

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

***Your Church Council would like to keep you informed as to what is going on at our church council meetings. So after each meeting, we will type up a brief outline and include it in the newsletter. We appreciate our church family and want to stay connected to you.**

Harbor of Joy Lutheran Church Council May 2, 2017

Financial Report/ Treasurer Report

April Sunday offerings	\$17,191.89
Average weekly giving	\$3,438.38 (needed \$4,500.)
April Expenses	\$13,167.96

Fund Balances as of May 2, 2017

General Fund	\$12,171.42
Building Improvement Fund	\$68,932.43
Mission Fund	\$13,511.82
Memorial Fund	\$10,511.87

Pastor's Report

- Celebration of 3 baptisms and 2 new members on April 30th.
- Celebration of another baptism at nursing home with Tuesday Nursing home ministry.
- Continue of reading of the Bible and focus on sermon series for 2017
- Graduations-May 20th Cody Peck from Harbor of Joy Graduation in Fellowship Hall from 2-5 pm. Jill Berkland from Sibley sister church is also graduating this year.

Board Reports

Board Administration

- **Property Committee-** Dale and Elmer reported on meeting from April 20th. They will meet again May 18th.
- Adam Clausen has been hired for janitorial duties.
- Snow removal will now be with Sunrise Lawn Services. Dillon Ford has been with our former Wittrock Services and has taken over the business.
- Pending projects are furnace and AC updates after inspection.
- Fireside Room will be painted this next weekend. Also another downspout will be added to gutter on east side of building.
- Future projects: sound system update
- **Mission Team-** Recommendations for Mission Funds are \$500 KJIA Radio, \$500 Spencer's Underground, \$500 Gideons, \$500 Okoboji Bible Conference, \$500 Discover House, \$500 Lutheran School Spencer, \$500 Bible Sticks for Military. A motion was made to approve the disbursement of \$3,500 from Mission fund to the above recommendations. Dean Ramsey has offered to take over God's closet and Samaritans Purse.
- **Vision Team-** Vision statement and goals were approved by the congregation at the annual

meeting April 23rd. The vision team has completed its mission.

- **Promotion/Media-** Discussion on Milford Commercial Club asking churches to do an event during Pioneer Days on July 17th for 125th celebration. Discussion was that Harbor of Joy will hold an entertainment event from 5-6:30 with popcorn and pop. Pastor Tim will lead this event with council members/ congregation members helping.
- A total rebuild and major upgrade of our church web page was bid at \$750 from Nick Fear and accepted.

BOARD OF SPIRITUAL OVERSIGHT

- **Parish Ed-** coffee and chocolate sales netted \$702 to help with recharge kids. Kaira and Barb are in charge of Garage Sale on June 10th with proceeds going to our Mission Fund. Love and Logic training coming up in near future for helpers with Joy Kids/Joy Us.
- **Adult Discipleship/Small groups-** Women's Bible Study Tuesday morning group topic is "Discerning the Voice of God" and will meet 6 sessions ending at the end of May.
- **Prayer Team-**Prayer Chain led by Patt Gehrels, Tuesday noon prayer group meeting every Tuesday following Bible Study 11 am.
- Prayer with Pastor before worship
- **Community Outreach-** AA groups on Wednesday nights and Friday afternoon, 4H club meetings second Thursday night of the month, Lutheran School bus stop, Hope Haven/ Echo Plus Monday service project. Mondays these volunteers led by Inga and helpers disinfect our church. Thank You!
- **Worship Team-** chronological reading of the Bible with focus on sermon messages
- **Staff Support Team-** Denny will get Employee Handbook out by June. Please continue to support and praise our staff. They need our encouragement!
- **Fellowship Team-** Wednesday night monthly suppers continue with May 24th fellowship.
- Coffee bar for church services are off to a great start with positive feedback!

Old Business

- Congregational Shower to help with expense of needed items on May 7th following church. This was a huge success. Feel free to continue to pick up items while shopping and leave them at the church with Charly. Thanks for the great contributions!
- Dena and Charly are in the process of making a member directory. It can be sent by email so members can print a free copy if they wish. It can also be printed by Shutterfly for about \$13 per soft cover issue for those without email. Dena is taking photos after church or will use a copy of the picture you choose to submit. They would like to have all pictures and info by the end of May. Thanks for your help.

New Business

- Discussion was held on how to proceed with our building remodeling project.
- Property Committee was asked to form a sub committee to continue to be our starting point for our building remodeling project. A special thanks to this hard working task group!
- Design and construction drawings done by Allison can be seen on the wall outside the Fireside Room. Special blessings and thanks to Allison for this wonderful project!
- As meetings progress we will seek bids and congregational approval to proceed.
- Volunteer needed for HOJ representative for the Bible Camp- thanks to Bruce Osher for doing this!
Linda Johnson/ Secretary