

Council Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2024

ATTENDANCE: K. Richter, A. Fonk, H. DeFranco, A. Schroeder, S. Raszkievicz, P. Mason, C. Johnson, L. Woller, Pastor K. Brown, M. Hylinski, D. Larsen, L. Zanin

ABSENT: Pastor D. Hartfield

Discussion Topics

1. **Call to order:** – Meeting opened at 6:31 PM
2. **Opening Prayer/Devotion:** Adam
3. **Approval of Council Agenda for February 15, 2024** – Agenda approved with addition of “9b” Lutherdale, under New Business. P. Mason made motion to approve agenda, L. Zanin seconded. All in favor.
4. **Approval of Council Meeting Minutes from January 18, 2024** – Council Meeting minutes approved. D. Larsen made motion to approve meeting minutes, P. Mason seconded. All in favor.
5. **Treasurer’s report:** Keith – January 2024 – See attached document.
6. **President’s report:** Keith
 - a. PKB, Keith and Andy attended Together in Mission.
 - b. We should be thinking about building the mission and ministry in order to survive.
 - c. All of this takes time.
 - d. Keith will be gone for the next two meetings; Adam will run Council meetings.
7. **Pastor’s Reports**
 - a. Pastor Kathy – See attached document.
 - b. Pastor Debbie – See attached document.
8. **Old Business**
 - a. Call Committee: Keith
 - b. Worship Discussion Sessions: Adam
 - c. 150th Anniversary Planning Team: Chris
 - March 12th is the anniversary of constitution signing.
 - March 17th service will be vintage from 1958.
 - See attached document written and read by Keith for Council to ponder.
 - d. January Leadership meeting: Keith
 - Went very well.
 - Think about topics for the next leadership retreat.
 - 1 One possible topic is the measurement component of stewardship.
 - 2 Training us as leaders of the church.
 - e. Synod Assembly (May 17-18).
 - Let PKB or Keith know if interested.
 - We [SMLC] pay the registration cost.
 - f. Document Policy updates: Keith
 - Employee Handbook (Personnel):
 - Memorial Giving (Finance):
 - SMLC Constitution and By-laws (Executive):
 - Emergency Closure (Executive):

No Updates

9. New Business

a. Email/Text hacks

- Ensure you are hovering over the email address to verify it is really.
- Let PKB and Beth know if you get suspicious emails/texts.
- Send a screenshot of the email with the address visible.
- A new family joined SMLC, Alex works with cyber security and will assist with this issue.

b. Lutherdale

- We are invited to their annual meeting on March 3rd at 3pm. Tours will be at 2pm
- Up to 3 reps can go.
- This is Lutherdale's 80th year.
- Andy is interested.

10. Committee Report/Motions

Committee	Liaison	Notes	Motions
Audit	Keith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Caring Ministries	Lana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Church in Society	Patti	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See attached document 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Education	Stephanie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lenten book study begins Sunday, February 18th. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Finance	Keith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Let the committees know the financials that Keith shares at Council each month, so they are aware. • Any questions can go to Steve H. Sondra. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Friendly Center	Lisa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were 47 that gathered January 24th for The Friendly Center. • 44-members, along with first time visitors and now new members – Dale Brandes with his wife. • Pastor David Rebey led us in devotions and after our meal, talked about his program 'Breaking the Chains'; with about \$300 cash donations collected in support of this worthy cause. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Information Technology	Adam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiting on a few parts for the TV in the lounge. • Will discuss next steps for other areas that are in need for updating. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Nominating	Dana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting this Sunday, February 18th. • Will be going over the schedule for Temple Talks. • Will help with Kringle Mingle in April. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Property	Chris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning a Spring cleanup day. • Ministries are to go through their stuff for items no longer needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Personnel	Andy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 20th is the next meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Reconnect	Hollie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with WELCA to plan the High Tea event April 20th. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None

Stewardship	Stephanie	• See attached document.	• None
WMA	Markie	• See attached document.	• None
Youth	Adam	• See attached document	• None

11. Council Connection: March – Stephanie

12. Parking Lot items

- a. Get to know SMLC Member – Spirit Article/Testimony
 - Who’s who in the pew.
 - Skills, business, etc.
- b. Job Description - Coordinator of Children’s Ministry

