

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Agenda for April 9, 2019

- A. Call to Order
- B. Opening Prayer - Kim Cordonier
- C. Approve Current Agenda
- D. Approve minutes of the Congregational Council meeting of March 12, 2019
- E. Bible Study
- F. New Business
 - 1. Motion Regarding Lenten Offerings - Pastor Justin
 - 2. Council Orientation to FLC personnel processes - Pastor Dan
- H. Old Business
 - 1. Construction update - staff
 - 2. 150th Anniversary Planning update - Judy/Rebecca
 - 3. Open Comment Period
- G. Treasurer's Report - Pastor Dan (in Brian's Absence)
- J. Staff Reports
- K. Committee Reports
- L. Closing Prayer - Kim Cordonier
- M. Adjournment

Executive Committee: May 7, 2019
Next Council Meeting: May 14, 2019
Setup and Prayers for Next Meeting:

Information Items

	Baptized	Confirmed
1. MEMBERSHIP as of March 1, 2019	1200	987
Members received in February:		
A. by baptism (15 years and under)	1	
B. by baptism (adult)		
C. transfer from ELCA congregation	2	2
D. other Lutheran		
E. affirmation of faith		
F. transfer from non-Lutheran congregation		
G. other and statistical adjustment		
2. Members Removed		
Members removed in March:		
A. death	3	3
B. transfer to ELCA congregation	3	3
C. transfer to non-Lutheran congregation		
D. other and statistical adjustment		
MEMBERSHIP as of March 31, 2019	1197	983

Average Attendance

March	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
	601	641	600	580	654	569	527	698	608	594	463

Added:

Baptism: Finn Dale Vogel
 Affirmation:
 Transfer: Micaela Nissen and Kelen Panec
 Other:

Removed:

Death: Ronald L. Johnson, Mable Jones, Clara Wasenius
 Transfer: Trevor Brass, Paul & Joyce Hansen
 Dropped Due to Inactivity:
 Other:

Note:

First Lutheran Church Congregational Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 12, 2019 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Denise Mainquist, Dawn Brock , Scott Seebohm, Mike McDannel, Mary Rogge, Jennifer Nelson, Barry Graham, Rebecca Pfabe, Lisa Rauner, Judy Bailey, Natalie Peters, Brian Niebuhr, Kim Cordonier, Barb Johnson Frank

UNABLE TO ATTEND: Dave Pfister

STAFF PRESENT: Pastor Dan Warnes, Pastor Justin Eller, Sharon Hardel

MEETING RECORDER: Barb Johnson Frank

- A. **CALL TO ORDER:** President Barry Graham called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- B. **OPENING PRAYER:** Judy Bailey led the opening prayer.
- C. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PREVIOUS MINUTES:** The current agenda and the minutes of the February 12, 2019 Congregational Council meeting were both approved unanimously.
- D. **BIBLE STUDY:** Pastor Warnes facilitated a discussion of Luke 13: 31-35, the upcoming Gospel text.
- E. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. **SYSTEMS THEORY OVERVIEW:** Pastor Warnes involved the Council in an introductory session about Systems Theory and its implications for church leaders as they interact with one another and with members of the congregation. The session offered a "deep dive" into a relevant topic.
 - b. **FURTHER ORIENTATION:** President Graham and Mike McDannel inquired whether Council members would be interested in additional orientation sessions that would allow time for learning more about church policies, procedures and topics of interest, as well as for Council members to get better acquainted. After discussion, it was suggested that the Executive Committee poll the group for preferred dates and times.
 - c. **ANNIVERSARY UPDATE:** Judy Bailey and Rebecca Pfabe, representing the 150th Anniversary Committee, outlined plans for the 2020 celebration and answered questions. Topics included:
 - i. Plans to invite former pastors, staff and daughters of the congregation who are serving as pastors.
 - ii. Commemorative items (Christmas ornaments, coasters)
 - iii. Gatherings and celebrations

- iv. Logo provided by StoryHook at no cost
- v. Save-the-dates
- vi. Updates to congregational history booklet
- vii. Expenses

MOTION TO ALLOW FUNDRAISING: A motion authorizing the 150th Anniversary Committee to raise funds outside the budget for some expenses related to the 150th Anniversary of First Lutheran Church was offered by Rebecca Pfabe, Judy Bailey and Pastor Dan Warnes. The motion authorized the Anniversary Committee to invite members of the congregation to offer gifts to cover some expenses. The motion, seconded by Jennifer Nelson, passed unanimously.

