

AGENDA
WEST NIDAROS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL
*******March 26, 2023 *******

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Devotions: Dean Fischer
- 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)
 1. Endowment Cap
 2. Committee member requirements
 3. Snow removal requirements
- 11) New Business:

- 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: April
Next Ministry Team Meeting: April
- 21) Adjourn/Prayer

Financial Secretary's Report – Sent separately

Treasurer's Report – Sent separately

Director of Faith Formation Report March 2023

Jessi Rakness

Planning/Organizing

- Planning children's messages for worship.
- I still watch the Facebook live stream comments during worship on Sunday mornings. I also let Pastor Jared know if anyone sends me a prayer request.
- iFaith is off during Lent and will resume after Easter.
- I attend the Wednesday Lent worship services and meet with the Confirmation students following the service.
- Sunday school
 - I send a weekly email to the Sunday school teachers about the upcoming Sunday, supplies needed, and upcoming milestones.
 - We begin in the sanctuary each Sunday with music (THANK YOU, Elise!) and lesson introduction. Then students go to their classrooms for their lesson.
 - Students will sing on Palm Sunday, April 2nd, at the 10:30 worship service.
- I lead our 3 year old/parent/grandparent Sunday school class on the first Sunday of each month. We have 8-10 students each month.
- GIFT Sundays:
 - Our last GIFT Sunday for the Sunday school year was March 12th. We had a delicious, sugary cereal bar and fellowship!
- Milestones: Fifth grade students lead The Apostle's Creed on February 26th. Kindergarteners will lead the Benediction on March 26th. Fourth grade students will have their First Communion class on April 2nd during Sunday school. They will receive their First Communion on Maundy Thursday. I ordered chalices for the students to paint that will hold their wine for their First Communion.
- The Board of Christian Education will meet with the ministry teams in April to plan the remainder of the Sunday school year, summer ministry, and next year.

Other Ministry

- Writing letters of recommendation for scholarships for students.
- Wrote the annual report for Christian Education/Faith Formation.
- Pastoral care
- Writing council report and info for The Reporter.
- Communicating with Pastor Jared, Elise, 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 – February 2023
Submitted by Kristi Stelter, Director of Worship and Music

Worship Service Schedule—

February 5 – 8:30 and 10:30 Traditional worship

February 12 – 8:30 Traditional; 10:30 Texas Kyrie liturgy

February 19 – 8:30 & 10:30 Traditional worship

February 26 – 8:30 Traditional; 10:30 Contemporary 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
- 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 February include:

- Provided worship accompaniment Feb 12, Feb 26

Church Council Report – February / March 2023

Submitted by Adam Guthmiller, Interim Youth Director and Student Pastor

The season of Lent – and our Wednesday evening services – puts some strain on our Youth activities, as they are postponed so as to encourage attendance and participation in Worship. I have been fortunate to have traveled to Zion Lutheran Church [Garretson], St. Jacob Lutheran Church [Colton], and Zion Lutheran Church [Hartford] to preach and lead Holden Evening prayer as a part of our Lenten rotation. A couple of things to make note of.

- High Schoolers who are attending Rainbow Trail this Summer have successfully helped put on a Lenten dinner on March 1st. We were able to raise \$498 to help fundraise for our trip. Sharon Hoekman helped get us a \$250 Thrivent donation to help pay for the food and ingredients for the meal. They will be again putting on a Lenten dinner on March 22nd.
- I have accepted a Call to serve as Pastor at First English Lutheran Church in Lennox, SD. My last Sunday at West Nidaros will be on Easter Sunday. I will be ordained at First Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls on the 29th of April at 2 PM.
- In light of my accepting the Call and leaving West Nidaros; Elise has graciously agreed to take the wheel in the planning of the Rainbow Trail trip.

Please keep our youth and their families in your prayers.

In Christ,
Adam Guthmiller

MINUTES
WEST NIDAROS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL
*******February 19, 2023*******

- 1) Call to order: 11:50
- 2) Devotions: Lynette
- 3) Stating Our Mission Statement Together
- 4) Recognition of Visitors: Elise H and Nicole Q
- 5) Additions to Agenda/Approval- Addition 1: Request for FLC use by Nicole Questad. 2: Committee member requirements. 3: Snow removal reimbursement. 4: Donation to Family in Baltic. 5: Gifts received. Motion to approve agenda Jared Q, seconded by Jennie C. Approved
- 6) Treasurer's Report
- 7) Financial Secretary's Report: Motion to approve Jennie C, seconded by Jared Q. Approved
- 8) Secretary's Report: Motion to approve Jared Q, seconded by Jennie C
- 9) Report of the Property Manager: Rough winter with many repairs. Have had to fix the following: Leak in Sanctuary, lead in FLC, Replace regulator in one furnace, an air exchanger was repaired. We will have a roof company come for an estimate to prevent leaks from ice build up on years like this.
- 10) Unfinished Business: (old business)
 - 1.
- 11) New Business:
 1. Task Forces: Pastor Jared will invite members who volunteered or were suggested to an initial meeting for the Financial Task force and the Vision Task Force. The idea will be for each group to select one person to record notes and organize meeting times and locations and other duties as needed.
 2. Endowment Cap: tabled until March
 3. Request for FLC use by Nicole Q: Nicole would potentially like to rent up to two rooms in the FLC to have a pre-school on Tuesdays and Thursday mornings from Labor Day to the middle of May. Motion by Ben H to approve Nicole Q's request to rent room(s) for 2023/2024 school year contingent on liability insurance etc. with rate to be determined. Seconded by Jana. Approved
 4. Committee member requirements: As in the required number of members required for each committee as noted in the by-laws. Audit committee was one short. Jared Q volunteered and appointed. Nominating Committee still needs one. The group will work to find one more member to be appointed.
 5. Snow removal reimbursement: There has been a lot of snow this winter and the council agreed last fall to pay Tim Tiarht to plow the parking lots etc. but a date was never set. It was agreed that he should be paid, but decided to wait for the Property Managers input as he worked with Tim on details. Plan will be to finalize this in March.
 6. A congregation member submitted a flyer for a fundraising campaign for the Vrchota family in Baltic whose father is dealing with Cancer. A motion to donate \$500 from the Thrivent fund was made by Jared Q. and seconded Ben H.
 7. Gifts received: Two large gifts were received in the last month. One was for \$32,000 from the LeAnn Lee Trust and the other was for \$6,900 made anonymously. Money was put in Undesignated Memorials. On a related note a motion was made by Jennie C to pay the 10% mission portion of the Parking Lot Campaign from Undesignated Memorials. Seconded by Jared Q. Approved.
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20) Next Meeting: March 26th 11:45

Next Ministry Team Meeting: April 19th 7:00 pm

21) Adjourn/Prayer 1:40 Sheryl/Cheryl