighboring churches.

6. Strategic Plan Development – Sharon Mylrea

- Last strategic plan was 10 years ago.
- Our strategic plan could align with ELCA's plan.
- Look at a 4 year window for the plan.
- Engage a facilitator to help with the process, get input from congregation, look at needs, opportunities and threats, strengths and weaknesses.
- January retreat will allow Council time to focus on plan development.
- Several needs that affect strategic plan: space needs for CLM, larger outreach options, child and family ministry growth, McFarland is growing.
- Retreat facilitator would also be the person to engage the congregation.
- Help us find focus to be more proactive rather than reactive.
- Concerns: we make it too big, maintaining the Strategic Plan with new council members.
- **HOMEWORK: read ELCA strategic plan "Together In Christ"**
- **HOMEWORK: bring money for Mission Moments**

7. Council Photo taken for historical documentation

Adjourn and Closing Prayer- Pastor Tim

Motion to adjourn at 9:03 by Norma Kohl, seconded by Mary Grell, approved by all

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, October 24, 2017, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Additional Note: John Berg announced his resignation from council because of his work schedule. The council thanks John for his time and efforts on council!