

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
Waconia, Minnesota
 Church Council Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday October 17th, 2017 at 6:30 pm

Mission: To learn, serve and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Vision: To be a dynamic, energized worshipping community where all are growing in our relationship with Jesus Christ, one another and those beyond our walls.

Council Members	Present	Absent
Lisa Moe, President	X	
Kristy Luger, Vice President	X	
Craig Sinclair, Treasurer		X
Peggy Phillipy, Secretary	X	
Scott Texley, Building & Maintenance		X
Kim Sop, Faith Formation	X	
Kari Colby, Connections Ministry	X	
Marit Rinke, Social Outreach		X
Stan Winnie, Stewardship	X	
Kelly Dreier, Worship & Music		X
Aaron Kopel – IT & Communications	X	
Dale Peterson – Sr. Pastor	X	
Christine Ruth – Associate Pastor	X	

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Moe, at 6:34p.m.

Devotions: Pastor Dale led us in devotions and spoke of the series they are doing on radical generosity and the power that comes to us thru Christ to share the Gospel, the power we have to change lives.

Get to Know Our Staff: Staff was represented by **Shelly Hilgers- Music Staff**. Shelly came to Faith Lutheran Church in the Fall of 1986 and played piano for the Faith Adult Choir during her junior and senior year. Shelly has been the Worship Accompanist at Faith Lutheran since 1997 (21 continuous years in February!)
 It was a great summer of 2017 with special music. There was good participation and a nice variety. Rally Day had a special treat by having Lorie Line play and she was incredible. She is slated to come back in 2019. This fall, the choirs are off to a great start.
 Shelly’s personal mission statement is to glorify God and enhance worship through music, which she not only does, but excels at. Shelly is passionate about matching peoples interest and musical gifts to where they can best serve.

Getting to Know the Ministries: Stewardship (December- ?)

Recap as sent by Stan Winnie

I. Meatball Dinner

- a. We had 210 people sign-up for the Meatball Dinner
- b. Although we did not get an exact count, we believe that our attendance was more in the realm of 150 people
- c. We received 40 commitment cards during the dinner and Holden Service
 - i. 30 families renewed their current pledge
 - ii. 9 families increased their pledge totaling \$1,550
 - iii. 1 new pledge totaling \$1,300
- d. Watched a Video during Meatball Dinner that hi-lighted all of the items that Faith Community is involved in
- e. Kelly Drier spoke at the dinner expressing “What” difference Faith Lutheran Church has made in her life

II. Pledge Approach

- a. We are currently on pace with our efforts and time line.
 - i. Speakers Scheduled
 1. Tom Jolivette (10/8 & 10/11)
 2. Dan Carlson (10/15 & 10/22)
 3. Families Moving Forward Person (10/29 & 11/1)
 - ii. Meatball Dinner Set for October 15th, (Kelly Drier speaking)
 - iii. Commitment Cards to be mailed the week of October 16th
 - iv. Commitment Sunday is October 29th
 - v. Commitment Wednesday is November 1
 - vi. Follow-up Call being made the week of November 6th and 13th

III. Approach for next Campaign

- a. Stewardship Committee recommends a three-year approach again to keep the message consistent
- b. We recommend retaining Kairos to assist and guide the three year effort.

In addition, below are the comments from the Meatball Dinner
Faith has given us lasting friendships. This place is a place of joy. When one struggles, we all are there to help with support and prayer. Learning, support, friendship and the constant presence of the Holy Spirit. Thankful for the Bible Study (Mary Westlund) I attend. All the different book studies that are available. S.A.G.E.S. Families moving forward. Because of Powered by Faith the community of children can connect often with the whole Faith family. Makes me happy, makes me thankful. So many people to love and be grateful for. We are so blessed with music. Helping others. Being myself. Having fun. Praying to God. Helping people through tough times. Praying for those who risk their life for us. Loving us. FAITH. I enjoy the fellowship at Faith, the small groups that I belong to and opportunities to serve. I feel a real part of Faith and it is a part of my life each day. Things Faith means to me: Community- Small groups, Service- opportunities, Worship – In all inclusive, Music – Brings joy. Thanks for Marian – light of my life. Faith Lutheran plays a significant role in my life – Learning at