MOTION TO ALLOW PURCHASE OF GRAND PIANO: Brian Niebuhr introduced a motion brought to the Council by the Executive Committee to use available building funds to purchase a grand piano at a cost of up to \$15,000 to provide strong instrumentation for worship in the Activity Center and in the updated sanctuary. Motion was seconded by Rebecca Pfabe. Considerations included the inadequacy of upright pianos in large spaces, high cost of renting or purchasing an electric organ for use during congregational worship in the Activity Center, unused performance bond funds, the potential availability of memorial funds. After discussion, the vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

F. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Pastor Dan gave a construction update. (Following the Council meeting, Council members toured the building.)
- b. There were no comments during Open Comment period.

G. TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Brian Niebuhr updated the Council on finances, including the current \$10,000 deficit. Factors included cancellation of worship services due to hazardous weather, as well as an usually bad winter.

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS: Rebecca reported that the Creation Care committee will have a table at the Lincoln Earth Day observance held near downtown Lincoln in lieu of the Creation Care event recently offered at church.

I. STAFF REPORTS:

Pastor Justin told Council members about an opportunity to learn more about the spirit that anchors serving ministries. Accompaniment 201, training that follows up on an earlier session, will occur on Sunday March 31, 2019 from Noon-1:30 p.m.

J. CLOSING PRAYER/ADJOURNMENT: Judy Bailey offered the closing prayer.

***Executive Committee: April 2, 2019 Next Council Meeting: April 9, 2019
Set-up and Prayers: Kim Cordonier***

DATE: April 9, 2019

SUBJECT: Approval to direct 2019 Lenten offerings for Nebraska flood relief

PROPOSED ACTION: Direct the 2019 Lenten offerings to the Nebraska Synod Disaster Fund to recovery efforts

BACKGROUND: First Lutheran Church Council is the body who makes the decision as to where Lenten offerings are direction.

“The Nebraska Synod is coordinating with Lutheran Disaster Response to prepare for recovery efforts following March's flooding and blizzard. Individuals and congregations wanting to support the cleanup efforts, can send donations to the Nebraska Synod Disaster Fund.”

- <https://nebraskasynod.org/learn/nebraska-floods.html>

COST: The amount of the offering

SPONSOR: Pastor Justin Eller and the Executive Committee

Council Report
April 9, 2019
Rev. Dan Warnes

1. Building Project.

- a. Construction is on schedule or ahead of schedule for the project with the exception of the new nursery and restrooms adjacent the Commons.
 - b. Costs are currently in line with initial projections. We've experienced some cost-savings on portions of the project. And, we've experienced some extra costs. We hope to view details of these expenses in the next couple of months as portions of the project are completed.
 - c. Plans have been made for worship services in the activity center once construction on the sanctuary begins. Enhanced lighting, improved sound, new carpet and paint, appropriate seating, and other matters related specifically to worship practice are being organized. The new piano is here and is currently placed in the Activity Center.
 - d. Work is scheduled to begin on the sanctuary, new gathering space, etc. on April 22. The main office will be moved to Sharon's office. The entrance near the chapel will be the temporary main entrance to the building.
 - e. We have approval from Holy Trinity Episcopal Church to conduct funerals and weddings in their sanctuary and Fellowship Hall during the time our sanctuary is unavailable. The fee for a funeral will be \$150. We'll invite families to cover this fee if they are able.
 - f. Our church pews were posted on EBay as suggested by the contractor. In theory they were sold for a penny. The ad suggested that we would love to give them to a church experiencing flood damage. We simply hoped they would be repurposed. The only requirement is that they are picked up by the buyer. This would save us storage fees and/or disposal costs. We are attempting to make contact with the buyer. Having sold and purchased a number of large items on eBay over the years, I am **cautiously** optimistic about the authenticity of the purchase.
 - g. As portions of the project are completed, we will be moving back into those spaces as soon as possible.
- 2. 150th Anniversary Committee.** Thanks to Rebecca Pfabe and Judy Bailey for leading the effort to celebrate our 150th Anniversary. Several committees are at work organizing the celebrations and special events. Banners, mementos, themes, and logos are being developed. Historical records and photo collections are being updated. "Save the Date" postcards will be sent out to former staff and daughters of the congregation April.
- 3. Thanks** to those who drafted weekly Lenten devotions, offered weekly messages on our Welcoming theme, and to all of the cantors and musicians who shared their gifts during this Lenten series.
- 4. Thanks** to those who have shared financial gifts and various flood relief supplies. Thanks to those who accompanied flood relief victims at the Fremont Distribution site. On April 4, our collection of supplies was delivered to the Bellevue Distribution center. By April 4, the need was greater in the Bellevue area.
- 5. Pastoral Acts.** I performed three funerals and one baptism since our last meeting.

