

Board Reports October 2021

Evangelism Report:

Nicole Schroeder

Nothing to Report

Board of Youth Report

Matt & Julie Toll

Nothing to Report

Fellowship Board

Sharon Leinweber

1. Prayer Partners

Prayer Partners have been assigned and an informational letter was sent out to all Prayer Partners on October 11th. A drop box has been placed in the church office for all notes going to Confirmation students. Pastor will give the notes out at Confirmation class.

2. At the Fellowship Board meeting On Oct 5th the board decided to focus on Member Care for 2022. This will include but not limited to the following:

- a. Notes, cards, visits to home bound members
- b. Meal for people in need (illness, surgery recovery, births, members who are struggling)
- c. Transportation challenges/needs
- d. Handyman

The board also wants to include several events: Volunteer recognition, Fall Festival (Trunk or Treat), Picnic/Corn Roast (this could follow an outside service, perhaps Sermon on the Green held at church)

3. On Saturday, Oct 16th members gathered to do a bit of outside cleanup around the church.

Stewardship report

Daniel Weiss

Sent out Slides for the October Strategic Planning session on October 5th, 2021.

Board of Elders:

Tom Dunham

Notes of the Elders meeting 10 5 2021

Elders present: Craig Dreger, Rick Dittberner, Tom Dunham, Todd Klauer, Fred Kirchenwitz, Craig Mittelstaedt, Jon Mielke plus Pastor Koepsell
Excused: Jerry Ratchman

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

Pastor Koepsell provided the opening devotion from Lutheran Hour Ministries.

The next church planning session will be 10/19/21 @ 6:00 PM for 1 hour before the church council meeting and all are invited.

Worship Services:

Schedule: (Craig M. will switch with Rick for early service on the 2nd Sunday and Rick will switch with Craig M for early service on 3rd Sunday)

Services will be two services on Sundays with communion at early services on the 1st & 3rd Sundays and at late services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Communion will also be on Thursday evenings. We will use continuous line social distancing communion.

Bible Study: Mid-week gathering has 8 people attending. Sunday is a study on James led by Fred Kirchenwitz has 18 to 20 people attending. There is another study on Sunday using Rightnow Media led by Jennifer Charles. Saturday men's group meets from 7:00 am to 8:00 am.

Confirmation retreat led by Cam Bedroske had 7 students attending and was well received and very beneficial.

It was reported that 27 prayer partners have volunteered to support the confirmands.

Old Business: Choosing a Head Elder for 2022 term. Not finalized as of yet.

New Business: Confirmation – Update – Confirmation committee will be splitting the 1st year students out of the 2nd and 3rd year students with standards and requirements to be completed with their parents to move on to the 2nd year. They requested an Elder be present periodically to assist with questions and help keep order.

Vetting – Due to new insurance requirements we need to have a team of two Elders and one female assigned to review and make a recommendation on individuals that will have direct contact with our youth from the independent outside background investigation reports provided. This team has been established.

Budget – Discussion is there are any changes needed with the Elder's annual budget for the council meeting on 10/19/21.

Adjourn: Approximately at 7:40 pm.

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

Pastors report:

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

2 baptisms, 0 weddings, 0 funerals. 1 wedding this up coming Friday Night at 6:00 pm and Pastor needs an Elder. (Tom will attend)

September average attendance was 185 vs 212 in 2019 and 153 in 2020. (There also were 80 engagements in 2021)

Home visits are up to date with one unable to complete due to a lock down at their living facility.

Treasurers Report:

See email from Diane Flouro

Trustees Report

Nothing Reported

Board of Education

I assume that all of us read the Newsletter, so I have all in the information in there that is new about the Music Groups.

New Items:

- I volunteered to coordinate a Confirmation Committee to help organize and support our families and help Pastor to set standards, look at curriculum, revise class size, and other items as they arise. We met right away Monday after our Council Meeting in Sept and also on Tuesday Oct 5th.
- The Family Ministry Shelf is up and we will encourage the checkout process.
- Cam stepped alongside Pastor to help with an opening for Confirmation Class on Wed. from 5:15- 5:30. This is right before Chime Choir. The goal is to enhance team building and begin a Devotional Journal. So far, so good.
- The Sunday School is voting on a Mission Project and wants to start decorating the hallways in the basement.
- The Fellowship time for the Sunday School Students is going well in the basement so far. Basically, that is the time between the 8 am Service before classes start @ 9:15.

I would like to have a time slot to share thank you letters from our Confirmation 6, who went to Camp Luther last month.

I would like to have a time slot to discuss ushering for the Children's Christmas Service.