

## **Board Reports January 2023**

### **Evangelism Report:**

Keith Casey

We continue to support a new mission for each month in the coming year. This January, we are supporting our local Red Cross in honor of National "Give Blood" month. As we move into February, our focus will be with our local Humane Society as February, along with Black History Month, has several categories for National Month related to pets.

### **Youth Board:**

Vacant

No Report

### **Fellowship Board:**

Sharon Lienweber

1. Fellowship Hour – Krista putting Fellowship Hour request in bulletin. Board with do set up/clean up to help encourage people to bring treats to share
2. Upcoming Events for Fellowship -
  - a. Lenten meal – Krista applying for Thrivent Card to help groups with cost of meal.
  - b. Easter or Lenten Meditation
  - c. Prayer Partner Celebration
3. New Ideas for 2023 – Board looking at different ways to encourage Fellowship activities. Some ideas brought up are: Family bowling, Coffee Hour Meet, Camp out, Game Day, Movie night, Cookie Walk.

Board decided to look in to Bowling night and Game Day. Chris volunteered to check into bowling and Krista volunteered to head Game night.

### **Stewardship Board:**

Dan Weiss

1. Our mortgage was fully paid off in December. Thanks be to God!
2. Plans are underway for a congregational service and celebration on February 18 from 11-2 p.m. In addition to a worship service, we will enjoy great food, a raffle, and more. I am seeking volunteers to help with the planning.

3. Strategic planning projects for 2023 have been identified and some funding approved by the voting members. I am proposing that we form a smaller strategic planning board from among council and congregational members to solicit estimates and prioritize project priorities. A report will then be delivered to the full council for review, deliberation, and decision.

**Board of Elders:**

Fred Kirchenwitz

Notes of the Elders meeting January 3, 2023

Elders present: Craig Dreger, Tom Dunham, Todd Klauer, Fred Kirchenwitz, Jon Mielke, Dave Eichhorn plus Pastor Koepsell

Excused: Jerry Ratchman, Jake Schroeder, Gary Bedroske

Fred called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Pastor Koepsell provided the opening devotion from Lutheran Hour Ministries.

Pastors report:

Pastor thanked Elders for all we do behind the scene to make everything work.

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

December average attendance was 301 plus engagements vs 303 in 2021; Christmas Eve was 363 vs 334 in 2021;

Christmas Day was 109 vs 67 in 2021; Advent average was 108 per service vs 121 in 2021.

All Home visits were made by Pastor Hayman in December.

Pastor will have an open house for parents of confirmands. Confirmation will be on 5/21

Pastor is working with some potential new members.

Pastor will be on vacation the following dates: 5/25 & 5/28; 6/8 & 6/11; 6/25 & 7/2; 7/27 & 7/30; 8/31 & 9/3.

Pastor Hayman will substitute for most of the services except 6/8, 6/11, 6/25 & 7/2.

Music Director: No report

Worship Services:

Updated Elder lists were passed out by Fred.

Fred will be working on updating the Usher teams.

Discussions were held regarding making sure the pews and sanctuary is in order after each service.

Discussions were held regarding the remaining offering envelopes. Fred will turn the remaining envelopes over to the assigned Elder for distribution next meeting.

**Bible Study Information:**

Bible Studies: Sunday 9:15 am Choir room – Led by Pastor. Men’s group Saturday 7:00 -8:00 am. Women’s group Saturday 8:30 am. Mid-week group Wednesday 10:30 am.

Old Business: Discussion continued regarding the Emergency Evacuation Plan. A committee of three will be putting information together to present to the Elders at the February 2023 meeting and then hopefully to the Church Council at their February or March 2023 meeting.

New Business: Tom will be gathering information on a potential donation from a member.

Adjourn: Approximately at 8:10 pm.

The meeting closed with the Lord’s prayer lead by Pastor Koepsell.

**Treasurers Report:**

See email from Diane Flouro

**Board of Trustees:**

Craig Dreger

No Report

**Board of Education:**

Jennifer Charles

No Report