

Trinity Lutheran Church Council meeting February 19, 2017

The monthly meeting of Trinity Lutheran Church was held February 19, 2017 at 4pm. Those present were: Roger Manges, Craig Nelson, Paul Haubenschild, Carolyn Haubenschild, Judy Thimsen and Pastor Stephanie Wood.

Pastor Stephanie led us in prayer.

Secretary's report read and approved.

Treasurer's report was not available.

Pastor's report- Past Months- Christmas worship services. Epiphany Open House. January was a month of reports with annual meetings and 2016 reports to the Synod and Bishop Delzer. Martin Luther exhibit at the Art Institute. Aurora wedding. Bakery Bunch is going strong using Faith Talk cards for discussion. Continued visits to members sick and homebound. Sarah Hoffman settling into the office administrator position. Pastor Stephanie gave Sarah a Trinity church key.

Preparing for coming events- Pastor Stephanie taking a vacation day February 23. March 6 and 7 she will attend continuing education at Wartburg College. Mom's Night Out. Fat Sunday potluck with burying the Alleluia. Lenten worships. Wedding at Aurora. Kitchen remodeling at Aurora.

Old Business

Further discussion on allowing "licensed pastor" (not ordained in ELCA) perform marriage ceremony in our church. Three options: yes or yes with cooperation of our Pastor or no.

New Business

March is Minnesota Food Share Month when all donations are matched. Noisy Offering will be taken March 12 to donate to the Steele County Food Shelf.

Hometown Sampler Concert to benefit the Steele County Food Shelf is March 3, 4, and 5 at The Little Theater of Owatonna.

Blooming Prairie schools with assistance from First Lutheran Church now have a backpack program that sends food home with students who are food insecure on weekends. Trinity donated \$100 to this program.

Steele County Habitat for Humanity is having a Give \$10 Campaign in February with a goal of raising \$5,000.

Blooming Prairie's 150th anniversary is Sunday, July 2. Pastor Stephanie will check if there will be a special worship.

Aurora will have a council retreat in March. Pastor Stephanie will discuss with President Gary Hansen for Trinity.

Discussion on how to replace work of Mission Statement Committee.

Trinity constitution needs to be worked on. Trinity membership directory will be updated after that.

Due to Aurora's kitchen construction, Trinity will host Ash Wednesday soup supper/worship service on March 1. Carolyn will make the soup and purchase the butter, crackers, beverage, etc. Jan will purchase the bread. Everyone needs to bring a pan of bars.

March 22 Lenten worship/supper will be at Trinity. Roger and Shari Manges will make sloppy joes. Everyone bring a pan of bars.

Berne Wood-Fired Pizza entertainment lineup for Summer 2017 is now on their facebook page. Do we want to set a date to attend?

Next council meeting will be March 19 or March 26 at 4pm, to be determined later.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Thimsen, secretary