13. Calendar

- a. March Spirit Deadline: February 23, 2024
- b. February Stewardship Message: Finance/Stewardship
- c. March Stewardship Message: Friendly Center/Nominating
- d. Next Council Meeting: March 21, 2024
- e. Feb 16-18, 2024 – High School Winter Extreme
- f. Feb 20, 2024 – Voting
- g. Tuesdays in Feb/Mar/Apr – AARP Tax preparation
- h. May 17-18, 2024 – Synod Assembly
- i. July 21, 2024 - Annual Meeting

14. Prayer Requests/Closing Prayer: Adam

15. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 08:08 PM.

2023-2024 Council Connection schedule

Aug' 23	Andy Schroeder
Sep' 23	Dana Larsen
Oct' 23	Patricia Mason
Nov' 23	Chris Johnson
Dec' 23	Lisa Zanin
Jan' 24	Markie Hylinski
Feb' 24	Adam Fonk
Mar' 24	Stephanie Raszkievicz
Apr' 24	Hollie DeFranco
May' 24	Lana Woller
Jun' 24	Keith Richter
Jul' 24	Keith Richter

2024 Temple Talk Schedule

Jan' 24	Personnel
Feb' 24	Finance/Stewardship
Mar' 24	Friendly Center/Nominating
Apr' 24	Nominating/WELCA
May' 24	Youth
Jun' 24	Property
Jul' 24	Church in Society
Aug' 24	WMA
Sep' 24	Sunday School/Education
Oct' 24	IT
Nov' 24	Caring Ministry
Dec' 24	Endowment Foundation

January 2024 TREASURER'S REPORT

St. Mary's Lutheran Church - Treasurer's Report - January 31, 2024

General Operating Fund

Beginning Balance	19,349.79
January Income	41,154.98
January Expenses	(47,676.05)
Cumulative Profit (Loss)	<u>12,828.72</u>

Dedicated Accounts

Operating Reserve Beginning Balance	23,492.06
-Receipts	0.00
-Disbursements	0.00
Operating Reserve Ending Balance	<u>23,492.06</u>

Long-Term Reserve Beginning Balance	59,708.94
-Receipts	0.00
-Disbursement	0.00
Long-Term Reserve Ending Balance	<u>59,708.94</u>

Building/Grounds Beginning Balance	52.51
-Receipts	0.00
-Disbursements - Christine Johnson(Menard's)	(50.00)
Building/Grounds Ending Balance	<u>2.51</u>

Investment Accounts Beginning Balance	123,509.64
-Receipts - Quarterly Thrivent Gain	20.97
-Receipts - Six months interest CD	3,176.87
-Disbursements	0.00
Investment Accounts Ending Balance	<u>126,707.48</u>

Other Dedicated Accounts Ending Balance	<u>59,129.79</u>
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Total Fund Balances	<u><u>269,040.78</u></u>
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Bank / Investment Account Balances

Checking Account	20,172.10
Money Market Account	120,557.83
Investment Accounts	126,707.48

Total Current Assets	<u><u>267,437.41</u></u>
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Difference	<u><u>-1,603.37</u></u>
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Summary of Difference

Prepaid Credit Card (Negative Accounts Payable)	-1,700.00
Other Payroll Withholdings (Timing Difference)	96.63
	<u><u>-1,603.37</u></u>

Unexplained Difference	<u><u>0.00</u></u>
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Mortgage Balance	<u><u>343,082.85</u></u>
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Pastor Kathy's Report for Feb. 15, 2024, Council Meeting

Presided and preached at 9 worship services

1 funeral for a non-member

Met with a couple whose son passed away. No funeral planned.

In conversation with a family whose mother passed away. Funeral will be March 16.

Regular meetings: WMA, Executive Committee, Finance, Stewardship, 150th Planning

Choir practice

Worship planning – getting ready for Lent: Ash Wednesday; Midweek services with Holden; Midweek service theme “Open My Life”

Monthly PACT (Pastors Accompanying Congregations in Transition) via Zoom since COVID is prevalent

Monthly meeting with The Healing Network via Zoom

St. Mary's Council/Leadership Retreat at Siena Center. Thanks to all who helped in programming, set-up, clean-up and your participation in general. It was a great day.

