

First Lutheran Church

Worship Ministry Team

January 22, 2018

Members Present:

Susan Wyckoff, Cindy Weikart, Judy Vassar, Pastor Larry, Larry Walker Absent: Judy Lunz

Ministry Team Highlights: planning upcoming services & activities, Lenten suppers, scheduling of Majesty Quartet, outdoor summer services

Items Requiring Council Action: Determine Council's Lenten Supper Entrée

Cindy Weikart has agreed to take the Worship Ministry Chair as Susan Wyckoff has been elected to the SOS WELCA President position. Thank you Cindy!

Opening Devotions – Pastor Larry offered devotions from Isaiah 60, vision for the people of God

Budget Worship Ministry Team ended the year with a balance of \$422.73.
\$2500 will again be our budget for 2018.

Equipment & Supplies - Kent Burnside, our piano tuner, has retired. He passed on the name Doug Adkins from Dayton. Also in consideration is Chuck Croutwater who is a local music person who also does piano tuning. Judy will contact both.

UPDATE after the meeting: Mr. Croutwater responded quickly with a reasonable quote. Many of us know him. Decision was made to hire Mr. Croutwater to tune the pianos.

Pastor – Pastor would like to tie in a youth activity prior to Advent services for 2018, perhaps starting at 6:00 pm. Early Christmas Eve service would be more “family oriented”. Discussion was held on the negativity of the Christmas Eve sermon.

Old Business –

Caroling Dec 10 & 17 – Do we go with 2 days of caroling next year? Or not go to one of the care facilities. Had a small group on one date, with a large group on the second date. Provide Lunch?? - Had a small turn-out. Need to set a time that we will meet at the care facilities so that congregation members can plan arrival time.

Downtown Christmas Event- 4 of us were downtown handing out bookmarks with times of our Advent services noted. Would have liked more congregation members to have joined us. After the parade, the crowds dissolved, so we left.

Worship Service – Upcoming Events

Ash Wednesday – Feb 14, Imposition of Ashes - noon & 7 pm, no communion at noon

Lenten Mid-week Supper & Services – Supper at 6:15 with service at 7 pm Holden Evening Prayer. Groups are being asked to provide the Entrée of each weekly supper with the congregation bringing either a side or dessert to accompany. Schedule as follows: Feb 21- Council – TBD, Feb 28-WELCA- lasagna and garlic bread, Mar 7- Choir- Soups, cornbread, rolls, Mar14-Adult SS classes- TBD, Mar21- Congregation- Potluck.

Lisa will keep this updated in the bulletin.

Offering from the Lenten mid-week services will be split between ODB and LWR.

Palm Sunday – Process with Palms, children and adults as they desire. The Passion, readers, no communion. Receiving of 3 or 4 youngsters who will be taking their First Communion on Maundy Thursday.

Maundy Thursday – 8 pm, First Communion

Good Friday- services at noon and 8 pm.

Easter Flowers for the Sanctuary – variety of spring flowers, what we get from the congregation will be what we go with. No additional purchased.

New Business

Majesty Quartet – Sunday Feb 11, 3:00 This is a local group of gentlemen who share the Gospel in story and song. Flyers will be posted at LCS, care facilities, other churches, ad in newspaper. Refreshments to follow in the lounge. Please attend. Bring family & friends.

Summer Outdoor Services – in Oakland Park, weather permitting, June 10, July 8 and Aug 12. July 8th the youth can share their experiences from the Youth Gathering. August 12th will have a Blessing of the Backpacks.

Next meeting – Monday February 26, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Susan Wyckoff

Worship Ministry Chair

First Lutheran Church of Bellefontaine
Congregational Council meeting
January 3, 2018

Meeting called to order by Cindy Weikart, council president.

Devotions: Pastor Larry

Roll Call: Present: Cindy Weikart, Adam Smith, Cheri Comstock, Corey Van Hoose, Susan Wyckoff, Pastor Larry Novak. Excused: Dick Griffith, Gail Keck, Chris McKenrick, Liz Rose, Julie Zoldak

Treasurer Report: The report was reviewed with the notation that the excellent financial position we appear to be in is due to several congregation members giving their 2018 pledged monies in 2017. Motion made to accept the treasurer report by Adam Smith. Seconded by Cheri Comstock. Motion passed.

