

Board Reports Nov 2023

Elders meeting November 7, 2023

The Elders meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Elders present: Craig Dreger, Tom Dunham, Fred Kirchenwitz, Jacob Schroeder, Gary Bedroske, Todd Klauer, Jon Mielke Dave Eichhorn and Pastor Koepsell and Chad Smith.

Excused: Jerry Ratchman.

Pastor Koepsell opened the meeting with a devotion from Lutheran Hour.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor thanked Elders for all we do to make everything work well.

Pastor stated he is personally good. Pastor wants Elders to speak highly of your wonderful church, its people and reach out to them.

October average attendance was 228 plus engagements vs 226 in 2022; 221. Thursday services were 50.

Hymn sing 90.

There were 0 baptisms, 0 funerals and 1 weddings.

Visits to the shut-in and hospitals were completed in October.

Seven new families were accepted as members in September and there will be six families in October.

Wednesday and Sunday bible studies are having 15 to 20 in attendance.

Music Director:

Fred comments:

Worship Services:

Fred K. will substitute for Tom D. on Sunday 11/12 and Tom D. will substitute for Fred K. on Sunday 11/5.

Jake S. will substitute for Dave E. on 11/12. Dave E. will substitute for Jake S. on 11/19. 1st Advent service will be Wednesday, 12/6.

11/22 will be the pie social.

Christmas eve services will be 10:30 am, 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm. Christmas Day service will be at 9:00 am.

Discussions were held regarding Office Managers salary for the upcoming budget.

Dave Eichhorn brought us up to date including some preliminary pictures regarding the stained glass windows for the Narthex. A big thank you to Dave for all of his time and efforts.

Funeral for Sharon Hoepfner will be on Saturday 11/25 with visitation at 11:00 am and funeral at 12. An Elder will be needed to cover the service.

Fred received permission from Pastor to set up an acolyte schedule.

Bible Study Information:

Bible Studies: Sunday 8:00 am Choir room – Led by Pastor Koepsell. Men's group Saturday 7:00 -8:00 am. Women's group Saturday 8:30 am. Mid-week Wednesdays 10:30 am

Old Business:

Adjourn: Approximately at 7:35 pm.

The meeting closed with the a prayer and the Lord's prayer led by Pastor Koepsell.

Fellowship Board Report

Topics for discussion

1. Fellowship Hour
 - a. Sign up for December set-up and clean-up
 - b. Write October thank you cards – no cards to write, LWML took care of Fellowship Hour for month of October
 - c. Chris Feutz will be getting Script cards (\$100.00 each from Festival, Pick & Save, Walmart) to be used to purchase supplies for Fellowship Hour for the remainder of 2023.
2. Topics:
 - a. Upcoming Events
 - i. Pie Social – sign up sheet for members has been posted. Krista, Chris, Cindy, and Mary plan on doing setup and takedown.
 - ii. Advent Meal – Cindy will make chicken chili; other board members bring side dishes and desserts.

Open Discussion

1. Volunteer to attend Council Meeting on Nov 21st – Chris Feutz
2. Krista showed the labels that will be used on treats for Fellowship hour. This addresses any food allergies.
3. Vivian gave update on Greeters for the first months of 2024

Stewardship report

1. Shared a list of volunteer options with the various boards. People were drawn from folks that filled out the Connecting Well Survey. Council has been encouraged to expand board membership in order to involve more members and prepare future board chairs.

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2. Worked with Pastor Koepsell and ushers/elders to get more members to fill out our staffing needs survey. Currently about 90 members have completed the survey. Results will be shared at November Council meeting.