

Church Council Communication
Harbor of Joy Lutheran Church Council
February 12, 2019

The Council Meeting of Harbor of Joy Lutheran Church was held on February 12, 2019. President Denny Struck called the meeting to order at 4 pm(change due to weather). The following members were present: President Denny Struck, Secretary Linda Johnson, and council members: Elmer Lubinus, Dale Gehrels, Scott Berry, and Dean Ramsey. Members absent were Treasurer Karen Sunde, Financial Secretary Kristi Peck, Vice President Barb Rohlf, and Lynne Koelling. Devotions and prayer by Dean Ramsey.

The Secretary's minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

Treasurer's report and Financial report were approved as read.

Pastor Call Committee Report

Call issued to Dr. Kyle Fever has been rescinded due to lack of communication and his not wanting to give an answer until May.

Pastor Tim Voth agreed to consider a call and give the sermon on February 10th.

Pray for our Call Committee as they interview and start again on our pastor call.

Property Committee

Discussion on bid from Carey's Electronics for a new Bose sound system. Property Committee will address this before it is recommended for congregational vote. Tom L. is checking into other alternatives.

Discussion on mods to men's bathroom to make it ADA compliant.

LED remote sign discussion being discussed with more information later.

Snow removal with Mitch Bergen going well so far.

Memorial Team

Discussion on request toward purchasing a perpetual light for church. Property Committee will be making future decision.

Staff Support

Thanks to Bob, Charly, and everyone helping HOJ continue during the vacancy and transition time. All is greatly appreciated.

Missions/Benevolence Team

Dale announced that two of the picnic tables have been completed for the bible camp.

Discussion on community outreach group combine with Missions team as a possibility for the future.

Board of Spiritual Oversight

This year's emphasis: Programs and activities to target more mature members

Review worship and activity times, group concerts, dinners, ride sharing, etc.

Contact new retirees moving into the area and those who have visited HOJ

Parish Education for Youth

Joy youth groups resume February 6th. Will continue through April 25th with Bible study, programs, field trips.

Summer Bible School Director needed

Discussion that leaders of Joy Kids/Joy Us can decide their own rules for children eating and attending Lenten Services. We thank them for their long hours of dedication every Wednesday.

Special thanks to Carol Banta for doing crafts with the children every Wednesday.

Joy Us will be giving out valentine crafts at Accura Nursing Home on February 13th. Residents greatly appreciate their loving visits and gifts.

Adult Discipleship/Small groups

Bible study group with leaders Patti Thayer and Patt Gehrels started again January 15th and will meet every Tuesday at 9:30 in Fireside Room with bible study "One in a Million" by Priscilla Shire. All is going well! Please join us!

Sunday 6 pm Ray VanderLaan Holy Land Study started February 10th.

Prayer Team

Please pray for discernment on pastoral call.

Special thanks to Patt Gehrels for the numerous prayer chain prayers.

Fellowship Team

Dean will continue Wednesday night monthly suppers/special events on 4th Wednesday.

Don't forget we are also having "Movie night" on the second Monday of each month.

Discussion on how best to contact people to help with Sunday treats and funerals. After discussing and talking with many people, council decided to return to making teams and months for donating vs sign up sheets. Charly is working on a new list and then we will be handing out lists of names and months with leaders assigned for calling or texting. Thanks for feedback.

Nursing Home Ministry

Linda and Nancy will be starting another round of Heaven Bible Study at Accura Care Center on the assisted living side as well as visiting and sharing God's love with the residents. Thanks to all the extra people like Bobbi Berry and Karen Weber that are donating their own time to see shut ins, take them out for lunch, deliver a hamburger, or share a visit and lunch, or bring them needed items. HOJ is such a loving and giving church!

Worship Team-(Lynne)

Worship Pulpit Supply Schedule * as needed

Feb. 17 Jeff Griffiths

Feb. 24- Rick Porter

March 3- Mike Maffin

March 10-Patti Griffiths

March 17-open

March 24-John Jensen

(Check the wall calendar next to restrooms for more updates)

Lenten Services will be videos. Council decided we will do videos instead of pastor rotation since we are in transition and without a pastor.

Easter will be one service at 9:30 on April 21st with a Choir Contata “Forever Free” with no communion. Coffee and rolls following the service!

Lenten Services start March 6th on Ash Wednesday until Easter April 21st.

Soup suppers will be 5:15/ Worship at 6:15/ Choir Practice 7:00/ following worship

There will only be 3 Lenten suppers so please note on your calendars these times to come early. We will also need people to sign up to serve.

March 13 Soup Supper 5:15

March 27 Potluck Fellowship Supper 5:15

April 10 Soup Supper 5:15

Annual meeting will be April 28th. Reports from all committees need to be turned into Charly

Next meeting is March 12, 2019 at 7pm. Devotion: Karen

Linda Johnson Secretary