In Christ,
Rev. Dan Warnes

First Lutheran Church Council Report
April 2, 2019
Rev. Justin Eller

- 1. Worship Committee - Liturgy Sub Team.** I have been working with the Liturgy Sub Team to help plan what our worship life will be like when we move into worshipping in the Activity Center after Easter. Together, we chose new carpet for the stage and the new rich blue wall paint. Many thanks to Bonita Johnsen for all her work on painting.
- 2. Dinner+Learning #8B: "Cross" "Racism and White Supremacy".** In March, I had planned to go deeper in the cross, but when the world was rocked again when a white supremacist from Australia massacred 50 Muslims at two mosques during prayer time in New Zealand, this topic seems more timely and honestly harder to get into. So we discussed what the kids had heard, how they understood race and racism, and what impact that has on white supremacy and white nationalism.
- 3. New Member Classes.** This Spring we welcomed two new members to the First Lutheran family: Kelen Panec and Caela Nissen. This year we had a "New Member Reunion" for the 2018 new members to host a "get to know you lunch" for the newest new members and share how they had gotten involved in the life of this faith community.
- 4. High School Youth Group Accompaniment Experience Orientation.** In our monthly orientation sessions we have been talking about how to be gracious guests, say please and thank you, and always try what is offered as a gift of food. Some of the youth were hesitant about my (and Jesus' Lk.10:8) command to "eat what is set before you" and so we took them to eat at a Caribbean restaurant in Omaha. It was a good lesson in trying something new and being pleasantly surprised!
- 5. Accompaniment 201: Critical Reflection.** This second training focused on the role of critical reflection/thinking/awareness in our serving. Critical reflection before, during, and after a serving opportunity helps First Lutheran members serve more mindfully and be aware of the power we may bring into a situation. We learned about asymmetries of power through the boundaries we create between us and another and how that can quickly flow into unhealthy serving motives.
- 6. Lifelong Learning Plan Task Force.** This amazing team of leaders met to discuss the feedback from the Adult Forum session and delegated sections to be modified. Two years ago we needed to quickly respond to educational needs of our kids and youth and said we would eventually come around to reevaluating adult learning. Now is that time!! We discussed possibility of a separate Adult Learning Task Force to look at and brainstorm what flexibly-structured adult (college age +) learning might look like going forward.
- 7. Boundaries Workshop.** I participated in my second boundaries training workshop in the Nebraska Synod with Deacon Sunni and Pastor Dan. We reviewed Boundaries 101, and discussed boundaries with the internet/social media and LGBTQIA+ community.
- 8. Micah 6:8 Listening Post.** I facilitated two Synod-wide "Listening Posts" (Scottsbluff and Lincoln) to hear where congregations are serving in the areas of justice, world hunger, and global mission ministries and what pressures and barriers exist that may hinder or complicate their serving efforts to address local and global needs. This will help curate resources into a tool kit for congregations and rostered leaders.
- 9. Pastoral Matters.** I presided at two memorial services and one baptism in March.

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Justin

FaithTrek

WAIT is the April word of the month for the FaithTrek kids. Waiting is hard for all of us, no matter your age. The FaithTrek kids will be digging in to Bible stories that talk of waiting along with waiting for palm waving on Palm Sunday, foot washing on Maundy Thursday and the celebration of the empty tomb on Easter morning. Sharon Hardel will be making hot cross buns with the 2nd & 3rd graders. Special treats are also planned for the other age groups. Another thanks to Judy Batterman and Judy Bailey for the prayer tools we shared in March. Thanks to Pastor Dan and Pastor Justin for meeting with the FaithTrek kids. FaithTrek is not meeting Easter Sunday.