Agenda: Susan Wyckoff made a motion to accept the agenda. Seconded by Corey Van Hoose. Motion passed.

Adoption of December 2017 Minutes. Motion to accept by Corey Van Hoose and seconded by Susan Wyckoff. Motion passed.

Congregation member's questions and comments:

Old business:

December attendance: 137/ average for 2017- 107

Personnel Report: no report given. Thanks to the team for putting together a job description for the sexton position. At this current time, the congregation does not have the financial funds to pay a salary for this position.

Dodge & Cox: The council president has the paperwork to be signed. The officers will be contacted to get the paperwork signed so it can be submitted.

175th Monies & Gift Projects: possible upcoming project would be to replace the louvers on the bell tower. Tom was asked to contact Window Creations to get us a proposal.

Annual Church Meeting: scheduled for January 21, 2018 immediately after the church service in the sanctuary. Following the meeting the congregation is asked to join in Rice Hall for food and fellowship.

New Business:

Council Meeting/Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 9 am in the church lounge.

Pastor's Report: The Synod sent a letter requesting that we hold a Stewardship Assembly on Saturday, August 18th in Rice Hall. The assembly will be from 9 am – 4 pm. This event will be open to other congregations in our area. More info will be available in the coming months. A motion to hold this assembly was made by Cheri Comstock, seconded by Corey Van Hoose. Motion passed.

The Hiliker YMCA contacted us to be a part of the Housing & Urban Development Point-in time homeless count. This is done every January, and any congregation member is asked to help with this. A training on this event will be held on Thursday, January 11 from 8:30 pm – 9:30 pm at Union Station. The actual counting day will be Tuesday, January 23. Pastor will announce more details after the training event.

Report of the officers:

President: No report

Secretary: No report

Reports of the Staff:

Director of Music: written report submitted

Bell Choir Director: no report

Standing Ministry Teams En Bloc:

Audit: No report

Christian Action: Easter Breakfast and Intergenerational Dinner coming up

Personnel: No report

Finance: No written report. Finance will be monitoring the 2018 income and expenses

Learning: No report

Mission: No report

Property: continue with maintenance issues throughout the building. A new baseboard will be installed in the lower hallway.

Stewardship: No report

Worship: The Majesty Quartet is scheduled to perform here on February 11, 2018 at 3 pm.

Special Ministries:

Nominating: No report

175th: as noted above

CHEF: No report

Affiliate Ministry:

LCS: continues to work on their land acquisitions

WELCA: Winter Dinner- February 10, 2018 5 pm appetizers/5:30 pm dinner

NLCF: No report.

Motion to accept all Ministry teams/Special Ministry and Affiliate Ministry reports En Bloc made by Adam Smith, seconded by Corey Van Hoose. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn made by Corey Van Hoose and seconded by Adam Smith. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting February 3, 2018 at 9 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Weikart

Secretary pro tem

First Lutheran Church, Bellefontaine, Ohio
Congregation Council Session: January 3, 2018
AGENDA

1. Call to Order Cindy Weikart
2. Devotions Pastor Larry
3. Roll Call Liz Rose
4. Treasurer Report John Belser
5. Adoption of Agenda Cindy Weikart
6. Adoption of Minutes Liz Rose
7. Congregation Members Questions/Comments
8. Old Business
 - a. December attendance- 137/ average for 2017- 107
 - b. Personnel Report: Sexton Job
 - c. Dodge & Cox Funds
 - d. 175th Anniversary monies & Gift Projects Update
 - e. Annual Meeting: Date is January 21, 2018
9. New Business
 - a. Council Mtg. & Retreat in February
 - b.
 - c.
10. Report of the Pastor Pastor Larry Novak
11. Reports of the Officers
 - a. President Cindy Weikart
 - b. Secretary Liz Rose
12. Reports of the Staff
 - a. Director of Music Judy Vassar
 - b. Director of the Bell Choir Larry Walker
13. Standing Ministry Teams **En Bloc**
 - a. Audit
 - b. Christian Action Cheri Comstock
 - c. Personnel Chris McKenrick
 - d. Finance John Bodin
 - e. Learning Kris Swisher
 - f. Mission Ministry
 - g. Property Tom Weikart
 - h. Stewardship
 - i. Worship Susan Wyckoff
14. Special Ministries **En Bloc**
 - a. Nominating
 - b. 175th Anniversary Susan Wyckoff
 - c. CHEF Dave Vassar
15. Affiliate Ministries **En Bloc**
 - a. Lutheran Community Services
 - b. WELCA
 - c. New Life Charitable Foundation Don Voorhies
16. Closing – Lord’s Prayer
17. Next Meeting: February ____, 2018 at _____ pm

