

## Notes of the Elders meeting February 6, 2024

The Elders meeting was called to order at 6:27 pm.

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

Excused: Jerry Ratchman.

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

### 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.

January 2024 average attendance of 221 plus engagements vs 224 in 2023.

Thursday average attendance in 2024 was 41 vs 38 in 2023.

There was 1 baptism, 2 funerals and 0 weddings.

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

Pastor discussed concerns for our youth program.

Sunday school is doing well.

Pastor asked to leave after his report due to some things to take care of.

Music Director: Lenten Meditation will be in the afternoon on Palm Sunday 3/24/24

Fred comments:

Worship Services:

Elder Schedule: Tom D. and Fred K. for Sunday 2/11/24, Fred K. 10:30 am on Wednesday 2/14/24, Jon M. 10:30 am and Fred K. 6:30 pm Wednesday 2/21/24, Todd K. and Dave E. for Sunday 2/25/24.

Dave Eichhorn brought us up to date regarding the stained glass windows for the Narthex. The construction process has already started. Chuck Spiegelberg presented a sample and some information regarding the cross that also will be part of the south wall in the narthex.

Advent services.

Discussions regarding Pastoral assistance and needs.

Discussions regarding leftover envelopes with remaining envelopes given to assigned Elder.

Discussions regarding member visits.

### Bible Study Information:

Bible Studies: Sunday 9:15 am Choir room – Led by Pastor Koepsell, 8 – 12 attending. Men's group Saturday 7:00 -8:00 am. Women's group Saturday 8:30 am. Mid-week Wednesdays 9:30 am during Lent. (Study – Truth Project).

Old Business:

New Business: Lenten Meal.

Next Elder's meeting 3/12/24.

Adjourn: Approximately at 7:55 pm.

The meeting closed with a prayer and the Lord's prayer led by Fred K.

## Fellowship Board Report - February

1. Fellowship Hour
  - a. Sign up for February coverage - coverage complete
  - b. Send January thank yous - no thank yous to send out
  - c. Do we want to do monthly coverage again? - Board decided to wait to see if people start to sign up to bring treats.
2. Upcoming Events for Fellowship:
  - a. Lenten meal - review final menu
  - b. Lenten Meditation - start planning:
  - c. Prayer Partner Celebration - find out final exam dates: Sharon to follow up with Pastor
3. Coverage for upcoming voters meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup>:

Due to surgery on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>, Sharon will not be able to attend meeting. Jane will cover, Sharon to write up summary for Jane

Closing - The Lord's Prayer

# MEETING MINUTES

## BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



### Date:

1/28/2024

### Time:

7:30pm

### Facilitator:

Kristie Zellner

### In attendance

Nikole Vergin, Cam Bedroske, Bridget Cullen,  
Gene Gohlke, Heather Freiberg, Jenny  
Kirchenwitz, Kristie Zellner

### Approval of minutes

First Meeting- No prior minutes to approve

### Topics

VBS- Short term committee

Volunteers Marie Koch, Katie Lee, Kristie Zellner, Gene (background prep)

Brainstorming

- Family VBS- camping theme
- Get Youth involved- Lock in
- Duration/Timing- Full days/weekend/evening discussed
  - What worked well in the past
  - How Covid changed VBS
  - Families are busy! Kids love VBS how to make it a priority and feasible for parents
- A lot of discussion on changing name from Vacation Bible School to ?
  - Family fun
  - Kid Zone
  - Family Crusade,

- Summer Spectacular
- Curriculum
  - Nikole suggested Scuba- diving into friendship with God
  - [https://www.concordiasupply.com/vacation-bible-school/vbs-2024-themes/scuba-vbs-2024-group?leadsource=78&gclid=EAlaIQobChMlwKD--YiThAMVIQctBh2cGA8OEAAAYAAEgLyqPD\\_BwE](https://www.concordiasupply.com/vacation-bible-school/vbs-2024-themes/scuba-vbs-2024-group?leadsource=78&gclid=EAlaIQobChMlwKD--YiThAMVIQctBh2cGA8OEAAAYAAEgLyqPD_BwE)
  - 2 day, 3 day, 5 day
  - Evenings – weekends? Parents are challenged with daytime transportation
- A lot of good discussion around food & memories from past!

### Action items

#### Kristie

- **Research curriculum**
- **Pick some dates**
- **Propose and confirm at next meeting**

Small Group Bible study- longer term commitment

- Ideas to rename?
- Possibly a parent café at church- Needs more discussion and planning but exciting idea!
  - Needs right environment- round tables, comfortable
  - Possible during Sunday school or confirmation class
- More discussion needed and formalize committee
- Good feedback from congregation/survey

#### Action Item

- **Focus discussion next meeting – 20minutes to determine next steps**

### New business

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### Committee reports

- Sunday School
- VBS
- Small Group Bible Study

### Next meeting

Next Meeting Monday Feb 26<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm

Motion to adjourn was made at 9:00 p.m. and was passed unanimously. **Not really it was getting late and jackets were put on and group decided to call it a night! More structure and time management for next meeting required 😊. It's a start!**