Word & Service Ministry

I continue to work with others on articulating and celebrating the role of the deacon in the ELCA. Region 4 deacons are planning a regional gathering for October 2019 in New Braunfels, TX. I am part of the planning team. And, at Dr. Craig Nesson's invitation, I am serving on the planning team for a deacon event at Wartburg Theological Seminary (WTS) in January 2020. I believe the goal is to advocate for the deacons and help WTS explore ways they can support students who feel called to Word & Service Ministry in the ELCA.

Thanks to Pastor Dan and Pastor Justin for sharing the pulpit with me and encouraging me to share the Word in worship.

Discipleship – Transformation

Caesar Kalinowski has written a book titled *Transformed – A New Way of Being Christian. – Who We Are and How We Get to Live*. On the back cover it says, "Transformed is for those who yearn for a deeper, more authentic faith, one that empowers you to live out of the truth of who God now says you are." Love that! And his definition of disciples pushes me to be responsible. -- "We are apprentices of Jesus who take responsibility for our own development and the growth of others." I'm challenged to be transformed. What about you? I'd love to hear your stories of transformation. Call me – I'll pay for the coffee. Let's talk!

Planners Needed

We have several ministry projects that are experiencing a transition in leadership and/or are exploring new formats and engaging in re-creating how we serve. Projects include Gifts of Hope, God's Work Our Hands, FaithTrek and LWR projects such as school kits. If you are interested in being part of the pondering and planning please let me know.

Women Rowing North

Mary Pipher has a new book out that is aimed at the older girls - 60-and-up set. Women, who in Pipher's words, are navigating the "last stretch of the river with its treacherous currents." Aptly titled "Women Rowing North," are encouraging and useful (if somewhat obvious): Resilience is key to aging well; age is less important than health; "happiness doesn't come easily"; saying "no" can be powerful. Discussion groups are forming. If you want to be included let me know soon as we are eager to get started.

Spiritual Development

The Nebraska Synod Drinking From The Well spirituality program wraps up this month. It has been a good 8 months and I have learned a lot from the monthly webinars and the small group gatherings. I would encourage others to participate in this ministry. I continue to meet with a Spiritual Director in Omaha and she is turning my world upside down. I am thankful for our conversations and her insights.

Have an Idea?

Are you longing to be involved in a ministry that is about/that does XYZ? Or maybe you feel like you fall through the cracks when it comes to most of the happenings at FLC. Well, my friends, new things happen because people share their ideas and step up to help lead. Step up, share your ideas and let's see where the Spirit takes the conversation.

Director of Worship and Music

Masako Bacon

March, 2019

We are so blessed to have such dedicated people who are willing to share their gifts in many ways.

Sunday Musicians

- March 3 Kristi & Dakota Fisher
March 10 8:15 -Gordon Youngquist, Adult Choir
 10:45 – Grace, Will, & Xander Niebuhr (string trio), Xander Niebuhr (viola)
March 17 Both - Grace, Will & Xander Niebuhr (string trio), Spirit Ringers
 8:15 – Adult Choir
 10:45 - Bennett Bacon
March 24 8:15 - Liana Sandin, Adult Choir
 10:45 - Claire Ehlers, Chorister Choir
March 31 Both – Vocal Quartet (Megan Lyons, Erin Pfister, Steve Janssen, Dave Pfister)
 8:15 - Adult Choir
 10:45 - Chorister Choir

Saturday Musician

Christine Carman – 3/2, 9, & 23 Kristina Hanson – 3/16 Boyd Bacon – 3/30

Lenten Mid-Week Worship Musicians

- March 13 Noon - Sharon Hardel, 7:00pm – Martha Tanner
March 20 Noon – Erin Niebuhr, 7:00pm – Kristi Fisher
March 27 Noon – Gordon Youngquist, 7:00pm – Ann Nitzel

Worship and Music Committee

Each task force group has made progress on their tasks. We are grateful for the members for many extra meetings and conversations over this project.

