

Osseo Evangelical Lutheran Church Council

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

1. Meeting called to order by President Ryan Olson at 7:00pm

Roll call- Ryan Olson, Jill Welke, Pastor Dave Hoadley, Deb Gregory, Mark Hoffman, Marv McCune, Michael Scheller, Don Erickson, Molly Vold, Carissa Aplan, Pastor Terry Lorenz, Mark Tlusty, Orion Prudlick

Devotions & Treats-Deb Gregory- talked about the church being a welcoming place with the council setting a good example of inclusion- we are all alike.

2. Topics of the day:
3. Secretary's minutes presented
October 11, 2023-
 - **Motion made by Michael to accept minutes as written. 2nd by Don. Motion passed.**
4. Staff reports
 - **Administrator, Molly**
 - Bills paid
 - Financial report

Motion made by Carissa to accept reports. 2nd by Don. Motion passed.

- **Pastor's report-**
Holiday Schedule, copies are available on the table. This year I'd like to make a bulletin insert out of this and invite folks to take it with them after Sunday worship.
- No progress yet with regards to a cooperative ministry conversation. Elk Creek Lutheran and Immanuel of Strum have indicated they are not interested in the model and Trinity Parish has not yet entered into the conversation.
- Confirmation is going well, attendance is good and the kids are very engaged in weekly topics. This year's lessons have worked best being presented in a more conversational format.
- Pastor Dave is now helping Central Lutheran on Sunday mornings. Donna Fonner is leading confirmation, their Wednesday worship, and helping with the last Sunday service of the month.
- First Communion Classes will be taught to 4th Grade students on January 7, 14 & 21. First Communion will be celebrated at the 8:15 service on Sunday, February 4, 2024.
- New lectern for Fellowship Hall, the search is on for a new lectern on wheels to replace the one that has taken a beating over the years. This will be purchased with designated memorial money.
- Dead ash tree in the north boulevard was removed a couple Saturdays ago. I've reached out to Brad Durst to see what it would cost to grind out the stumps – all of them (south and north boulevards at the same time.
- I have told Hovland's to order a cut off switch for the one back boiler that's not currently operational. They will install it when it comes in.
 - Side note: we have not scheduled any maintenance for the main boiler room this year. Does the money situation allow for us to do that?

- **Associate Pastor report**

We had 4 senior high youth for game night at Board & Bricks and had a good, if loud, time.

Some middle school youth asked for game night at Board & Bricks as well, so I scheduled one for December 20 after Wednesday Night Worship.

After switching senior high meeting nights to the first Wednesday, it's obvious with the live band and Holy Communion as part of Wednesday Night Worship those weeks that the timing won't work. Starting in January senior high will meet on the third Wednesday of the month.

Wednesday Night Worship is going well; more confirmation students are staying and other youth have been attending. People seem to like the band Kingdom 3:16. I've been trying to get the youth involved in the service, but many are reluctant to be in front of the group.

The state Adopt-a-Highway people approved us to change clean-up sites. The new site is shorter and closer to Osseo—County Road H south to Hagen Road, where King's Valley Church is. The October clean-up was cancelled due to wet weather.

I've chosen to join with the Eau Claire Male Chorus, which rehearses Tuesday nights. Tim Friedhof has agreed to open and lock up for the Cub Scouts on the first Tuesdays.

Three OELC youth attended the ASP kick-off and are all interested in going. We are set for our requested week, so dates are June 21-30. Redline created a generic ASP banner, but accidentally omitted part of the design, so they've made a new one. I'd like to figure a place to hang it long-term with brochures and info about ASP. Jessica Berg is talking with her youth and some teachers about getting more students involved.

Jessica and I are planning a youth mission event at the Community Table in Eau Claire for Sunday afternoon, January 21. More details will come as we get them.

Four people attended the Empty-nest Dinner. Food from Burly & Buck's was delicious, and leftovers were used for the midweek meal the next day.

Last Sunday was my first service at Central in Mondovi, which went well. I'm trying to learn details like when they usually stand and sit. Thank you to Donna for agreeing to represent their church at the community Thanksgiving service the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. The six-week time frame would go through December 3, so we'll see where they're at as that day gets closer.

I printed some of the brochures I'd shown, and they are on one of the tables in the Narthex.

Committee reports/Ministry Update

- **Committee appointments**

- a. Christian education- Youth and Adult Carissa
- b. Endowment- Ryan
- c. Harvest supper- Deb- new roasters might be needed use \$\$ from Harvest Supper for replacements.
- d. Evangelism- Michael & Shannon
- e. Property- Mark H.-chair, Ryan, Don
 - Jim is building recycle bins that match current garbage bins in gathering hall.
 - boiler- main boiler needs to be serviced.
 - sewer- questions asked about bill.
 - parsonage- oven is having issues- look into a new one in the near future.
 - sign- up.

-fans- done

-heat tape- done. But need more- short on the North end.

- f. Special gifts- Jill
- g. Staff support/personnel- Shannon
- h. Stewardship/finance- Michael, Shannon Question on Terry Halderson??
On or off?
- i. Worship- Donna, Terry, Dave
- j. Youth- Dave, Orion
- k. Food Pantry- Deb
- l. Vision- All
- m. Nominating- Don, Shannon, Ryan, Jill

5. Old business:

- Quarterly gatherings- winter- Pre-Superbowl- activities- Bingo, open gym, indoor picnic?? Carissa, Michael, Don on committee
- Annual meeting January 28, 2024 – reports due December 1

6. New business:

- Other

7. Devotions & treats for November- Pastor Terry

8. Orion adjourned meeting at 8:05

9. Adjourned meeting with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Welke, Secretary