

First Lutheran Church

Worship Ministry Team

May 22, 2017

Members Present:

Susan Wyckoff, Cindy Weikart, Judy Vassar, Pastor Larry Novak

Georgia Voorhies and Larry Walker - excused

Ministry Team Highlights: Outdoor Service Aug 13, Ministry Team Fair

Items Requiring Council Action: None

Opening Devotions – Pastor Larry spoke from 1 Peter 2:9. God Initiates, We Respond

Budget – Pastor presented, as a request for purchase, a Pentecost fire pot (faux fire, battery operated) which would be placed on the altar on Pentecost Sunday. Total cost \$40.00. Team approved.

Worship Service –

Discussion on the various ways that the Psalms have been done. No feedback, negative or positively, so will continue offering the Psalms in a variety of forms.

July 2nd- Patriotic service, recognition of those who have served in the military.

Cindy noted that sensitive issues need to be presented with careful wording in the prayers for the church, ex: suicides, shootings, etc.

Youth Sunday/Noisy \$/ CHEF – will be moved in October to October 22nd due to the 5th Sunday being Reformation Sunday/ special recognition for the 500th Commemoration.

Pastor suggested having an **Outdoor Service at Oakland Park** as a way to outreach to our neighbors. As “great minds think alike” this is also a dream that Cindy has had recently. She suggested an “Old-fashioned Gospel Sing”. Various musical instruments would be used.

Flyers would be distributed to Our Daily Bread, and other places in the community & advertise this event at VBS which will be held the previous week. This could be a culmination of VBS program with songs, etc. shared.

The date selected for the Outdoor Service is August 13th.

This will also be Blessing of the BackPacks Sunday for back to school.

Ministry Team Fair – We discussed our presentation/booth for the Ministry Team Fair to be held in the fall.

Cindy will present Altar Guild’s responsibilities. Judy will present choir and special music. Susan will present Worship Ministry Team duties.

Next meeting - Monday **July 24, 2017** at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Susan Wyckoff

Worship Ministry Chair

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO**

TO: Congregational Council

FROM: CHEF Committee

SUBJECT: 2017 Recommendations

The CHEF Committee met on Sunday, May 28, 2017 with the following members present: David Vassar, Cheri Comstock, Paul Karn, and Chris Tillman. The meeting was held following Worship Service, in the library. Purpose of the meeting was to review the applications for CHEF grants for the coming academic year.

Six applications have been received for the coming year from: Jenna Carman, Morgan Fultz, Ashley Hoy, Brianna Jameson, Tyler Jones, and Jenna VanHoose.

After reviewing the applications the Committee makes the following recommendation:

1. That Congregational Council approve grants to: Jenna Carman, Morgan Fultz, Ashley Hoy, Brianna Jameson, Tyler Jones, and Jenna VanHoose in the amount of \$400 each.

This recommendation is made with the unanimous consent and approval of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted
The CHEF Committee
David Vassar, Chairman

First Lutheran Church

Property Ministry Team Meeting

May 13, 2017

Ministry Team Highlights:

None

Items Requiring Council Action:

Minutes of Meeting:

Call to order. Present: Tom & Cindy Weikart, Rachel & Carl Gillespie, Loren Kipker, Dave & Cheri Comstock, Pastor Larry

- This month's Property Ministry Team meeting was the annual Work Day.
 - Items that were addressed:
 - Flowers planted
 - Removed overgrown bushes
 - Spruced up the mulch
 - Weeded
 - Planted new bushes

- Thanks to everyone that came to work.

Next Property Team Meeting: September 9th at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Weikart, chairperson


AUDIT TEAM REPORT- 2017

On May 25, 2017, the First Lutheran Church Audit Ministry Team: Margie Bixler, Jim Donnelly and Rachel Gillespie, met in the church lounge to review all financial records for the year 2015.

The complete financial records were made available to us and we found all to be in perfect order.

Once again we would like to commend Lisa Nevers, Carol Wappelhorst and John Belser for all they do to keep the complex accounting records maintained in a manner that is easily reviewable.