services, Bible study on Tuesdays, SAGES etc. We have belonged for 4 years and have seen this church grow in a very positive way. Faith Lutheran provides several important things in my life inspiring sermons, a chance to sing in a choir with great directions, socializing with fellow Christians, Bible study with Mary Westlund, Meals on Wheels – an opportunity to connect with people who need meals, SAGES. Friendship. A safe place for my children. Love. Faith Lutheran means friendship with people who share the same values. Faith gives me opportunities to “give back” or help others in need in a way I would not do on my own. Friendly. Fellowship. Faith is the substance of being a Christian. God is good all the time-All the time God is good. It is the people of Faith that make a difference. Love the music. Enjoy being a part of bell choir. Faith has been a very important part of my life ever since it was established. I am proud of the role it has played in the Waconia community. I thank God for the privilege to be a member of Faith Lutheran Waconia. Powered by Faith has made a difference in my life because it has provided so many relationships in my life. I have built friendships, especially with the children through many activities like Kids Club. This helps me see my future workings with kids as a teacher. Faith has offered me happiness and love. It is a community that holds you and can lift you up. It is full of love and joyfulness. I am thankful to be a part of this church. The talent we have in leadership is “THE BEST”. Music is almost as important to me as the “Word”. Faith and Christ give me the confidence my children and family will be in a great environment and loved by God. Families Moving Forward for homeless families. A safe place for my family. Faith keeps me connected to what is most important in life. Our Faith community is caring to others- both those within and those beyond our church. The Spirit has touched this place and continues to move us on to serve God. Belonging and support. Community. Serving. Family and Friends. Faith always has our back! Faith Lutheran is our compass in life. It leads us in the right direction, the Christian life. Faith makes me feel like family. Their prayers and small groups are a blessing. Love the music. Love our Pastors’ message. Wonderful members and friends we have made. Difference is made by the Stewardship Group- love those boys Mark and that guy Stan. Love being in God’s house. Love this church.

Pastors Reports:

Pastor Dale:

There has been a full calendar since September 1st and everyone is doing a great job.

The 7th and 8th grade retreat was very well done and a big success.

Ally is doing a great job and is a great fit at Faith.

3rd grade bibles were handed out at Oct 11th Wednesday service and there was a record amount of people in church. We have been full on Wednesday night.

People have been commenting on the energy here and it is great to hear that.

There have been a significant number of sicknesses and death lately as well as families that have drug and alcohol stuff going on and it is part of the job/privilege to walk with those families.

There are days when it is really hard and the support of my family has been very important.

We are very blessed with our staff.

We are all in this together.

Pastor Christine:

Fall All-Congregational DVD Series is Vanishing Grace by Philip Yancey. This began October 8th. There are 48 people involved which is not as big as last year.

Colin Faust has been such a blessing to our youth. They really connect with him and he is such an inspiration to us all.

There is a new curriculum for the 7th and 8th grade confirmation kids. It is a really great curriculum and everyone involved worked really hard on it.

There are 18 families in the new member class. Wow!

The Generosity series has been fun.

We have 10 people signed up for Common Hope. We are looking at two potential fundraisers that will be submitted to the Stewardship Committee. Stay tuned for more information on these.

Treasurer's Report:

Offerings continue to increasingly fall short of budget. The current YTD shortfall is \$29,705.

As in recent months, the shortfall is being offset by increased youth receipts, and expenses coming in under budget for a total net of +\$2,222.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report as submitted by Treasurer Craig Sinclair and the Secretary's report as submitted via email by Peggy Phillipy was made by Kim Sop. The motion was seconded by Stan Winnie. All approved. Motion carried.

Key Discussion Topics:

- 1. Budget Discussion-** All proposed Ministry Budgets were due to Mike/Craig Oct 17th.
- 2. Faith Pending Wish List-** This will be included in the budget worksheets and Mike will keep an ongoing list. That way, nothing will get lost when there is turn-over.
- 3. Congregational Meeting-** Ministry reports are due to Mike by October 31st.
- 4. Social Outreach-Review connection to TX-** We are looking to end our current relationship with TX/St John and explore the possibility of finding a new organization to partner with. Our goal is to develop a leadership team within Social Outreach. A motion was made by Kari Colby to end our connection with TX/St John and was seconded by Aaron Kopel. All approved. Motion carried.
- 5. Next meeting will be December 5th beginning at 6:00.**

We closed the meeting by saying the Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m. by Lisa Moe.

Respectfully Submitted – Peggy Phillipy, Secretary