

AGENDA
WEST NIDAROS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL
*******February 25, 2024 *******

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Devotions:
- 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:
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- 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 –
 - h) Worship & Evangelism - Ben
 - I) Endowment - Jennie
- 17) Other Reports
- 18) For Your Information
- 19) Thank You:
- 20) Next Meeting:
Next Ministry Team Meeting: March 6 | 7 p.m.
- 21) Adjourn/Prayer

Financial Secretary's Report – Sent separately

Treasurer's Report – Sent separately

Director of Faith Formation Report January/February 2024

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.
- Ministry teams met on January 3rd and February 7th.
 - Christian Education is inviting new members to join our super fun team! We're planning VBS for July 21-25 from 6-8:00 for preschool through 3rd grade students.
 - Health Ministry is planning Parent Night topics for Confirmation next year. They will be leading the April GIFT Sunday.
 - Blessing of the Backpacks will be August 11th.
 - WELCA would like Sunday school's fall service project to be collecting items for health kits for Lutheran World Relief. They would invite Jamie Lennon to speak about LWR.
- Sunday school
 - January's GIFT Sunday was organized by Health Ministry. They invited Rodney Hammerstrom to share his story of his life-altering brain injury while riding his horse during his senior year of high school and how God has carried him through life since then. The event was well attended and very impactful. THANK YOU, Health Ministry!!
 - GIFT Sunday on March 10th will be pajama day and a breakfast cereal bar (because we turn the clocks ahead one hour, so who has time to get dressed, eat breakfast, and get to church?!?). We're working with the Mission Team to have a mission component to the morning as we eat our cereal.
 - The one worship service Souper Bowl of Caring was great! The Sunday school students did a great job singing. They will sing at 10:30 on Palm Sunday and at our final one worship service Sunday, May 5th.
 - Milestones
 - The 1st grade students lead The Lord's Prayer during the 10:30 worship service on January 28th.
 - The 5th grade students will lead The Apostle's Creek during the 10:30 worship service on February 25th.
- iFaith continues to meet every Wednesday after school with a lively group of students. We do not meet during Lent. A special thing I added this year is to really celebrate each student's birthday. When it's their birthday week, they get to pick the treat and game we play. I'm hoping it helps our students to feel valued, loved, and important to our faith community.
- Sunday, May 5th will be our ONE worship service Sunday and Senior Recognition Sunday! We would like to celebrate ALL graduates from high school, college, technical school, etc. Please let us know if you know of anyone we can honor!

Other Ministry

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

Worship and Music

Church Council Report – January 2024

Submitted by Kristi Stelter, Director of Worship and Music

Worship Service Schedule—

January 7 – 8:30 & 10:30 Traditional worship

January 14 – 8:30 & 10:30 Traditional worship

January 21 – 8:30 & 10:30 Traditional worship

January 28 – 8:30 & 10:30 Traditional worship (Kristi gone)

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 Proclaim 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 January include:

- Attended Annual Meeting January 21

MINUTES
West Nidaros Lutheran Church Annual Meeting
January 21, 2024

- 1) Call to order: Mike Bemboom 1144
- 2) Opening Devotions: Pastor Jared
- 3) Welcome: Bemboom
- 4) Approval of Agenda: Ben & Cheryl, motion approved
- 5) Approval of Minutes of January 2023 Annual Meeting: Cheryl & Jennie, motion approved
- 6) Approval of Reports – Jennie & Jared, motion approved
- 7) Report of Pastor – attached
- 8) Report of the Dir. of Faith Formation
- 9) Report of the Dir. of Youth and Family
- 10) Report of the Dir. of Music
- 11) Reports of Property Manager: Chris Langloss – basement/wall fix this Spring (April timeframe based on weather and will be here about 10 days), current garage for snow equip/ looking to heat it (less than \$5K), Thank you for everyone who helps/volunteers to make things work here at the church, Church Replica: TruGreen is not worth the \$\$
- 12) Report of Financial Secretary
- 13) Report of Treasurer
- 14) Report of Audit Committee
- 15) Report of Ministry Teams
 - a. Administration – Sheryl
 - b. Christian Education – Caitlin
 - c. Missions and Outreach
 - d. Local Ministry – Cheryl, Becky
 - e. Membership – Janna
 - f. Properties – Dean, Jared, Chris
 - g. Stewardship – Mike & Theresa
 - h. Worship & Devotional Life – Ben
 - i. Endowment – Jennie
- 16) Support Committees
 - a. Cemetery/Church Grounds
- 17) Organizations
 - a. Altar Guild
 - b. West Nidaros WELCA
 - c. WELCA Treasurer
 - d. Replica Church
 - e. Hanson-Oyen Cabin
- 18) Elections
 - a. Nominating Committee Report (no changes)
 - b. Election of Council Members (Amber Kirkvold & Nicole Finnesand)
 - c. Election of Nominating Committee (no changes)
 - d. Election of Audit Committee (no changes)
 - e. Election of Synod Assembly Delegates (Jill Rye added, leave open for add'l appointment)
 - f. Election of Endowment & Memorials (no changes)
 - i. Kent & Ben, approved for nomination/committee
- 19) Presentation of 2024 Budget – 5% increase for staff salary, budget for custodian is in place and being worked accordingly; Chris Langloss is re-evaluating his role along with the custodial duties
- 20) Unfinished Business
 - a. External Audit/Finance – this team is formulating and have found minor findings which have been addressed
 - b. Future Ministry Opportunities – has been on “the list” and will be coming to fruition this calendar year
- 21) New Business – N/A
- 22) Approval of 2023 Budget – Jennie & Dale Olthoff, motion approved
- 23) Closing Prayers – Pastor Jared thank you to Mike Benboom for his work as Council President and thank you to all leadership/task force teams for their ministry to this organization
- 24) Adjournment - Chris Langloss 1201, all approved

West Nidaros Interim Council Meeting
January 21, 2024

Call to order: Pastor Jared 12:20

Elect Council members:

President: Jennie Criddle

Vice-president: Ben Hasche

Secretary: Becky Langloss

Treasurer: Lynette Kautz

Financial Secretary: Trish Olthoff

Jared Questad motioned to approved new council members, Sheryl Engler second, motion carried

Sheryl Engler comments:

Chris Langloss has been on council 2 full terms, now entering 3rd term.

Education committee budgeted for bouncy house; liability/risk – may need to lease from outside entity within the church

Welcomed new council members (Finnesand and Kirkvold)

Council orientation/retreat & meeting: Feb 25th/1145

Meeting adjourned: 1241 Jared Questad & Chris Langloss, motion carried