

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
PLANNED PARISH 2023 FEBRUARY
Monday, March 4, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Council and Boards: 7:00 pm. **Voting meeting:** (1 rep. from each board) immediately following

Devotions Marilyn Chindvall, Vice President

ALL BOARDS:

1. The Synod Assembly will be June 7-8th, at Gustavus Adolphus College. We can take three members as delegates. Any volunteers to attend? We currently have 2 volunteers (1 hybrid and 1 in person attendee). Early bird discount ends on 4/5/24 for anyone wanting to attend.
2. Start recruitment efforts for board vacancies for the June election ballot.
3. We have a committee of 5 members willing to meet with Zion. We are working on scheduling the date of our first meeting.
4. We need to move the April Council meeting to April 8th due to April 1st being a staff holiday.

Council items:

1. Approve February minutes.
2. Approve Treasurer's report.
3. Board reports
4. Approval of transfers in/out with motion from Evangelism (none)
5. Other

Lay Ministry

1. Holy Week Plans
 - a. 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service led by Melissa Gall. Will include First communion.
 - b. 7:00 pm Good Friday will be a Lay led Tenebrae music service including stripping of the alter. There will be no presiding Pastor for this service.
 - c. March 31st Easter Services.
7:00 am Sunrise service – lay led, no communion.
8:00 am Easter breakfast
9:00 am service led by Pastor Hans Sacrison with communion.
2. Accept reports:
 - a. WAM
 - b. Endowment
3. Review of current and future pulpit supply coverage needs.
 - a. Update on stipends for pulpit supply
4. Status of recruit for transition team and call committee.
5. Recruitment ideas for the President & Vice President positions and board vacancies.
6. Any ideas for shared services with Zion for summer months?
7. Other

Evangelism

1. Lent, Easter, and/or Holy Week ads. March 31st is Easter.
2. Transfers in/out?
3. How was the New Member Sunday 3/3 service welcoming Kellen Family?
4. Just for the Love of It plans for 4/10/24
5. Issues of cords being bumped and disabling our TV broadcast especially when families with kids are seated in the pew in front of the tech table. Discuss options for addressing this with the Properties committee.
6. Should we use the pictures from the last directory for families who did not take or submit directory photos?
7. Status of filling board vacancies?
8. Other

Christian Education

1. VBS 2024 plans, consider potential partnership with Zion? Funds were allocated for funding for Green Lake VBS program.
2. Discuss date for Sunday School to sing at a Sunday service.
3. How many Communion Chalices for First Communion?
4. Review Milestones for each grade level:
These are items that we want each and every child to know and memorize before the Sunday School year is over. They should be practiced every Sunday with the classes.
 - Preschool: God in head, God in my heart, God on my left, God on my right
 - Kindergarten: Now I lay me down to sleep prayer
 - 1st grade: Table Prayer
 - 2nd Grade: John 3:16
 - 3rd Grade: Ten Commandments
 - 4th Grade: Our Father
 - 5th Grade: Psalm 23
 - 6th Grade: Apostles Creed**When students have these items memorized, they can recite them to a Board of Education member in the month of April. They will receive a special prize when they are able to do this!*
5. Seeking volunteers from the committee for getting March 10th & 17th lessons distributed.
6. Status of filling board vacancies?
7. Other

Youth & Family Ministry

1. Super Sub summary.
2. Easter breakfast plans with having a 7am service.
3. Plans for senior recognition Sunday.
4. Fund raising update and planning.
5. Plans for ELCA Youth Gathering and other potential summer events/trips.
6. Green Lake camps promotion.
7. Plans for junior and senior high youth gatherings.
8. Status of filling board vacancies?
9. Review partnership opportunities with Zion.
10. Other

- iii. Carpet over asbestos tile
- iv. Sanctuary painting – obtain bids?
- v. Schedule Fire Extinguisher re-check
6. Status of filling board vacancies?
7. Other

Next Meeting: April 8, 2024 7:00 pm

Stewardship

1. Opportunity sheets are compiled, and a copy is provided for each board.
2. QR code for offering process update.
3. Other ideas to encourage offertory giving when not attending in-person services?
4. Can we/should we monitor views on Facebook?
5. Look over pink designated envelopes. Any recommended changes?
6. Status of filling board vacancies?
7. Other

Church Properties

1. Issues of cords being bumped and disabling our TV broadcast especially when families with kids are seated in the pew in front of the tech table. Discuss options for addressing this with the Evangelism committee.
2. Due to 2 claims for leaky roof issues, our insurance premiums will be increasing by approx. \$200/month starting on 3/15/24.
3. Items from Dean:
 - a. Paint peeling above stained-glass window in the Narthex and water dripping onto the cement below.
 - b. Water lead from the bell tower down the back stairwell
4. Discuss alternate options for replacing bells (i.e speakers). Gather options and pricing for a possible Temple Talk fundraising topic.
5. Ongoing needs
 - a. Spring projects:
 - i. sink hole by the sidewalk
 - ii. uneven concrete by front door & walkway
 - iii. structural integrity concerns with bell tower mounts
 - b. Long-term needs
 - i. Paint hallways - seek volunteers?
 - ii. Fellowship hall ceiling