

Church Council Meeting Minutes **April 16, 2009**

In Attendance: Pastor Baumgartner, Lorrie Hayne, Ron Peterson, Joy Brown, Ann Fehrman, Joan Jarombek, Mark Kopka, Mary Lanoux, Jackie Nerud, Terry O'Keefe, Christena Watson and June Wendt.

Devotions led by Joan Jarombek.

Minutes of March 12, 2009 Meeting: A motion was made by Pastor Ralph and seconded by Jackie to accept the minutes of the March 12th Council Meeting. The motion passed.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Ralph gave many many thanks for the wonderful services and all who participated during Holy Week. On April 5th, five new members were installed to Galilee Lutheran Church. Our congregation hosted an ISALAH public meeting with Sen. John Marty with a focus on health and health care. A number of people from Galilee had various roles in the meeting and the turn-out was good with 26 people from Galilee in attendance. Special thanks to Ron Peterson for all his hard work in planning for this meeting. Ron has videos available of the meeting. Please see him if you are interested in borrowing one. On April 18th, Pastor Ralph, Miriam Peterson, Sue Nelson, Mary Lanoux and Peter Solberg will be attending a stewardship workshop sponsored by the Saint Paul Area Synod. Time will be set aside for our team to meet and begin to make plans for Galilee. Galilee hosted a funeral service for Osmen "Ozzie" Nelson, Darla Nelson's brother. Ozzie is a member of the Mdewankan Dakota tribe. Rev. Jennie Lightfoot assisted in the service. Staff performance reviews are expected to be completed by the end of the month.

Financial Secretary Report: Given by Mary Lanoux. March pledged giving was under by \$378.78 and pledges given are under \$1,085.05 for YTD. April giving has been good so far. With summer fast approaching, Mary wanted to remind everyone to keep their pledged giving in mind.

Treasurer's Report: Peter Solberg was not at the meeting but did supply the report for review. We are keeping within the budget. Ron made a motion to accept the Financial Secretary and Treasurer's Reports. Motion was seconded by Joy. The motion was passed.

Internship Pay: The total amount of Mark Kopka's earnings while he is here will be \$6450. The Executive Committee met and suggested the funds to come from special designations and if those monies run out, the remainder will come from the memorial fund savings. Pastor Ralph made a motion to accept the Executive Committee's plan. The motion was seconded by Joan. The motion passed.

Team Reports: *Outreach* - The report from the March 24th meeting was provided to the council. Donations for Alley Shop will begin on April 13th and run through May 3rd. The quilting Bee will meet on April 20th. Five quilts have been finished. A prayer shawl has been given to a member. There are two shawls in storage. \$400.00 was given to Hallie Q. Brown. \$600.00 was given Keystone Community Services for March to enable them to participate in the MN Foodshare Month and obtain matching funds. The next meeting is May 19, 2009.

Community - Given by Christena. The church picnic will be June 7th.

Worship & Music - Given by Joy. The Psalms Alive concert will be December 13, 2009.

Property - Given by Ann. Two windows in the library leak air. An estimate for \$350 was received and another estimate will be done. Spring clean up is Saturday, April 25th with lunch to

be provided. Dirt is needed around the grounds outside and an estimate has been received for that. Ann will follow-up on the status of repairing the stucco.

Reading the Audience - Five students from Luther Seminary have observed our congregation during various functions and spoken with several members. They shared their findings with the Council. It was interesting to get an “outside” look into our church. They said the amount of outreach work we do is amazing for a smaller church and also commented that it is an asset to us that we are willing to try new forms of worship.

Incentives for 2009 - Mark Kopka and Pastor Ralph have met and discussed incentives and goals for 2009. Mark spoke about his goals while he is here. Mark and Pastor Ralph have been talking with the confirmation students about taking a leadership role in activities this summer and finding out what they are interested in. Ideas have been passed around to involve the neighborhood kids and their parents. An important issue to address is how to get the neighbors to come to Sunday services. Mark has been speaking to the neighbors on the playground and many seem very interested in our church. GLOW will be starting again. There will be a planning meeting on May 5th at 7:00.

Other Business: Seminary Intern - A committee has been formed to assist Mark Kopka with his time at Galilee. The members are Dan Simunson, Miriam Peterson and Deb Anderson.

Life Line Screening - Permission has been given to Life Line Screening to hold a screening at Galilee. It is for one day in the fall. We will keep the congregation updated.

Communication Survey - On March 29th a survey regarding the various ways of communication used in our church was handed out after the service. Fifty-eight persons completed the survey. The members are generally satisfied with the Sunday morning announcements, the worship bulletin, the Voice newsletter and the website. With the newsletter being available by e-mail for only a few months, 52% receive it in this manner. The website began when Pastor Mike Hanson was our interim pastor and 64% use it sometimes or often. Some attention needs to be paid to the bulletin boards in the narthex to make them more inviting. The most dissatisfaction was registered with regard to the sign-up sheets in the narthex. A range of 30 - 51% rarely or sometimes utilize these sheets. Please feel free to share your ideas with the council.

Coming Schedule:

- Communion Assistants
April 19 - Ron, Christena & Mary
April 26 - Assisting Minister
May 3 - Acolyte, Terry
May 10 - Assisting Minister, Joan & June
May 17 - Jay Fehrman, Lorrie & Christena

Next Meeting - April 16, 2009 7:00 p.m.

- Devotions - Peter
- Drinks & Treats - Joy
- Liaison Team Report - Worship & Music

Ron made a motion to adjourn. Christena seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Joy Brown, Secretary