PASTOR'S REPORT FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 3, 2018

Services, visitations, and classes taught in December, 2017

Worship services: Total of 10 services: 4 Sunday Morning services plus two Christmas Eve Services, three mid-week advent services, and one service at Green Hills.

Visits: Five home visits, three hospital visits.

Teaching-Began new Bible study on the Gospel of Mark. Taught confirmation on December 3 and December 10. Two Bible studies at Luther Community (Tuesdays from 2 to 3 pm).

Meetings and events attended in December, 2017

December 1-Christmas parade downtown-passed out information on Christmas and advent services

December 2-Confirmation outing at Marmon Valley Farms

December 3-Decorated church for Christmas

December 5-Legislative meetings with state senators and representatives on poverty issues.

December 7-Cluster meeting at St. Paul, Botkins.

December 9-Fundraiser for Houston Trip was, sadly, a bust.

December 10-Caroling at Green Hills, and led worship service.

December 11-Christian Action Ministry team

December 13-CORE meeting hosted by First Lutheran

December 13-Safety team meeting

December 14-Youth Gathering webinar on Synod Day

December 16-Final Christmas pageant rehearsal

December 17-Caroling at Logan Acres

December 19-Helped with food distribution at Lutheran Community Services

Matters requiring a vote:

- Katie Kerrigan of the synod office has asked us if our congregation would be willing to host a stewardship assembly meeting in August of 2018. See attached letter.
- An employee of the Hilliker YMCA contacted me to ask if our congregation would like to be involved in the Housing and Urban Development Point-in-time homeless count. Done every January, any congregation member who wishes to do so would help count the number of people in shelters, the people in transitional housing, and the people on the street. A training would be held Thursday, January 11 from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Union Station, The actual counting day would be Tuesday, January 23.

Other Matters

- I will be out of the office from January 16-18 at a tri-synod retreat. I will also be away from Friday, January 2-Sunday, January 28 at confirmation camp with the confirmation students

And of course, my comic of the month!

Do you ever wonder what the food is going to be like in Heaven? I wonder if they ever serve deviled eggs? Since we'll probably have wings, maybe they give us airline food!



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Pastor Larry had been watching too much "Seinfeld."

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Larry

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Date: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 8:43 AM
From: Katie Kerrigan <kkerrigan@southernohiosynod.org>
To: Larry Novak <ljinovak@twc.com>
Subject: Re: Stewardship Academy

I haven't heard anything from you about hosting a Stewardship Academy in August, and we'd like to start advertising the full calendar as soon as possible. Perhaps, after Christmas, you could consider this and get back to us?

Pastor Katie Kerrigan
Director for Evangelical Mission
Southern Ohio Mission Territory
Stronger and Better Together... Joining Jesus in the Restoration of the World

On Dec 1, 2017, 2:17 PM -0500, Katie Kerrigan <kkerrigan@southernohiosynod.org>, wrote:
Dear Pastor Larry,

The Stewardship Team is preparing to take its Stewardship Academy on the road, and we wondered if you would be willing to host an event for congregations in your part of the state. We have condensed it to a one-day event, running from 9:00 am (team probably arriving at 8:00) until 4:00 (team out the door by about 4:30). We would also need lunch, but I have found that box lunches work very well if that is more convenient and possible in your location. Or this could be an opportunity for a group in your church to raise some funds by providing the meal. We will be asking participants to contribute for lunch.