Sound/Lighting (Pastor Dan Warnes, Judy Bailey, Gordon Youngquist, Boyd Bacon) with Tim Kechely

* Lapel microphones, Altar, and Lectern microphones will be moved from sanctuary to Activity Center and will be matched with the current Activity Center sound system.

* Acoustical panels have been ordered and will be installed. (currently in transit)

Worship Space (Pastor Justin Eller, Jan Christiansen, Molly Goninan, Priscilla Hayden-Roy, Bonita Johnsen)

* The more steady chairs have been moved from the retirement community in Omaha on March 27.

Thank you to Molly for arranging for the chairs and for Pastor Dan and Boyd for getting them from Omaha, and for Cyndi, Pastor Justin, and Greg to help them into Activity Center.

* Painting walls in Activity Center – In the preparation, Bonita painted the cracks/border/grid on the wall with Jan's help, and the Property Committee members helped paint the wall to create more worshipful atmosphere.

* Carpet for the stage was voted on and ordered.

Instruments (Ryan Luckey, Dick Morris, Martha Tanner, Masako Bacon)

* Our piano technician recommended the task force group several options. Boyd and Masako traveled to a facility in Hutchinson, KS to try out several pianos and found a piano, which suits the committee's criteria.

* Martha arranged to borrow 3 book carts from Nebraska Wesleyan University. The book carts will be brought into Activity Center before Easter.

I enjoy working with many musicians (more musicians during Lent!). Different interests and skills, but all come together to praise and to serve God. I pray that we together can grow our faith, skills, and fellowship into deeper.

Respectfully submitted,

Soli Deo Gloria

Masako Bacon

Sharon Hardel's Report to Council March 13, 2019 – April 9, 2019

Activities This Month:

I participated in regular staff meetings and Wednesday Lenten services and meals, assisted with the confirmation Dinner + Learning event, attended the Life Long Learning Task Force meeting and accompaniment training session here at First and took part in the Micah 6:8 listening post at American Lutheran. I also participated in the monthly youth workers meeting at Camp Carol Joy Holling.

Middle and High School Learning have been meeting each Sunday. The Middle Schoolers are really enjoying the lessons created by our facilitators and have had some guest speakers to share about First's Prayer Shawl ministry and Flood Relief efforts. And they are collecting old jeans for April 28 to do a shoe project for SoleHope. See the Voice for more details. Facilitators are planned for the remainder of the spring schedule. The High Schoolers have had various topic discussions and attendance is up and down. It seems to have dwindled in the spring, which I think also happened last year. But there have been good discussions with those that have been there. Thanks to all who have facilitated and created great lessons to show our Middle Schoolers how to relate to God, themselves and others and to get our High Schoolers thinking and talking about where their faith fits in today's world. If anyone is interested in helping to facilitate in the future, please let Pastor Justin or me know.

The Senior High Youth Group has been looking at accompaniment and working on Spanish for our upcoming summer trip. They also tied fleece blankets which were donated to cancer patients at St. Elizabeth's Hospital (we did check first with Lisa Kramme to see if they were needed for flood relief, but were not at this point). And some of the group learned to knit and crochet with Jan Mares and Shirley Rogge so they could make prayer shawls, afghans, wash cloths or other items they might want to create.

The High School, Middle School, and Elementary groups will explore the new exhibit at Morrill Hall on Sunday April 7. Adults have volunteered to coordinate this experience since I will be out of town for my Dad's wedding.

A "Get – to - Know- Your – Bible" Class was held for 4th and 5th graders as well as those that attended one of the Intro Bible classes last year on Sunday March 24. We had 6 children and their parents attend. We did a sanctuary scavenger hunt to learn how to look up passages and found out many things we use in worship were used in Bible times as well. We had a brief overview of Old and New Testament and shared our favorite verses and stories. We talked about different versions of the Bible and who wrote it. We received highlighters and pens to mark favorite passages and have family and friends mark their favorite passages in our bibles as well.

Projects Working On:

1. Youth Group gatherings for pre-school – high school youth
2. Summer accompaniment trips (Sr. High and Middle School)
3. VBS – scheduled for June 17 – 21... Helpers are needed let me know if I can add you to my list
4. Developing a "Walking Wet" curriculum for parents of newborns and children up to 3 year olds.
5. Cleaning out my office so Cyndi and Bryan can move in once the front office construction begins.

