

## Board Reports March 2022

### **Evangelism Report:**

Nicole Schroeder

Nothing to Report

### **Board of Youth Report**

Matt & Julie Toll

Nothing to Report

### **Fellowship Board**

Sharon Leinweber

1. Fellowship Hour: Board continues to support the Fellowship Hour
2. Palm Sunday Breakfast: Janet shared concerns expressed by choir members about the Palm Sunday Breakfast. After much discussion the Board decided to not do the breakfast. The Board did agree to have Fellowship Hour after each of the services on Easter Sunday. Board will finalize plans at the April meeting.
3. Blessing Brigade: Krista will be holding a planning meeting for those members who are interested in being part of the Blessing Brigade. More details will come after this planning meeting.

### **Stewardship report**

Daniel Weiss

Nothing Reported

### **Board of Elders:**

Fred Kichenwitz

#### Notes of the Elders meeting March 1, 2022

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

Excused: Jerry Ratchman, Craig Mittelstaedt, Rick Dittberner

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 and behind the scene to make everything work. Pastor is personally good. Speak highly of your wonderful church and its people and reach out to them with birthday cards, etc.

4 baptisms, 0 weddings, 0 funerals.

February average attendance was 207 vs 162 in 2021, 170 in 2020 and 149 in 2019.

Plus engagements. Approximately 35% of members are worshipping.

Home visits are up to date. There are 9 people we are visiting. (Prayers)

Pastors reminded Elders to make contact with members.

There are 10-15 new members joining us soon. They will be accepted into membership at the 10:30 am service on 3/20/22.

Confirmation - Focusing on 8<sup>th</sup> graders with extra help for confirmation.

Youth group is raising funds for the youth gathering in Houston, TX. They recently made and sold pizzas. There are 7 kids going to the gathering.

Fred's comments: See below.

Music Director information: Lenten Meditation will be Palm Sunday 3/10 @ 3:00 pm.

Worship Services:

Schedule: Jon will cover the late service on 3/20 for Craig M.

Ash Wednesday: 10:30 am Jerry & Craig D – Elders, 6:30 pm Fred & Todd – Elders.

Maundy Thursday: 10:30 am Fred - Elder, 6:30 pm Craig D. Elder (Common cup will be offered).

Good Friday services: 12:30 pm Jon – Elder, 6:30 pm Gary- Elder (both Tenebrae services).

Easter services: 6:30 am Jon – Elder, 8:00 am Jerry – Elder, 10:30 am Todd – Elder. (Common cup will be offered at communion after Easter)

Bible Study Information:

Bible Studies: Sunday 9:15 Sanctuary- Book of James – Led by Fred, Men's group

Saturday 7:00 -8:00 am. Women's group Saturday 8:30 am. Mid-week group

Wednesday 10:30 am – Rightnow Media, The Chosen.

Old Business: Fred discussed and reminded Elders regarding remaining offering envelopes.

New Business: Elders will host the Lenten meal on 3/9 and it will be various Soups, Salad, Rolls & dessert.

Adjourn: Approximately at 7:40 pm.

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

### **Pastors report:**

#### **Pastor's Report for March (Reporting on February & stuff) 2022**

- Thank you for all you do. ...Behind the scene stuff, making everything work... Please keep people priority. Speak Highly of your church. Thank you.

- Good Shepherd is stable, vibrant, exciting, and motivated. Doing very well...spiritually & financially. Currently no divisions/anger/schisms/ that I'm aware of...let's keep it that way!
- Church Numbers: **February 2022**: Weekly Avg.: **207**. (2021- 162; 2020-170; 2019; 149)...We've made it past the Vid! (Not quite worshipping over half of membership weekly...On the books is 495...) of course, not counting Facebook Live---still missing the young families who got out of habit of coming to church...I'll take any ideas...
- 4 Baptisms last month (Kienest, Lamie, Lamie, Meuller)
- Met with about ½ new members coming in MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>...
- 0 deaths/funerals...
- 0 weddings... 2 On horizon...1 member (Kiley Klauer), one courtesy (Niece, Jenna).
- ---0 New members: Coming in March!
- 0 Loss of members
- Wednesday BIBLE STUDY: ...(avg. 10) We're watching "The Chosen" encourage you to watch it too!  
Sunday morning bible study...Fred-Book of James...nice crowd.

Right now Media?..

Working with 8<sup>th</sup> graders on Sundays only ½ coming...extra help with confirmation...

- Youth: getting back into the swing of things...? Think there's 7 kids going to youth gathering...exciting!
- Confirmation:
- CALLS/VISITS: Monthly visits for those who can't get to church were conducted in February...currently 9 people we are visiting. ... PRAYERS: (Gaberts no visit in February...)
- Gary-envelopes?
- Personally good. Seriously good...same problems and joys as everyone else. (Cabo).
- Again, thanks for all you do. Stay safe, God bless, and remember to speak **highly** of your wonderful church and its people...and reach out to them!!!

(birthday cards, etc...)---Start fresh with the new ones! New year! Stay on top of it please!

-Pastor Koepsell

**Treasurers Report:**

See email from Diane Flouro

**Trustees Report**

Nothing Reported

**Board of Education**

Nothing Reported