

AGENDA
WEST NIDAROS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL
*******September 18 2022 *******

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Devotions: Mike Wendland
- 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. HVAC for Sanctuary
 2. External Audit
- 11) New Business:
 1. Synod Assets
- 12) Report of the Pastor
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- 14) *Report of the Dir. of Youth and Family*
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- 21) Adjourn/Prayer

Financial Secretary's Report – Sent separately

Treasurer's Report – Sent separately

Director of Faith Formation Report August 2022

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 begins on September 14th after school until 5:00 for 4th-6th grade students. Tri Valley and Baltic buses will bring students to church after school for iFaith. Parents pick them up at 5:00. iFaith includes games, snack, and bible lesson.
- I lead the Blessing of the Backpacks at outdoor worship. I ordered water bottle stickers for the blessing of the new school year rather than keychains this year. Students must bring a water bottle to school now and are VERY into the stickers that they put on their water bottle. 😊
- Sunday school
 - Kick Off Sunday is September 11th.
 - Sunday school teacher meeting was August 31st at 6:00 pm.
 - We have 2 or more co-teachers for each grade level. THANK YOU to ALL of our amazing Sunday school teachers! It's going to be a GREAT year!
 - I ordered the same Whirl Lectionary curriculum that we have used for several years.
 - THANK YOU to Elise for making the Sunday school calendar on magnets for families!
- I lead our 3 year old/parent/grandparent Sunday school class on September 11th. We have a lot of 3 year olds this year! They received their Prayer Pillow Milestone during 10:30 worship.

Other Ministry

- 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

Church Council Report – August / September 2022

Submitted by Adam Guthmiller, Interim Youth Director and Student Pastor

My role as the Interim Youth Director officially started on September 1st. Elise has been helping transition material, duties, and timelines for this Fall [and the rest of the year]. She has been an enormous support in putting me on my two feet.

- High School Youth Group is kicking off on September 14th and will be a recurring Wednesday event of fellowship, fun, and nurturing of faith. I look forward to meeting this group and gauging interest in other activities, and the 2023 summer trip – so that this can get moving.

- The Northern Rim Youth [Benton, Willow Crick, Renner, Baltic, East] are planning to meet together every month, and September 25th at Benton will be the first of the year. Pr. Tom Stadem has some about his excitement for this ministry, and the hope of continued joint effort.

- Confirmation begins on September 14th as well. This year we will be teaching from Luther's Small Catechism and focusing on the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer. Please keep the students, mentors, and pastors in your prayers as we undertake the important work of *giving* our students the language of the Christian faith.

In Christ,

Adam Guthmiller

Worship and Music

Church Council Report – August 2022

Submitted by Kristi Stelter, Director of Worship and Music

Worship Service Schedule—

August 7 – 9:30 Traditional worship

August 14 – 10:00 Worship in the Park

August 21 – 9:30 Traditional worship

August 28 – 9:30 Traditional worship

Ongoing responsibilities include:

- Prepare schedule of organists and vocalists
- Select hymns and worship songs for all worship services
- Communication with all musicians regarding worship schedule, any rehearsal times and upcoming events
- Keyboardist for services led by Worship Combo group
- 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
- Assist Pr. Adam with worship planning

Responsibilities specific for August include:

- Attended Ministry Team Meetings, August 24

Ministry Team Reports

Ministry teams met August 24, 2022 in the HDR. The covid virus has kept us apart so we are trying to regroup. Pastor Jared explained the main areas of focus for West Nidaros. They are: Administration;

Children, Youth & Family; Congregational Care; Mission and Outreach; Worship and Evangelism; Support Teams; and Organizations. All teams and committees are members of one of these focus areas. Pastor asked those present to look forward for the next three months for their planning. Each group was given a worksheet to guide them. The results are as follows:

Membership: Obtain supplies for pews; Plan picture taking for directory on Sept 11 and Oct 2; Plan New Member Class for Oct 9 and New Member Sunday, Oct. 16; Have pictures uploaded to directory and names added to work groups; New members were added to the group. (Janna Schniedermann)

Local Ministry: Plan Pastor Appreciation Sunday TBD; Decorate Church for fall on September 6 and for Christmas on November 30; New members were added to the group. (Phyllis Falconer, Pat Kayser)

Mission and Outreach: Plans for Christmas Shoeboxes in September and possible Christmas Trip to Horse Creek. Members in group were verified. (Megan Faber)

Health Ministries: Planning for programs geared toward our youth to include Substance Abuse, Suicide, and Human Trafficking. Area church youth groups will be invited. Programs will be given by guest speakers. Members in group were verified. (Jill Rye)

Properties: Members present were doing projects in the church building. (Jason Carls)

Children, Youth, Family: Sunday School, Confirmation, Ifaith, Youth activities have been planned for the school year. (Jessi Rakness)

Watch for more information about these activities in the Wednesday Weekly , Sunday Announcements or Report. If you are interested in helping on one of these teams, please contact the office.