Respectfully submitted,


Rachel Gillespie
Margie Bixler

First Lutheran Church of Bellefontaine
Congregational Council meeting
May 1, 2017

Meeting called to order by Cindy Weikart, council president. Devotions led by Cheri Comstock.
Roll Call: Present: Gail Keck, Cindy Weikart, Chris McKenrick, Cheri Comstock, Corey VanHoose, Julie Zoldak, Susan Wyckoff, Liz Rose, Pastor Larry Novak. Excused: Dick Griffith and Adam Smith

New Life Charitable Foundation: NLCF was at the council meeting for the election of new trustees to their foundation. NLCF members present were: Kevin Miller, Jim Donnelly, Paul Karn and Don Voorhies. Trustees up for election were Beth Harman (to replace John Belser), Jim Donnelly (renew term), Dave Dishop (renew term). Council voted for the three new trustees and all three were unanimously voted in as NLCF trustees as determined by a count of ballots by Chris McKenrick. Don Voorhies gave a brief history of NLCF. NLCF also pledged \$25,000 to First Lutheran Church for the 175th anniversary projects. This will make a total of \$100,000 they have given to this cause. NLCF will present a certificate of appreciation to John Belser for his extensive years of service to this group. They will also present the \$25,000 check to the congregation. May 21st is the preferred date for this to occur during the service.

Don Voorhies addressed how they decide how much money they can contribute from NLCF towards projects. He shared that the trustees need to preserve funds for the future. They only operate off the earnings. If money is lost for 2 or 3 years, they have to wait until they have recovered from past loss before donating.

Treasurer Report: Council reviewed the report provided by the treasurer. Julie Zoldak made a motion to accept the treasurer Report. Seconded by Chris McKenrick. Motion passed.

Motion to accept the agenda:

Adoption of April 2017 Minutes. Motion to adopt by Gail Keck and seconded by Corey VanHoose. Motion passed.

Adoption of minutes from April council meeting. Gail Keck made a motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Susan Wyckoff. Motion passed.

Congregation member's questions and comments: none presented at this time.

Old business:

April attendance 126

Congregational Meeting results: Congregation voted to complete roof repair.

Audit Team: Jim Donnelly, Rachel Gillespie, and Margie Bixler volunteered to do an internal audit for 2015-2016 of the FLC. Council was appreciative of their service.

Music Director Position/Job Description: Council discussed posting the job from May 7-May 21, 2017. The position will be posted in the church bulletin. Chris McKenrick will write up a statement for Lisa Nevers, church secretary, by Wednesday May 3, 2017. Cheri Comstock made a motion to post the position and Julie Zoldak seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mission Statement: Cheri Comstock, Gail Keck, Cindy Weikart, Pastor Larry Novak met to work on a new mission statement for FLC. They came up with the following statement: *Sharing God's grace through prayer, witness, and service.* Julie Zoldak made a motion to accept this mission statement for FLC. Corey VanHoose seconded the motion. Motion passed.

New Business:

Ugandan Kids Choir: The choir will be performing at our church during Labor Day weekend. Host families are needed. Pastor Larry was seeking approval from Council to move forward with this initiative. Julie Zoldak made a motion to have the Ugandan Kids Choir to perform in our church. Corey VanHoose seconded. Motion passed.

Letter from Congregation member: a letter was sent to council by a congregation member with concerns for Pastor Larry's sermons. Pastor Larry shared that he hopes members feel they can talk with him about concerns for his sermons. Council wants the congregation member to feel supported and will reach out by having Julie Zoldak, Chris McKenrick and Corey VanHoose making a call to this member if all agree.

Recommendation of Confirmands: The following youth will be confirmed on May 14th, 2017: Ryan Carman, Sarah Starkey, Samantha Starkey, Jacob McKenrick, and Connor Rose. Julie Zoldak made a motion to approve the students for confirmation once Dick Griffith makes the recommendation that the students are ready for confirmation on May 14th. Susan Wyckoff seconded the motion. Chris McKenrick abstained. Motion passed.

Report of Pastor: Pastor Larry Novak submitted a written report for church record. Pastor discussed Graceworks and shared information about this program and asked council to think about how our congregation could collaborate with this organization. Information was handed out to council for consideration. Pastor Larry also shared that he changed cell carriers so his plan is less costly.

