

AGENDA
WEST NIDAROS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL
*******May 21, 2023 *******

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Devotions: Jennie Criddle
- 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:
 1. 25k gift
 2. FLC Projector
 3. Insurance – Building/property/staff
 4. Roof repairs
- 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: June
Next Ministry Team Meeting: June 7 at 7 p.m.
- 21) Adjourn/Prayer

Financial Secretary's Report – Sent separately

Treasurer's Report – Sent separately

Director of Faith Formation Report May 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 resumed on April 12th and ended for the school year on April 26th.
- Sunday school
 - I send a weekly email to the Sunday school teachers about the upcoming Sunday, supplies needed, and upcoming milestones.
 - Sunday school was off Easter Sunday. We had Sunday school April 16th, 23rd, 30th, and ended on May 7th. Students sang at the 10:30 worship service on May 7th.
 - I gave our Sunday school teachers a thank you gift of Bath and Body hand soap, a gift card to Hy-Vee or Walmart, and a heart that says "Never forget the difference you make".
 - It was a GREAT year of Sunday school!
- 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. We had our last class on May 7th.
- Milestones: Second grade students recited the Ten Commandments at 10:30 worship on April 23rd and did a great job! I assisted with Senior Recognition Sunday on May 7th.
- High School Ministry had very low attendance for the end of the school year.
- I attended the Baltic High School graduation ceremony and a few graduation parties. I will miss Tri Valley's graduation because of a family wedding. I already gave gifts to the students whose parties I will miss.
- Summer High School Ministry – they have their backpacking trip in July. I'm inviting them to help with The Banquet on June 5th. I've also talked to Elise about doing a Valley Fair trip, so we'll see what we can come up with.
- The Board of Christian Education met on May 3rd. Members are Nicole Finnesand, Kris Rise, Caitlin Brackey, and Mindy Rezac (not present).
 - Planned summer ministry: iFaith on four Wednesdays, VBS in July for four evenings. There is also Confirmation camp at Okoboji.
 - We also talked about having a children's choir for preschool through 1st or 2nd grade. I talked to Kristi as well since she would be the person leading it.

Other Ministry

- Writing letters of recommendation for scholarships 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 – April 2023

Submitted by Kristi Stelter, Director of Worship and Music

Worship Service Schedule—

April 2 – 8:30 Traditional; 10:30 Contemporary worship
April 6 – Maundy Thursday worship
April 7 – Good Friday worship
April 9 – 8:30 and 10:30 Easter worship
April 16 – 8:30 Traditional; 10:30 Contemporary worship
April 23 – 8:30 & 10:30 Traditional worship
April 30 – 8:30 & 10:30 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
- 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 April include:

- Provided accompaniment for Contemporary worship April 2, April 16
- Prepared music for Easter musicians
- Rehearsals with Easter musicians
- Provided trumpet accompaniment for Easter Sunday hymns

MINUTES
West Nidaros Lutheran Church Council Meeting
April 16, 2023

- 1) Called to order: 1145 Mike Bemboom
- 2) Devotions: Mike Wendland
- 3) Stating our Mission Statement Together
- 4) Recognition of Visitors: N/A
- 5) Additions to Agenda/Approval: Add Unrestricted \$\$ donation (C Langloss motion/Wendland 2nd)
- 6) Treasurer's Report: Lynette briefed the Financial Task Force has met twice, will have recommendations in near future, possibly implement some ELCA guidelines.
- 7) Financial Secretary's Report:
- 8) Secretary's Report: B Hasche motion to approve/Wendland 2nd (amended to update check to Tiaht from \$200 to \$2K)
- 9) Report of Property Manager: drain pads sunk in on south side of church; cost is approximately \$600 to lift concrete to be level – Concrete Rising Service. Fritz Landscaping – Chris will get quote for retaining wall, WELCA ladies pondering basement kitchen remodel in the future, Asphalt crack in front of church – Chris will get a quote to fix, Defibrillators – batteries show due 2021; Chris called to verify life expectancy (M Wendland has Baltic POC – Ann Thompson), Chris met with custodian to inquire on her duties, salary, etc. – she works about 7-9 hrs/week @ \$14/hr
- 10) Unfinished business: (Old Business)
 1. Endowment Cap
 2. Committee member requirements – Cheryl E motioned to add Judi Egan to nominating committee, Wendland 2nd
- 11) New Business:
 1. Student Pastor (keep on agenda) – Pastor Jared asked if we should give a “good-bye/congratulations” gift for Adam – C Langloss motioned to spend up to \$500 & C Engler 2nd
 2. Boy Scout FLC Request – overnight lock-in this upcoming month and they want to use the projector, they can use it/will need some instructions how to operate it
 3. Unrestricted \$\$ donation - \$25K Jared will receive a check at banquet in Dell Rapids end of April; ideas on how to spend this (drum set, classroom painting, table & chairs in classrooms, carpet is old) – discuss at next meeting. More discussion is to use these funds to pay for Fritz Landscaping quote & Concrete Raising Business quote (approximately \$10K); Jana S motioned/ Sheryl 2nd
- 12) Report of Pastor – FLC: suggestion to worship in FLC 3-4 x/yr and make it a big deal, only have 1 service that specific day at 0930 and provide meal. Easter services brought in 430, Elisa working on volunteer list to increase numbers, May 14 begins the one service only at 0930, Elisa & Jessi working their tasks/positions.
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18) For Your Information – Chris will call roofing company to have them look it over again. Sheryl – she will follow-up w/Insurance Trust

19) Thank You:

20) Next Meeting: May 21/1045

21) Next Ministry Team Meeting: May 3/7:00pm

22) Adjourn/Prayer: 1250 Sheryl motion/Ben 2nd