



LONG LAKE LUTHERAN

COUNCIL/RETREAT MINUTES

2/7/09

The meeting was called to order by John Bartz at 8:45am in the Fellowship Hall.

The master calendar was reviewed. Easter Services are set for 7am and 9:30am with Easter Breakfast being served 8-9:30am by the youth. Palm Crosses are being ordered instead of palm branches this year. Tina Anderson will contact Shelly Roman for Easter Lilies again this year.

Spire deadline is February 15. January minutes were approved. Council members will be installed at both services February 8.

The schedule for Council Representative & Communion Assistant for 2009-2010 was sent around for signup.

Treasurer's Report (Matt Hylan not present): John Bartz shared that January was not a good month for us and we are about \$5,000.00 short.

This information prompted a discussion about one or two Sunday services for the summer. An article will be placed in the Spire from the Worship and Music Committee explaining that there will be a survey done with the congregation in the near future asking for feedback on the one or two Sunday service question. The switch to the summer schedule of worship will be on May 24 (Memorial Day weekend).

Pastor's reports: Pastor Howard has been very involved with calls to shut-ins and ailing members of the congregation. He will have a couple of days off in mid-February and will also be gone on Sunday, March 1.

Pastor Rhonda has been busy with youth and education.

Youth (Tina Anderson): The Sweetheart Dinner has 89 people signed up for the February 14 event. They will be doing the Easter Breakfast this year and will be selling Easter Lilies. Sunday, March 29 is the next event planned for youth/family at Thunderblades in Princeton. It will be held from 12-4pm and the \$10 fee includes admission, skate rental and food. Sledding at Schmidt's went well. There are 21 people (3 adult chaperones) signed up for the Wisconsin Dells trip.

Property (Steve Vigstol): There is a new insurance rep. that Steve will be meeting with to go over the current policy to see if any changes should or are needed to be made. John Bartz will attend the meeting with Steve. Since the Cornerstone needs to have a fair amount of work done to it, Steve has named the work: Cornerstone Revitalization Project. Gerald Anderson and Dave Baker have been working on several projects there, one of which is fixing the ceiling tiles. Council authorized the purchase of some new tiles to replace the missing/damaged ones. There will be an article in the bulletins and Spire explaining the work to be done and meetings that will be scheduled to address the needs.

Candy presented a form that the Methodist church in Cambridge uses for permission to use any of their facilities, member or non-member. It was discussed that this would be a valuable tool in getting a master calendar set up, helping communication within our church community. Pastor Rhonda will type up the form.

Stewardship (Tony Steiner): The pastor that spoke from Luther Seminary shared a helpful website on stewardship with Tony. He has found it to be a very valuable tool. Tony has compiled an email list from the pledge cards. It will be used to help the communication going. There is a workshop—Tool Kit—on Saturday, March 7 that would be good for some of the council to attend.

Missions (Dale Findell): The mission of the month is Mashiah Foundation Nigeria.

Education (Monica Ahlman): The last day for Sunday School is May 17. Luther Point camping week is June 21-26. We are trying to get a large group of youth from our church to all go to Luther Point during the same week. Day camp will be July 13-17. Confirmation is going well they just finished studying the Apostle's Creed. "Walking with Jesus," the Wednesday

night adult education (led by Pastor Howard) has 8 people attending and is well received. There is good, steady conversation the whole time, 6:15-7:30pm.

The council will be working on putting together a master calendar which will include a directory of all the organizations in the church, who the main contact is, when they meet, where they meet, functions, etc. Also included will be emergency contacts, procedures, etc. It was discussed that the church needs an Evangelism Committee which would include a New Member Coordinator. All the information needs to be gathered and turned in by the end of February. We will need assistance in putting all of the information together in the same format.

Respectfully Submitted, Monica Ahlman