Officer reports:

President: Cindy Weikart attended the WELCA spring gathering. She announced that a family in the congregation has volunteered to donate money to cover most of the cost of the new video system for the church.

Secretary: no report

Treasurer: financial reports submitted current as of April 2017

Reports of Staff:

Interim Director of Music: no report

Director of Bell Choir: no report

Standing Ministry Teams En Bloc:

Audit: no report

Christian Action: report submitted, continue to work on sponsoring Oakland park

Personnel: posting for choir director/organist will be posted May 7-21

Finance: report submitted and reviewed by council.

Learning: report submitted. VBS at Myeerah Nature preserve. Plans being made. Working on Sunday school for next year, teacher appreciation for May 28.

Mission Ministry:

Property:

Stewardship: no report

Worship: report submitted.

Special Ministry Teams

175: no report

Nominating: no report

CHEF: no report

Affiliate Ministry:

LCS: no new report

WELCA: no new report

NLCF: Presented at council and donating \$25,000.

Motion to accept all Ministry teams/Special Ministry and Affiliate Ministry reports En Bloc made by Julie Zoldak and seconded by Corey VanHoose. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn made by Julie Zoldak and seconded by Chris Mckenrick. Motion passed.

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

Next meeting June 5, 2017 at 7 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Rose

Council Secretary

PASTOR'S REPORT FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 1, 2017

Services, visitations, and classes taught in April, 2017

Nine total worship services: Five Sunday Worship Services, One Holden Evening Prayer service, One service on Maundy Thursday, Two services on Good Friday.

Funeral for Sarah Jane Guy

Three Hospital visits, Four Home visits

Two First Communion class with Jocelyn and Sophia Porter

Meetings and seminars attended in April

- April 4-Northern Exposure Cluster Meeting-St. John's, Sidney, Ohio
- April 8-Via De Cristo Training
- April 10-Christian Action Ministry team
- April 12- CORE board meeting at Union Station
- April 17-Served at Our Daily Bread
- April 18-Met with Rev. Larry Hoffis of Graceworks in Dayton, Ohio
- April 18-Team meeting to discuss mission statement
- April 19-New Life Ministry Meeting
- April 24-26-First Call Theological Education training in Angola, Indiana
- April 27-29-Via De Cristo retreat in Butler, Ohio

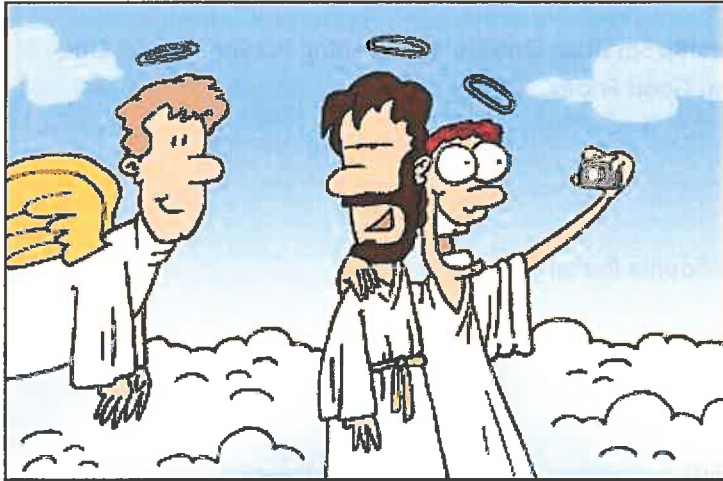
Other matters

- I will be out of the office May 4 through May 8th on vacation
- My adult Bible classes will resume on Monday, May 15
- We have been invited to be a participating congregation with Graceworks Ministries-formerly called Lutheran Social Services. See handout
- In an effort to keep my expenses down, beginning in May, I have switched to a less expensive phone plan. This will help alleviate that I am overbudgeted on Continuing education.

And see the back page for my comic of the month!

