

**FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
PLANNED PARISH 2023**

**Monday, September 11, 2023, 7:00
p.m.**

Council and Boards: 7:00 pm

Mission Statement: By the grace of God, First English Lutheran Church will grow as one family of faith, secure in the knowledge of Christ's gift of salvation, proclaiming God's love for all.

Welcome President Ehrenberg

Devotions Pastor

ALL BOARDS:

Theme verse based on 2024 National ELCA Youth Gathering theme Psalm 139:14. *I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. In other words, "We are created to be..."*

1. How can you incorporate the theme verse in your board?
2. God's Work, Our Hands Report Out

Council items:

1. Approve August minutes.
2. Approve Treasurer's report.
3. Board reports
4. Approval of transfers in/out with motion from Evangelism, pending September 17th service
5. Other

Lay Ministry

1. Accept August reports:
 - a. WAM
 - b. Endowment
 - c. Finance
2. Safety Committee update.
3. Still accepting applications for youth leader. Re-Define role with youth ministry and Christian education boards.
4. Plan for staff interviews in Sept/Oct.

5. Set date for Pastor/Parish relations meeting.
6. A congregational member (not a parent of an acolyte) would like the red cassocks to be updated to the linen-type robes. Discuss.
7. WAM has suggested for December 24th for the 9:00 am service to be Advent; 2:00 and 4:00 for Christmas Eve services.
8. We will have an extended seven-week Advent season beginning November 12th. WAM members are actively searching for visuals, including candles and a table for the extra three candles. When will Xmas trees be decorated?
9. Safety Booklet
10. Other

Evangelism

1. Transfers in/out. Pending New Member Sunday 9/17/23, Ryan, Amanda & Winnie Stattelman; John & Lisa Salls.
2. Confirmation interviews were held. Recommend Mason Block, Rylie Conroy, Archer Dorry, Mikaela Johnson, and Ashton Sletten be confirmed on October 29, 2023.
3. Directory planning
4. Will there be a Just for the Love of It meal this fall? Date and recruit, as needed.
5. Other

Christian Education

1. Decide who will hand out Bibles on 9/24/23
2. Still accepting applications for youth leader. Re-Define role with lay ministry and youth ministry boards.
3. Fall Kid's Club & Youth Group?
4. Sunday School curriculum
5. Dates for SS to sing in worship.
6. Christmas program date.
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8. Other

Next Meeting: October 2, 2023 7:00 pm

Youth & Family Ministry

1. Still accepting applications for youth leader. Re-Define role with lay ministry and Christian education boards.
2. Safe Haven training date.
3. Background checks, including new mentors.
4. ELCA National Youth gathering. Fundraising plans?
5. Covenant night date?
6. Synod Junior High Gathering November 17-18th
7. Other

Stewardship

1. Fall stewardship plans
 - a. Timetable
 - b. Letter and other needs
 - c. Incorporate theme into stewardship emphasis
 - d. Letter to include active membership as giving and communing
2. Church financial status.
3. Other

Church Properties

1. Items from Dean
2. Discuss need for bells repair and Temple Talk for funding it
3. Ongoing needs at church
 - a. Long-term needs
 - i. Paint hallways
 - ii. Fellowship hall ceiling
 - iii. Carpet over asbestos tile
 - iv. Sanctuary painting
 - v. Fire Extinguisher re-check
4. Other

Pastor's report