We would like to hold this event in your area on Saturday, August 18th.

Would you be willing to host, and would that date work for you?

Blessings to you and your congregation during this busy Advent season!

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Katie Kerrigan
Director for Evangelical Mission
Southern Ohio Synod
Stronger and Better Together: Joining Jesus in the Restoration of the World



Report of Director of Music

January Council Report



Dec. 3 The Bell Choir started the advent season with their prelude "Long Ago, Prophets Knew". The chancel choir anthem was "Come Emmanuel" accompanied by Rick Ramsey. Come Emmanuel is a fun song stressing waiting for the savior.

Dec. 10 the anthem was an old favorite "Every Valley" based on the Old Testament lesson of the Day Isaiah 40. It is a quiet celebration of the Child who will bring peace on earth. Tori Geib's prelude was "Love Came Down" written by Kari Jobe

Dec. 17 Connor Rose played his first piano/organ duet entitled "I Wonder as I Wander." And the delightful music of the Sunday School Christmas program prepared for the Christmas Celebration.

Dec. 24 10:00 AM music was led by Stephanie Oaks and Dave Vassar. 7:00 PM featured music by Larry Walker, Cindy Weikart, Carolyn Novak, Tori Geib, and the Bodin family. 10:30 PM music featured music by Larry Walker, Cindy Weikart, Carolyn Novak, Georgia Voorhies, Carilloneurs bell choir, and Miriam Stoner. Tori Geib was the featured soloist for the Christmas anthem "Noel." I hope all

enjoyed the collection of classics and contemporary music.

Dec. 31 Tyler Jones was our worship leader with readers or Connor Rose, Madison Jones, and Winnie Bodin. Lottie Bodin and Connor Rose provided special music.

I met 30 times with members in preparation for the special music during the month of December. This wasn't 30 different days because some were back to back, but several hours were spent practicing.

Upcoming dates:

Majesty Quartet concert Sunday, February 11, 2018, 3 PM at FLC

Submitted by,

Judy Vassar

First Lutheran Church of Bellefontaine
Annual meeting
January 21, 2018

Meeting called to order by Cindy Weikart, council president.
Signatures totaled up and there was a quorum.

Pastor Larry Novak led prayer prior to start of meeting.

Adoption of minutes: pages 3-4 in annual report. Motion made by Gary Kauffman to accept minutes from 2017 annual meeting. Seconded by Ray Swisher. Motion passed.

Report of Pastor(pp5-6) and Treasurer reports(pp23-29) opened for questions. Congregation had no questions. Motion to accept both Pastor and Treasurer reports made by Jim Donnelly and seconded by Max Bixler. Motion passed.

Lutheran Community Services (LCS) update was provided by Corey VanHoose. LCS received a grant from United way for \$45,000 and is \$5,000 more than last year. Wes Easton is the new president of the LCS board. LCS has a balance budget. They have recently purchased land at the corner of Troy and Sandusky streets in Bellefontaine. Corey VanHoose is now a member of the LCS board.

Financial ministry Plan for 2018 was opened for discussion. Kevin Miller made a motion to accept the plan and Dave Comstock seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Voting for three council positions. Six candidates were in the running. Candidates were: Chris Gamble, Tori Geib, Stephanie Oaks, Ray Swisher, Corey VanHoose, and Chris Tillman. Ballots were passed and votes counted by Cheri Comstock, Susan Wyckoff, Gail Keck. After a very close vote the three new members of council are: Corey Van Hoose, Ray Swisher, and Chris Gamble.

Safety Team was introduced to the congregation by Cindy Weikart. Current members are T.J. Weikart, Tom Weikart, Cindy Weikart, Adam Smith and Kevin Miller. F.L.I.R.T. (First Lutheran Incident Response Team) is being developed to lead the congregation on how to respond to a variety of issues such as medical, hazards, weather, active shooter, emergency evacuation etc. Council will vote on if this will be an official ministry team in the February Council meeting. Gary Kauffman works for the Emergency Management Agency and offered to help on this committee.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Rose, Council Secretary