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Larry



Thanks to Dad Hengeveld

02-16-2009

I'VE TRIED TO EXPLAIN THAT HE'S GOING TO
BE WITH ME FOREVER, BUT HE JUST DOESN'T
GET IT



Renewal of Covenant of Affirmative Support by Congregation

- I. As part of the Church, our congregation desires to be a member of Graceworks Lutheran Services ("Graceworks") and affirmatively supports the Mission, Values and ministries of Graceworks.
- II. As a member of Graceworks Lutheran Services, our Covenant of Affirmative Support includes the following commitments *(Please check all that apply)*:

_____ **Appoint delegates** and participate in the Graceworks annual meeting of the Delegate Body (Delegates include all pastors serving Member Congregations under call and lay delegates appointed by each Member Congregation from among its membership. Each Member Congregation shall be entitled to appoint a number of lay delegates in proportion to the previous year's average attendance at weekly worship. Member Congregations with an average worship attendance up to 250 are allowed to appoint two lay delegates. Member Congregations are allowed to appoint one additional lay delegate for each additional 250 persons in average worship attendance).

_____ **Appoint Graceworks Advocate.** The Graceworks Advocate keeps regularly informed of Graceworks activities and promotes Graceworks' programs, events, volunteer needs and other communications within the congregation.

_____ **Provide financial support.** Designate a portion of the congregational benevolence budget or conduct a special offering to support a ministry of Graceworks.

_____ **Plan and implement a Graceworks emphasis event.** An emphasis event is an activity that promotes congregational awareness or support of its partnership with Graceworks in social ministry.

_____ **Supply volunteers** to programs sponsored by Graceworks or undertake a volunteer project to support a Graceworks ministry.

_____ **Other ways including:** _____

Name of Congregation

City and State

Congregation's E-mail Address

Average Worship Attendance

Name of Advocate *(if already selected)*

Advocate's address

Signature of Pastor or Congregation Chair/President

Date

Acceptance of Covenant of Affirmative Support

- I. Graceworks Lutheran Services ("Graceworks") accepts the covenant of affirmative support offered by the congregation and recognizes the congregation as a member of Graceworks. Such membership shall remain in effect for the time period stated in the membership certificate unless the congregation becomes otherwise disqualified or withdraws its covenant of affirmative support.
- II. Graceworks pledges to uphold and fulfill its Mission and Values. As part of the Church, Graceworks will help people experience the gospel of Jesus Christ through care and service, and will perform the following roles in relationship with member congregations.
 - A. **Provide direct residential and community services on behalf of congregations.** The nature and extent of such services is determined by the Board of Directors from time to time. At the present time, such services include
 - **Community Care:** Consumer Credit Counseling Service, Emergency Assistance and Once Around Shop, and Senior Companion Program.
 - **Home Care:** Graceworks at Home (*skilled and personal care services*).
 - **Residential Care:** Bethany Village (*continuing care retirement community*), Graceworks Enhanced Living (*homes and services for persons with developmental disabilities*), and Graceworks Housing Services (*affordable housing for elderly and disabled persons*).
 - B. **Assist congregations in their local ministry.** At the present time, such assistance includes
 - **Communication:** Graceworks guides partners in understanding issues related to social ministry through newsletters, publications, and its website at www.graceworks.org.
 - **Consultation:** Graceworks maintains a speakers bureau to provide consultation, education, training and planning related to social ministry, wellness education, aging and transition planning, and credit and housing counseling.
 - **Pastoral care support:** Graceworks provides pastoral support through a Mission Integration Consultant who assists congregations in establishing and fulfilling covenants with Graceworks, and a Director of Pastoral Care who helps congregations and their pastors provide pastoral care for their members who are Bethany Village residents by providing worship, Bible study, and visitation.
 - **Referral services:** Graceworks provides referrals to Lutheran and community resources for persons needing assistance and offers direct, holistic case management services.
 - C. **Provide opportunities for congregations and individuals to participate in social ministry.**
 - **Resource Development:** Graceworks offers individuals and member congregations opportunities to support its programs financially in a variety of ways. Individuals or groups can also volunteer at various fundraising events.
 - **Vocation:** Graceworks provides meaningful employment for more than 1,000 persons at more than 50 locations in Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky. Employment opportunities can be found on the Graceworks website and other job posting sites.
 - **Volunteer Services:** Graceworks staff matches talents and interests of individuals or groups with meaningful volunteer service. Volunteer opportunities are available in either Residential or Community Care services.