Attended Together in Mission synod event at Ascension Lutheran in Waukesha. The two particular workshops I attended were “A Basic Understanding of Israel and Palestine for Lutherans” led by Rev. Dr. Lisa Bates-Froiland/Churches for Middle East Peace and “Wild Church” led by Rev. Larry Harpster. There was also a gathering of the people from our South Conference.

Pastoral care for and individual from the community

Greg's son Joel will be coming from Oregon this week, so we hope to spend some time with him as we haven't seen him in person since his sister's wedding in July, 2022.

Congregation Council Meeting Feb. 15, 2024 Pastor Debbie Report (1/18/24 – 2/7/24)

- Pastoral Care
 - Congregation
 - Hospital
 - Hospice Care
 - Time together (in person and/or over phone, before/after doctor/hospital visits/testing/surgery)
 - Community
 - Furniture picked up from parishioner's house and made available to family in the community who was moving out of a hotel and into a rental house.
- Researched and sourced Lenten Devotionals for congregation members. Multiple devotionals were identified and made available. Sanctified Art - "Wandering Heart: Figuring Out Faith With Peter" and a daily devotional provided by Luther Seminary, which is available both hard copy and via email. Thanks to Beth for making these resources known and available.
- Completed an evaluation of the Befriender Ministry resources and decided it is more than what is needed, necessary and affordable at this time. Archived Stephen Ministry materials were found, and I will be going through them to determine what the Caring Ministers would benefit from.
- Collaborated with Andrea Beer and Dick Sjordsma regarding bible study offerings after Lent. The schedule is pending the outcome of my surgery and a follow up meeting with the three of us (Andrea, Dick, and myself).
- I am working with Carthage History Professor, Dr. Stephanie Mitchell, in sourcing a history intern who might be able to help complete an oral history project, in support of our 150-year anniversary celebration. Communications will continue after my surgery. Sr. Mitchell was hopeful that a student intern would be available.
- Researched tools available through the ELCA regarding the use of spiritual gifts assessments and provided an annotated summary of offerings for consideration in discussions on the topic of time and talent surveys.
- Received a matching grant for the Good Samaritan Fund from the Abbott Laboratories Matching Grant Program -yah! All necessary paperwork was submitted last fall to get SML qualified as an approved cause in the Abbott system. A matching grant request was submitted in December and showed up in the SML account in February, giving us another \$150 in the Good Samaritan fund. This was the first submission requesting a matching grant. Need to determine how to get the word out to other current and retired Abbott employees!
- It was good to be at the Friendly Center January 24th to support and hear Pr. David Rebey.
- Caring Team Collaboration – Sue/Pr. Debbie & area colleagues

- Attended the ELCA Outreach Center “Take the Chill Out of Winter” event held at Carthage College on Friday, January 26th.

- Administration/Meetings/Conference
 - Congregation Council Meeting, Jan. 18th
 - Leadership Retreat, January 27th
 - 150 Year Meeting (Chris Johnson), January 30th
 - Candidacy Leadership Development Working Group - Draft Proposal Review Meeting, February 2nd (ELCA Churchwide meeting).
 - Executive Committee Meeting, February 7th

- I had a successful total hip replacement Thursday, February 8th and am currently at home recovering. I give thanks to God for the surgeon, support staff, nurses, and all who cared for me while at the Surgical Center! I especially want to thank the SLM community for holding me in prayer, sending get well cards, food, flowers, and encouragement as I continue to heal. A very special “thank you” to Nurse Sue and Nurse Jenny for accompanying me via phone calls and texts, after coming home from surgery! Their texts and phone calls helped alleviate concerns presented after my surgery. As I continue to recover and heal, I continue to give thanks to God for modern medicine, technology, physical therapy, our faith community, Steve, and ice!

- Looking Ahead
 - Complete healing and recovery from my hip replacement surgery.

Church in Society Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2024

Members Present: Patty Mason, Inez Lemnus, Anne Winkle, Margaret VanBoven, Ralph Tollas, Kathy Neururer

Devotions were led by Inez. Devotions next month will be led by Patty Mason.

Minutes from the last meeting on November 9, 2023, were read and approved.