WEST NIDAROS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

*****August 21 2022 *****

- 1) Call to order 10:39am, Mike
- 2) Devotions: Sheryl Engler
- 3) Stating Our Mission Statement Together
- 4) Recognition of Visitors:
- 5) Additions to Agenda/Approval -
 1. FLC use request- Janna
 2. Interim possibility for Youth Director

m/s: Jennie/Jared Q

6) Treasurer's Report: All bills paid for parking lot, total was \$233,922.12. 10% was \$23,400. Tim Renner has sent in transfer papers for \$24,000 to be moved over from undesignated memorial funds. Art Moe money came in, over \$105,000 was deposited. \$3,500 for Intek water in basement bill paid out of undesignated memorials, which we are happy with - Intek treats us well. Sheryl - Thrivent \$1,353, where do we get this? Thrivent members who have designated their donations to go to West Nidaros.

7) Financial Secretary's Report - m/s - Chris/Sheryl

8) Secretary's Report - m/s - Jared Q/Jennie

9) Report of the Property Manager - Chris: Phone call on Friday afternoon - Bob at Waterbury - starting Monday in the Sanctuary. Finally got their parts in! Hope to finish by Friday. Tinted some windows in the hallway, glare from cars parking was an issue. It was \$532, two doors and two windows outside of Pastor's office. Happy with how it went and turned out. Insurance: Sheryl had gotten letter, looking at deductible for wind/rain damage. It is \$53,000, discussed changing but decided it wouldn't be cost effective.

10) Unfinished Business: (old business)

1. HVAC for Sanctuary - wrapped up by next week
2. External Audit
3. Parking lot Maintenance - Mike W said he is going to help us coordinate with cities nearby to do the chip sealing, etc. Special funds line, parking lot will be parking lot matients
4. Water line relocation - Core Line, Chris called last two weeks, for hydrant in back, needing the locating of lines and so they can dig it up, put curb stop in, they haven't marked or flagged it yet. Hopefully in the next week or two, that will get down.
5. Snow removal: Chris Nick Nielson owns Lawn Crafters to look at mowing/snow removal. \$775 for cemetery and grounds for mowing per time. He would have a plan for treating weeds (Chris has the quote). Snow Removal - \$175 per hour with skid steer.
Tim Tiahart said he would do it with his new loader, he agreed. We have to figure out what to pay him.

11) New Business:

1. Ministry Team Meeting - Wednesday at 7pm, Sheryl read names of council members assigned to which teams. These meetings are quarterly. Council members are there to support teams/help out.
2. West basement wall - Chris: Water coming into basement, got bids on fixing that problem. Blackburn came, 16,320 bid. Go through walls, have to move cabinets in kitchen, move 6 ft of carpet down the hallway.. lets water in but then we pump it out. That wouldn't include them doing any of the work we would need to do - replacing carpet in 4 rooms down the hall, remodel kitchen.. Rapid Foundation Repair, external fix, cut away 6ft by 3 ft, membrane, backfill, drainage system, so it doesn't come into the church.. Run from the kitchen, by education wing, to North, and stop where concrete starts at HDR Kitchen. \$29,000, all external work, they could do it this year yet. Chris, I think we would spend more than \$50,000 recovering- after the Blackburn option.. Makes more sense to keep water out of the church. Normal rain doesn't cause problems, just that 6 inch flash flood was the issue. It doesn't have to get done this year. Last weekend, when we got 3-4 inches, it was fine. This would be an investment in the long term

preservation of the church foundation. We can budget for it in the future, hold on to the quote and keep the information in mind.

3. FLC use in school year - 4 families, 12 kids that home school. Can they use FLC on Thursdays 12-4pm 3 times per month? Maybe use two classrooms as well. Can be flexible if there was a schedule issue. Everyone is good with it. m/s to allow this: Jared Q/Chris
4. Interim Youth Director - Pastor Jared - not much traction on applications for Youth Director. Adam is in call, working for his call, it takes some time. Adam could be the interim Youth Director/Student Pastor until he takes a call. This would mean that the money for youth director and student pastor would be combined for this interim period. Adam: Interesting time with two babies, restricted to area with wife's job, waiting for a call, have the time and capability to do this. Take down the posting for the Youth Director position, but then put up when Adam has a call on the horizon. We can also leave it up internally, but take it down externally. This would start Sept 1: M/s to offer interim Youth Director Position to Pastor Adam: ms/ Cheryl/Jennie

12) Report of the Pastor - getting ready for Fall! Churchwide assembly in Ohio about a week ago- a few things to be aware of. Like a synod for the whole ELCA, every 3 years. 2 things that passed that could impact us: 1. voted to study reconstituting the the ELCA, put together a task force to look at it. We need to protect our congregation, property.. 3 year process. Something to pay attention to. 2. Voted to re-look at 2009 vote on human sexuality on bound conscience.. we respect that we don't all agree on this. Would become unwelcoming - we only believe one thing in regards to sexuality.

These are two things to really keep an eye on.

Possibly start looking at new synods, none are perfect, but ELCA has not been making choices we are all in favor of lately.

Request to ask Pastor Jared to consult with a legal council to ensure that property is preserved for West Nidaros, and other concerns about the reconstituting process.

198 at outdoor worship. Great help, good team of people - went well!

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19) Thank You: Local Ministries, those that helped with outdoor worship service and those that served.

20) Next Meeting: September 18th at 11:45am

Next Ministry Team Meeting: TBD, January

21) Adjourn/Prayer Mike at 12:04pm m/s: Jennie/Sheryl