Graceworks
Lutheran Services

Willis O. Serr II
President & Chief Executive Officer

Jeffrey R. Teeters
Chair, Board of Directors

Upon acceptance of the congregation's covenant by the Graceworks Lutheran Services Board of Directors, this document will be signed and returned to the congregation.

Joint Meeting of the First Lutheran Church Council and
New Life Charitable Foundation
May 1, 2017
7:00 pm

Trustee members present: Don Voorhies, Kevin Miller, Jim Donnelly, Paul Karn

Guest: Beth Harman

Excused Absence: John Bodin, Dave Dishop, John Belser

Cindy Weikart called the meeting to order.

Devotions were given by Church Council member Cheri Comstock. The devotions were very thoughtful for all.

The meeting was turned over to NLCF President Don Voorhies. Several areas of the foundation were discussed. He shared how it was formed and how it has expanded and grown in total value. He mentioned there are seven trustees and each one serves three year terms, which can be extended. Throughout the life of the foundation many gifts and loans have been extended to the congregation and the monies can be used for non- budget items. Don also explained how some of the monies from the yearly profits are used to keep the principle up-to-date.

John Belser has resigned his position as the foundation treasurer.

President Don Voorhies told those present that there will be a \$25,000 gift this year to the 175th Anniversary Appeal, bringing up the total gifts from NLCF to \$100,000.

The candidates for three year terms are: Jim Donnelly, Beth Harman and Dave Dishop. Eligible voters at the joint meeting, by unanimous vote, approved them.

It was agreed upon that at the May 21, 2017 church service the \$25,000 gift will be presented to the congregation and that John Belser will be recognized for his long service as treasurer of NLCF.

The next scheduled NLCF meeting is on September 13, 2017 at 7 pm in the church lounge.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Karn

First Lutheran Church, Bellefontaine, Ohio
Congregation Council Session: May 1, 2017
AGENDA

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| 1. Call to Order | Cindy Weikart |
| 2. Devotions | Cheri Comstock |
| 3. Roll Call | Liz Rose |
| 4. New Life Charitable Foundation | Don Voorhies |
| 5. Treasurer Report | John Belser |
| 6. Adoption of Agenda | Cindy Weikart |
| 7. Adoption of Minutes | Liz Rose |
| 8. Congregation Members Questions/Comments | |
| 9. Old Business | |
| a. April attendance- 126 | |
| b. Congregational Meeting results | |
| c. Audit Team (Jim Donnelly, Margie Bixler, Rachel Gillespie) | |
| d. Music Director Position/Job Description | |
| e. Mission Statement | |
| 10. New Business | |
| a. Ugandan Kids Choir | |
| b. Letter from Congregation Member | |
| 11. Report of the Pastor | Pastor Larry Novak |
| 12. Reports of the Officers | |
| a. President | Cindy Weikart |
| b. Secretary | Liz Rose |
| c. Treasurer | John Belser |
| 13. Reports of the Staff | |
| a. Interim Director of Music | Judy Vassar |
| b. Director of the Bell Choir | Larry Walker |
| 14. Standing Ministry Teams En Bloc | |
| a. Audit | Keith Krueger |
| b. Christian Action | Cheri Comstock |
| c. Personnel | Chris McKenrick |
| i. | |
| d. Finance | John Bodin |
| e. Learning | Colleen Bodin |
| f. Mission Ministry | |
| g. Property | Tom Weikart |
| h. Stewardship | |
| i. Worship | Cindy Weikart |
| 15. Special Ministries En Bloc | |
| a. Nominating | |
| b. 175 th Anniversary | Susan Wyckoff |
| c. CHEF | Dave Vassar |
| 16. Affiliate Ministries En Bloc | |
| a. Lutheran Community Services | |
| b. WELCA | |
| c. | |
| 17. Closing – Lord’s Prayer | |
| 18. Next Meeting: June 5, 2017 at 7:00 pm | |