In Peace,

Sharon Hardel

Creation Care Team

March 26, 2019

Present – David Pitts, Rebecca Pfabe, Cindy Lilleoien and Sunni Richardson, staff
Meeting focused on the details for the April 27 Lincoln Earth Day Celebration.

Check-In & Set Up:

Check-in and set up will take place between 9 a.m to 9:45 a.m. on the northwest corner of 21st and 'Q' in front of the Jayne Snyder Trails Center. All participants must be set up by 10 a.m. Upon check-in, booth participants will be given a number that is assigned to a booth table. If you are part of a group, there are specific tables set aside for your organization. Booth areas are the length of your provided table, 8 feet x 2 feet. One chair will be provided.

Event Logistics:

You may use the 'Unloading Zone' located in front of the Jayne Snyder trail center at 228 N 21st St. There will be volunteers available to help you move your items to the event. The 'Unloading Zone' is a limited area. All booth participants must move their vehicles immediately after unloading to either the Assurity Life Parking Garage located north of 20th and 'Q' street or elsewhere, so that others may use the same space to unload. Be advised that there is no natural shade in the Earth Day booth area. It is recommended that all booth participants bring an umbrella, canopy, sunscreen and/or hat. All items used to create shade, must be secured with sand bags or something similar that will not damage the park. Dress for the weather, as it may be chilly in the morning and warmer in the afternoon. In the event of inclement weather, the event will still go on! The Lincoln Earth Day event will be moved to the Assurity Parking Garage. We will send an official e-mail if we decide to move the event.

Assignments

Rebecca – cinder blocks to hold awning, rope, bricks for paper weights, experimenting with crepe paper
Jennifer – create a flier with program ideas for families and FLC information – handout
Steve – got the awning to church – in the storage area in the Activity Center

Volunteer Times

Workers should have sunscreen, hat, refillable water bottle
Set up and 10-12 – Cindy, David
Flexible – Rebecca & Sunni
Volunteer article in the Voice

Supplies from Church

20-25' kite string rolled on pencils – Sunni will see if Monday volunteers can help
Awning
Rope – Rebecca has
Duct tape – 2 rolls
Cinder blocks – 8 – Rebecca
Crayons – several containers assorted colors
Punches – 6
Kites – printed and cut square
Kid scissors – 6
Adult scissors – 2
Instruction poster – 3 on card stock
Knife – to cut rope
Crepe Paper – Rebecca is checking on what we can use
Extra chairs

Next Meeting April 23 – to gather supplies and confirm plans.

Minutes of the Fellowship Committee

March 12, 2019

Attending: LuAnn Snyder, Cindy Schuster, Ann Allen, Carlene Falos, Judy Bailey, Judy Batterman, Phyllis Frickel, Linda Carlson

Devotions: Carlene Falos

Upcoming Events:

1. **Lenten Meals** – First meals are tomorrow, **March 13**. Menu: Soups and bars/cookies. With the committee's addition of food, there will be enough for 120 people. The committee should be at the church at 10:30 for lunch and 4:30 for supper.

Other Wednesday meals:

March 20 – We will cater sandwiches from GoodCents. Cost: \$48 for 20 4-in subs. We will use the grant money Judy Batterman provided from Thrivent for Lutherans. A sign-up sheet for congregation members to provide desserts is posted in the Commons. When we serve a catered meal, our donations basket sign will read "Suggested Donation ____" and "Catered By ____." For future meals, Carlene will also submit a request for a \$250 grant from Thrivent.

March 27 – We will serve soups and desserts. A sign-up sheet has been posted in the Commons.

April 3 – Couple in Christ will prepare all food, including desserts, and serve the evening meal. Members of our committee will serve lunch.

April 10 – We will cater mini Runzas for both meals. Cost: \$132 for 60 mini Runzas. We will need to put a sign-up sheet in the Commons for desserts.

