

AGENDA
WEST NIDAROS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL
*******December 17, 2023 *******

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Devotions: Ben Hasche
- 3) Stating Our Mission Statement Together
- 4) Recognition of Visitors:
- 5) Additions to Agenda/Approval
- 6) Treasurer's Report
- 7) Financial Secretary's Report
- 8) Secretary's Report
- 9) Report of the Property Manager
- 10) Unfinished Business: (old business)
- 11) New Business:
 1. Budget 2024
 2. Basement wall project funding
 3. Approve Horizon Grants
 4. Nominating Committee/replace council members
- 12) Report of the Pastor
- 13) Report of the Dir. of Faith Formation
- 14) Report of the Dir. of Youth and Family
- 15) Report of the Dir. of Music
- 16) Reports of the Ministry Teams
 - a) Administration - Sheryl
 - b) Christian Education -
 - c) Missions and Outreach -
 - d) Local Ministry - Cheryl, Becky
 - e) Membership – Janna
 - f) Properties – Dean, Jared, Chris
 - g) Stewardship – Mike, Theresa
 - h) Worship & Evangelism - Ben
 - I) Endowment - Jennie
- 17) Other Reports
- 18) For Your Information
- 19) Thank You:
- 20) Next Meeting:
Next Ministry Team Meeting: January 3 | 7 p.m.
- 21) Adjourn/Prayer

Financial Secretary's Report – Sent separately

Treasurer's Report – Sent separately

Director of Faith Formation Report December 2023

Jessi Rakness

Planning/Organizing

- Planning children's messages for worship.
- Leading high school ministry on Wednesday nights. We play a game, have bible time, snack, and prayer. They have open gym time when I have ministry team meetings.
- Planning games for the Christmas parties for iFaith, Confirmation, and high school ministry on December 13th.
- Ministry teams met on December 6th. The Board of Education planned the hot cocoa bar and other final details for the Christmas program.
- Sunday school
 - The Sunday school students sang great on November 19th during our one worship Sunday!
 - The students did a great job with the Christmas Program! THANK YOU to Elise for leading the music, to Kristi for leading the 3 year olds through 1st grade "Hush" song and the student band, to the Properties Team for setting up the stage, to Chris for all of his work, and to the Sunday school teachers for ALL the practicing and organizing they did.
 - The hot cocoa bar and apple cider were warmly received!
 - GIFT Sunday on December 17th is our annual ornament painting from Color Me Mine and decorating cookies.
 - I ordered the ornaments and reserved their to-go kit.
- iFaith continues to meet every Wednesday after school with a lively group of students. We have a really solid group of students and it's fun to watch their relationships with each other grow.

Other Ministry

- Serving as a reference for students.
- Pastoral care
- Writing council report and info for The Reporter.
- Communicating with Pastor Jared, Elise, Kristi, Board of Education, students, and parents.

"So deeply do we care for you that are not only willing to share the gospel of God, but our very selves because you have become so dear to us." 2 Thessalonians 2:8

Worship and Music

Church Council Report – November 2023

Submitted by Kristi Stelter, Director of Worship and Music

Worship Service Schedule—

November 5 – 8:30 & 10:30 Traditional worship

November 12 – 8:30 & 10:30 Traditional worship

November 19 – 9:30 Contemporary worship in FLC

November 26 – 9:30 Traditional worship

Ongoing responsibilities include:

- Prepare schedule of organists and vocalists
- Select hymns and worship songs for all worship services
- Communication with vocalists and organists regarding worship schedule, any rehearsal times and upcoming events
- Keyboardist for services led by contemporary worship band
- Provide vocal leadership when needed
- Run powerpoint for worship when needed
- Communications with Worship Committee
- Prepare monthly report for review by the church council
- Assist Pr. Jared with worship schedule and general worship planning

Responsibilities specific for November include:

- Led Adult Choir for Nov 5 worship
- Provided accompaniment for worship, November 19
- Selected music for Youth Band

Ministry Team Minutes

Mission and Outreach

Discussed and Deliberated: Souper Bowl of Caring Service on Feb 11. Kids sing. Potluck for Soup & Dessert. We'll have a soup cook off with trophy for the winner. Our committee will provide buns, crackers, & drinks. All proceeds will go to Feeding SD & Baltic Food Bank. Will contact Ruth service group for assistance in serving.

Approved Expenditures: Horse Creek Christmas meal items

Membership

Discussed and Deliberated: Busy Bags. Jamie Lennon-Lutheran World Relief Speaker, Possible new members – Kevin & Lou Vining

Christian Education

Discussed and Deliberated: Christmas program & hot cocoa bar. GIFT Sunday.

Approved Expenditures: Items for hot cocoa bar

Local Activities

Discussed and Deliberated: Pot lucks after one service Sundays we will be the go to group to help ministry teams

Properties

Discussed and Deliberated: Budget, hyd lift, FLC lighting. Removed the West BB hoop and put up the stage and risers for the Christmas program.

Expenditures: None approved – talked about grants applied for to get new exterior lights and additional chair storage.

Nov 12th Council Meeting Minutes:

1: Called to order 11:53

Janna S, Andy C, Lynette K, Jennie C, Pastor Jared, Ben H, Mike B – No Quarum

6. Treasurers Report: Sunday School Painting paid for. Credit Cards showed up

9. Report of Property Manager: Possible custodial change, cleaning crew is averaging about 4 hrs per week. Everything is still clean. Possibly look at using the dollars from allotted cleaning hours for a per month deep cleaning? Will update next month

10. Unfinished business:

1. Discussed group or organization fundraiser sales and thought it best if they do it on an individual basis and not set up in the entrance of the church. No action taken

11. New Business:

1. Budget discussion: Figuring a 5% raise for staff. January 21st is first choice for Annual Congregational meeting with January 28th as a backup

2. Basement wall project funding: Discussed mentioning a fund raising drive in the next few services and will have a target of raising \$75,000 as a congregation by the time the project starts. Council has already made the down payment and may be able to secure funds to assist in the fundraising.

12. Report of the Pastor: Things are going well. Wednesdays they see 15-20 youth for confirmation and 6-10 for i-Faith. Confirmation meeting in Martin Luthor room is a good fit. Still working with Ministry teams and wants to put together the Vision task force in the near future.

20. Next meeting: December 17th 11:45

Next Ministry Team meeting Dec 6th 7:00

21 Adjourn/Prayer: 12:51