

## **Peace Lutheran Church Council Meeting**

June 15, 2017

Call to order 7:00 pm by Secretary Michelle Ward

Present: Linda Ferris, Norma Lundgren, Steve Swenson, Michele Merritt, Maria Gjovig, Drew Ekstrom, Pastor Alan Buresh, Michelle Ward

Devotions & Prayer--Michelle Ward

Identity & Mission Statement read aloud

Treasurer's Report--MMSP to approve as written

Secretary's Report--MMSP to approve as written, adding Linda Ferris to name for June communion helper.

Pastor Buresh Report--had a staff retreat. October reformation Sunday changing over next couple of years. Coming year will celebrate 500 year anniversary, still hold congregation meeting that day. Following years that Sunday will be host to both first communion AND confirmation celebrations, under new confirmation 3-year schedule. Would like to discuss changing by-laws to allow different date for congregational meeting--first part of Nov., maybe? Pray for Pastor Melissa & youth on mission trip in NE/CO.

Ministry Reports

*Outreach*--written report submitted

*Parish Relations*--continued staff reviews. 2 more to complete.

*Life & Growth*--Father's Day dessert planned for this Sunday.

*Worship*--written report submitted.

*Youth*--would like to see movement on transportation committee. Steve Swenson reported, as a member of that committee, that 2 meetings have been held and it is the recommendation of that committee at this time that a bus NOT be purchased. Price-feasible options would be worn out and repair costs astronomical. Also hard to get/keep drivers. Renting verses cost of depreciation/repair/maintenance/etc. seems more beneficial. PAB recommended PMC meet with the committee to talk more specifically about rental cost details vs. options to purchase even a van or two. Steve suggested that owning a vehicle really should also warrant building a garage to store it in (additional large expense). Ministry teams should report how many times a year/how many people per trip their group would foresee using a van/bus. This information will be presented to transportation committee for further review. Summer Stretch plans underway, set to begin July 6. 26 students signed up and many parent driver volunteers. Color Run fundraiser idea originally brainstormed to take place on Rally Sunday now being considered for the Saturday morning before, with pancake breakfast after. Will add fun pre-celebration to Rally Sunday events.

*Property*--not present.

*Education*--Written report submitted. VBS/Splash underway. Considering daycare option at church. Local churches with daycare model could be visited/consulted. Sunday School may consider having opening worship "service" (abbreviated) in sanctuary to start each Sunday, encouraging families to come in to church & worship with their children. Sunday School teachers being lined up. Women & Wine event was successful, with 12 attendees. Parent meetings for confirmation going well. Oct 18 SCF Schools will host a Drug & Technology Awareness event, inviting area church groups.

*Stewardship*--e-mail report submitted.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- a. Mortgage Capital Campaign--40 responses, \$59,000 raised.
- b. E-giving--app available, being advertised in Tidings, etc.
- c. Mortgage fixed-rate set at 4.5%for 5 years. Drew Ekstrom reported that he had personally checked with Mark Erickson, whom he knows personally, and assured he was giving us the best possible rate. All pleased to hear that was true.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- a. Noted checkbook low balance, per Pat.
- b. People being trained in on sound system. This group of people will serve as separate "committee" under Worship Ministry team.

Adjournment 7:55 pm

Prayer requests: Marge Shores (health), Shaina Ekstrom & youth group (travel)  
Lord's Prayer

Next meeting August 17, 7:00 pm, Devotions: Michele M.

**\*no July meeting\***

Communion helper for July: Diane Lechman  
August: Steve Swenson