2. **Easter Egg Hunt** – Bulletin insert information should be submitted to the office tomorrow (March 13). We will request bags of candy (Star Bursts, Tootsie Rolls) and crackers for the little ones (Goldfish, teddy grahams). Ages of children will include toddlers through age 10 (5th grade). Judy Batterman will submit an article for The Voice. **Deadline for registration is April 16.**
3. Committee members will gather on Wednesday, April 17, at 3:30, to fill eggs. All children will gather at 10:00 a.m. on April 20 in the Chapel for the puppet show. The toddlers will hunt for eggs in the Commons, and all other children will play "Easter Bingo" in the Activity Center. Our Redemption Prizes will be sand pails (buckets) with bubbles and sidewalk chalk.
4. **Easter Breakfast** – We will serve only coffee, juice, and cinnamon rolls and sweet breads. A sign-up sheet to bring food will be placed in bulletins (along with the Easter candy request).
5. **Saltdogs Game** – We decided on a date – **Friday, June 21**. Instead of using a camper, we will put up tents.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 9, at 5:30.

Devotions for next month: Linda Carlson

Submitted by Linda Carlson, Secretary

Property Committee Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2019

Meeting time: 7:00 PM

In attendance: Barry Graham, Richard Draper, Bob Batterman, Greg Fisher, Norm Kempf, Jan Christensen

Opening prayer: Bob

Minute taker: Jan

Approve minutes of the February Meeting.

Check for items that need to be added to agenda:

Noted that Steve Lenzen had rotator cuff surgery & we wish him full recovery

Agenda:

1. Bird holes in new stucco. Roger Fagler who did the original plastering has been contacted. He said that a lift will need to be obtained for this project & he will give us a cost estimate. Norm will check with Hy-Electric and/or Hampton.
2. Continuing with painting in Activity Center. Prop Comm members will be available when we get the word from Bonita. Norm will send out notice
3. Finished filling out volunteer prayer list for committee for the year ahead
4. Greg reports snow blower is fixed. Greg has tried to use Fixit Flat for tires on lawnmower. If that doesn't work will replace tires.
5. Discussion of potholes in the parking lot. Also ramp exit to Clock Tower has big potholes. Discussion about how much of that ramp is church property. Susan Coffey of Clock Tower management says she had a survey done to determine exact property line. Doubts about accuracy.
6. Sinkhole in public sidewalk along 70th Street side. Greg will call City to get on list of needed sidewalk repairs.

Recorder: Jan Christensen

Next meeting April 23, 2019

April Prayer: Richard

Worship and Music Minutes
March 4, 2019

Attending: Molly Goninan, Jan Christensen, Priscilla Hayden Roy, Martha Tanner, Judy Bailey, Richard Bouma, Bonita Johnsen, Pastor Dan, Pastor Justin, Masako and Boyd Bacon

Opening prayer – Priscilla

Update on general needs of worship subgroups

Bakery where communion bread was purchased has closed – New trial vendor will be HyVee at 70th & Pioneers

Reports from Activity Center Task Forces

*Lighting/carpet/sound (Pastor Dan, Boyd, Gordon Judy)

2' x 4' sound panels have been ordered with help from Altar etc. team on color
Carpet selection being handled by Altar etc team with input from whole committee
Mics from sanctuary will be moved to Activity Center, work done by Tim Kechley
Choir risers for new choir area will be here in April so will be used in Activity Center

*Altar/Font/Pulpit/Seating/Communion Plan (Priscilla, Molly Jan, Pastor Justin, Bonita)

Decided on wooden altar to be made by Ron and Bonita
Font from chapel entry will be used
Pulpit already in Activity Center will be used
We are receiving 50-60 free chairs with arms from a care facility in Omaha
(update – Dan & Boyd have picked them up and they are in use already)
Communion will be two stations serving bread and option for individual cups or common cup. Congregation moves forward by center aisle, receives while standing and returns by side aisles.
Paint – To make a major change in the look of the Activity Center a dark blue paint was selected for the band of square blocks around the room. Bonita, Jan, Bob Batterman, and Norm Kempf have been working on the project.

*Instruments/Hymnals or printed (Martha, Dick, Boyd, Masako, Ryan)

Renting or buying an electric organ was considered but quite expensive for one year
Instead task force is looking for a grand piano that would be used in the new sanctuary also, dollars possibly from memorials and construction funds.
Dan will make request.
Hymnals will be used – Martha can obtain use of carts from Wesleyan.

Closing Prayer – Pastor Dan