

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 14, 2018

Attendance:

Pastor Christopher Miller – present
Ron Harapat, Pres – present
Jan Olson, Vice Pres – present
Linda Dahlman, Sec – excused
Jerry Wiedebush – present

Niki Knauth – present
Kelly Jorgenson – present
RobinLynn Stobart – present
Mike Nelson – present
Kathy Buffington – present

Opening Meditation: Pastor led devotion, based on Psalm 34, and prayer time beginning at 6:30 PM in the church library. Prayers were lifted for 10 (ten) individuals or situations.

Correspondence: from stained-glass company

Minutes: Minutes of May 10, 2018 meeting **approved.**

Treasurer's Report: Report for May 2018 **is filed for audit.**

Pastor's Report: April 12 – June 13, 2018

It has been a busy couple of months. On April 28, Al Vandenberg's memorial service was held. Elaine and family were very appreciative. It is a blessing to be able to bring the word of life in such difficult times. Pat Hays' memorial service will be on June 28.

On April 29, we had our annual Youth Sunday service. I thought the kids did a tremendous job, and the congregation were wonderful sports getting outside of their comfort zones. One congregation member remarked after the mixing up at fellowship time that "we should do this once a month!" I don't know if I'd take it that far, but the conversations were really good and thought-provoking.

Confirmation classes wrapped up for the year on May 20, with the Creed & Sacraments Catechism memorization test. A couple of the students still have retests (or first time tests) to go through the summer, but I am working to remind them at every opportunity. I'd prefer to not have the tests to go through at the beginning of next school year, for their sake as well as mine.

For the last day of school on June 8, we held our (now annual) Ice Cream Social, and the turnout was a big success. We almost doubled participation, from 50 to 90, and the yard outside the church was hopping, especially for the first 45 minutes or so after school got out. I would also estimate that 80 percent of those who came out for the social were not connected with Bethany. That convinces me more that it is a good outreach for us.

I took my week of post-Easter vacation, and so I would like to update you on summer vacation days and work opportunities elsewhere. I am taking vacation June 15-16, to prepare for and run my next half marathon. I will then be at FLBC from the afternoon of July 15, to Friday, July 20.

I am attending a week of Continuing Education at Trinity Lutheran Camp July 30-August 3. During those two events, I will be available for pastoral calls. I will then be gone from August 9-18 for family vacation. I should only miss 1 Sunday for all those events.

Vacation

April 30-May 6: 7 days, 1 Sunday

Total: 7 days, 1 Sunday

Visits

I do not have specific dates and people for April, so this listing begins after vacation in May.

* = phone call

5/15 through 6/12: various members

President's Report: No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Worship and Music: Last evening Worship & Music along with Pastor Christopher prepared the 3rd Quarter 2018 Worship Assistants schedule. Grace Miller will be volunteering as a scripture reader for this quarter.

Niki Knauth led a meeting on May 27th after Sunday worship to discuss and iron-out the logistics of our upcoming July 22nd outdoor service. Volunteers will need to arrive several hours early to prepare for the worship service.

Mike constructed additional worship registers during the third week of May.

See you at tonight's meeting

God Bless,

Niki Knauth
Mike Nelson

Property: Jan and I mowed yard twice . Removed bat from church.

Marge Bailey and her yard people did clean up around the church.

Mike Wolstein said he would put snow guards on roof and replace parsonage window. Plans to do this in July.

Jerry and Kelly

Congregational Life: A potluck was held on May 20 in honor of Chuck and Ginny Johnson. A decorated cake, designed by RobinLynn, was donated by a church member for the potluck.

CL will host a potluck picnic after the outdoor worship service on July 22. We will provide pulled pork, buns, and beverages; attendees are asked to bring salads, desserts, etc. A member offered to supply paper plates, etc.

A bulletin board titled "Up 'N About" has been placed in the narthex. Its goal is to share with the congregation the community involvement of Bethany members.

Flathead Valley Gospel Music Association asked if Bethany might be interested in providing lodging for the group 2nd Generation that will be giving a concert on July 29. I request discussion and a vote on this item at the June 14 council meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda and RobinLynn

CARE TEAM REPORT: This has been a quiet month. No meals, rides, visits. I'm sure there have been many assists that are made without my arrangements. One that I am aware of is the on going of rides for Bonnie for eye apts provided by Karyl Gopp. Many thanks to Karyl for that.

Cards: 1 sympathy card sent to a member couple over the loss of a family member. (They expressed thanks to me of how much it meant to them.)

Calls: Many made by Sharon, Karen, and now that Jennifer is back she is doing birthday calls.

On May 27th we held a committee mtg of CT at which time we discussed our needs etc. We decided to provide a meal for the Hays family on the 22nd who will be arriving for Pat's funeral on the 23rd. This will be done by the committee, Sharon, Linda, Bev, and Joanne. Dick is so appreciative of this gesture of help.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon

Beyond Our Walls: We had very positive success with donations for Threads. Since school is out for the summer, we have suspended donations until the Fall.

Several people furnished dessert and/or helped at the Community Meal at the Methodist Church Thursday, May 31. It was a very enjoyable and positive experience. At that time, sounded like meals would continue during the summer. I will be in contact with their coordinator and volunteer Bethany for a future meal.

Kathy and Jan

OLD BUSINESS:

Vicki's Letter: RobinLynn and Kelly will continue working on.

Partnering on Community Meal: No notes provided

Mike Nelson gave a survey report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trust Fund Revision: Jan will meet with past workers to revise.

Housing for 2nd Generation: Flathead Valley Southern Gospel Music group wondered if Bethany Lutheran might be interested in providing two rooms the night of July 29 for 2nd Generation after its concert. Kelly said he may be able to provide one room. A bulletin announcement will be made.

Policy on donated items: Linda requested that council consider establishing a policy regarding donated items to the church. No action taken. Jerry will handle donations.

4th of July parade: Pastor Christopher is planning this. Maybe Mike's trailer can be used if Linda's truck is not available.

New bylaws in Constitution: New bylaws in constitution as presented by Tom Gopp. Jan checked into bylaw setup. Bylaws are the way we govern ourselves. Jan got help from Kent Bolstad. Both thought Toms' bylaw not needed.

NEXT MEETING: July 12, 2018 at 6:30 PM in the church library.

COUNTERS: June: Kelly and Mike
July: Jan and Kelly

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted with notes provided,

Linda Dahlman
Council Secretary