

Board Reports May 2021

Evangelism Report:

No Report

Board of Youth Report

Youth group continues to meet Wednesday nights at 6:30. 8 kids have been regular in attending. Our plan is to continue to meet as we move into summer. As summer plans take hold in each of our families, we will be starting to talk more about next summer's youth gathering and will be working to encourage families to make plans already now for this important event to be a priority come next year.

Fellowship Board

Fellowship News for May Council Meeting

April 29th: Served light refreshments for Pastor Daugherty funeral – 25 people

May 4th: First Fellowship Board Meeting

Attending the meeting: Sharon Leinweber, Krista Weiss, Janet Dunham, Mary Becker, Vivian Mittelstaedt

The following topics were discussed:

- Greeters program: Vivian agreed to head this program. She has contacted those people who said they were interested in being greeters. A 3-month schedule has been developed to see how this program is received by the congregation. Going forward the plan is to get more people involved.
- Mentor program: Krista is going to send out an email to those people who expressed interest via the Fellowship Survey to see if anyone would be interested in heading this program.
- Garden: The garden has been cleaned up and Jim Purath is going to rototill it for us. We have received Thrivent money to purchase plants. A variety of plants and flowers have been purchased with a few more to go. Date for planting is scheduled for Saturday, June 5th. Information will be put in bulletin for members who would like to help Plant
- Game Night: Krista is going to send out an email to those who expressed interest via Fellowship Survey to see if anyone would be interested in heading game night.
- Church Landscaping This will be an ongoing project for Fellowship. More to come.

- Saturday Morning Craft Group: Sharon will head this up – looking to start end of August/beginning of September. This group will support the Craft Fair.
- LWML: Mary Becker is leading this.
- Member Care: Krista presented this and agreed to head this program. Member Care will provide support for members – examples: meals for new mothers, meals for those recovering from surgery, household chores/needs, running errands, etc

May 15th: Fellowship organized a clean-up of the front entrance to the church. 10 members helped pull weeds, trim bushes, and removed dead plants.

Stewardship report

Continuing to try to schedule a leadership planning retreat for this summer. People are busy.

I am working with the Council President to explore sexual abuse training initiatives that will benefit our congregation and lower our insurance premiums. Will present a proposal at the May council meeting.

Board of Elders:

Notes of the Elders meeting 5/4/2021

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

Excused: Jerry Ratchman, Rick Dittberner

Guest: Carl Stechly

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

Pastor Koepsell provided the opening devotion from Lutheran Hour Ministries.

Music Director information: Ascension service is at Peace in Neenah on 5/13/21. Last adult choir and chime choir practice 5/19/21.

Adult choir, Chime choir and a Youth choir will start up in Fall.

Smaller pavilion has been reserved in Menominee Park for Sunday 7/11/21. The band is not available. Service details will follow later.

Worship Services:

Schedule: Fred K. will cover early service on 5/30/21 for Jerry Ratchman. This will be a Matins service. Pastor Stecher will be substituting for Pastor Koepsell's vacation.

There will continue to be two services on Sunday during the summer months with communion at the 1st & 3rd Sundays and on Thursdays.

Other:

Bible Study: Mid-week study has 6 to 8 members attending.

Old Business: Todd will send an update to Keith, Chad and Tom regarding a suggested format for the Office Managers annual performance review.
Offsite retreat may take place sometime in September.

New Business: Krista's request for information for the bulletin board to help members know opportunities to get involved.

Adjourn: Approximately at 7:45 pm.

The meeting closed with a prayer by Pastor Koepsell.

Pastors report:

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Pastor thanked Elders for everything, their service, assistance and dedication.

0 baptisms, (5/15 Gary Elder), 0 wedding, 0 funeral

April average attendance was 191 vs 302 in 2019 & 188 in 2018. In addition 80 on live streaming engaged.

Confirmation – Questioning will be between services on 5/16/21 with confirmation at the late service on 5/23/21.

Youth group is going for 6th – 8th grades and high school and is functioning.

Home visits are up to date.

Treasurers Report:

Financials (see email from Diane)

Trustees Report

No official Report.

Board of Education

Sunday School Superintendent Notes: Cam Bedroske

We met for a brain storming session Sunday May 16th @ 9:30 am.

The specific notes are coming to me from Katie Rodig this week, but here is a brief synopsis.

The meeting was well attended with 10 people there.

Sunday School:

- Sunday School Teachers: We are set with Head Teachers for each class grouping. Praise God for this.
- We have 2 substitutes at this time , but will also put announcements in the bulletins for extra helpers etc.

- The Rooms in the Basement for Sunday School will all be grouped together, leaving the meeting room in the other hallway, for Bible Study on Sunday Mornings.
- The 5,7 8th group is large and will be taught by Sam and Joe. Since it is larger than the comfort level in the current room, we were wondering if the Youth Room would be available on Sunday mornings for that group? I believe they meet on Wed. nights? I called Matt and we visited about this option and we believe it can work.
- Cam is making a specific call to each Confirmand from the past 2 recent years to see if they would like to be helpers.
- Sunday School will start Sept. 12th.
- Teachers will have a meeting/fellowship time on Wed. Sept. 8th in the evening to get things prepared.
- We are using the Concordia Series that we always have been ordering.
- Teacher meeting will be monthly, just to touch base and encourage each other.
- Cam will fill in for Music with Grades PreK-5th Grade to start this year. 6,7,8 will have fellowship time with Joe and Sam during that time.
- Christmas Service is set for Dec. 19th Late Service with a Sat. Dec 18th Rehearsal.
- Cam is arranging for "Substitute Bags" for the classes just in case we have a last minute Covid absence from a teacher.
- Children will enjoy fellowship food, as the congregation provides, up in the Choir Room again if we are having it.
- There is a volunteer, Pete Mehn, who will sort of shadow Cam this year. Who knows...? Cam is volunteering for this year only.
- Cam may set dates for the kids to sing for church services again this year. Approx 4-5 times.

VBS

- We have a good group of teachers already willing to head this.
- Date is Friday Aug 20th (Eve) and Saturday Aug 21st (Morning) Cam already cleared that date with Pastor so he can be a part of it.
- Cam will order the Weekend VBS Pack (Approx \$80) and have it ready for a June 7th meeting @ 6:30pm. At that meeting we will pick apart what looks interesting and fun from the many activities.
- We will advertise that the VBS classes are for Potty Trained 3year olds - 5th Grade. Any 6,7,8th Graders and invited to be helpers.

NEEDS:

- We would like to purchase with our own funds or ask the congregation to fund a new digital projector that we can have available for the Middle School class (Sam and Joe) They used the other current one we have, but there are times when it is not available due to Congregational Mission Project sharing between services or a Congregational meeting. Our cost may be anywhere from \$150- \$400? We have not researched it extensively yet, but would like to have that ready for Sept. 12th, our starting date.
- New bulletin boards in the basement. We can keep the frames but the cork board is not working well for staples.

Please continue to pray for the Children's Ministry, our families, kiddos and teachers. God is at work among His people!