Financial Report: Budget: \$300. Dedicated Account #3243: \$1306.09,
Summer Camp Snack Fund: \$1,058.54, Fair Trade Coffee Fund: \$74.42

Old Business

Afghan Refugee Resettlement: The two refugees supported by St. Mary's have jobs at Walmart and have obtained drivers' licenses. They are in the process of purchasing a car so they can provide their own transportation. Further information is available in the February 2024 monthly report to the congregation.

New Business

Fair Trade Products: Coffee price is now \$9. Ralph will set up a self-serve for coffee purchase on Sat. Feb. 17. Margaret and Inez will sell coffee on Sunday, Feb. 18.

Bread for the World: A motion was made by Inez, seconded by Margaret, and passed unanimously to send \$300. to Bread for the World for St. Mary's covenant to support this organization and its fight against hunger. Funds will come from the Budget Account. This year special emphasis is on the Farm Bill being debated in Washington.

Sunday, February 25, 2024 – St. Mary's Ministry Fair: Schedule for that Sunday will be as follows: 9:00 Service (only service that weekend), 10:15 – Church attendees/members will view tables that have been set up by various committees and groups within St. Mary's 11:00 – Potluck. Volunteers are needed to set up. Inez and Patty volunteered. Anne was asked to provide information about times that set up will occur so that others may join as well. The CIS table will include information about Fair Trade, Christmas in July, Bread for the World, Afghan Refugees. Other service groups will be in the same area as the CIS table. Some outside organizations have also been invited to participate.

CUSH: Chili Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, February 11, 2024. Chili needs to be preordered by Friday, February 9, 2024.

Shalom and Breaking the Chains Ministry: The Open Resource Center at the Shalom Center will be dedicated on March 1, 2024. Ribbon cutting will be at 11:15 and the center will be open for visitors from 11-1. The addition of the Center will provide warming, education, and other services.

Christmas in July: Some funds from Thrivent were left from the event about Thrivent Action Teams in October. That money has been used for some Christmas handouts. The theme for this year may be – The Greatest Gift.

Grace Welcome Center: The Red Bag drive still continues, run by WELCA.

Other New Business: Anne is working on archiving St. Mary's past information to assist with the 150th anniversary.

Next meeting will be held on March 14, 2024, at 1 pm in the library.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Kathy Neururer

CIS Committee

Stewardship Planning Meeting

February 13, 2024

Attendance: Stephanie R., Keith R., Hollie D., Margaret V., Chris J., Ann W., Kay M., PKB

Opening prayer/devotion – Stewardship talks from Luke from ELCA website, discussion about leadership and being a mentor and guide, rather than “in charge.”

Review/Approval of Minutes from 02/13/2024

Review/Approval of Agenda

Old Business

1. Temple Talk

- a. 2/17-2/18 – Dan #2 – 4 parts of where our money goes: outside ministries, programming within building/service/worship, personnel, facilities.
- b. 2/25 – How does stewardship bring our church together – inside and out, making connections.
 - i. Stephanie to meet with Pastor Kathy and/or Pastor Debbie and Kathy to tie this in with potluck and Ministry fair.
- c. See new business – feedback.

2. WMA – Organizing worship with Stewardship, thanks, giving, etc.

- a. Worship will be 2/25/24, Ministry Fair/Potluck Date – **information being disseminated about potluck.**
- b. Coordination of worship/hymns/sermons/messages – **WMA will do what they can, schedule was created for February.**

3. Pledge card – **(in mailing process, went out Thursday-got mine yesterday)**

4. Time and Talents Survey

- a. Elvanto **(Keith and Stephanie have spoken with Andrea. This will likely be for the next campaign. Plan to use this with the T&T collected).**

5. Campaign Kickoff – light brunch, 2/3-2/4 (update) – **Seemed well-received; lots of good feedback**

6. Annual Financial Response/ T, T, and R Letter **(In progress; Reviewed T&T sheet, Keith noted that there was no box for Congregation Council. After the meeting, it was noted that Audit could be subsumed under Finance.)**

7. Ministry Fair 2/25

- a. Ministry Fair Ministries/Tables (contact info; update/grouped emails and communication, **share ministries sheet – over 20 yes, far more yes than no, very positive communications about the ministry fair and attendance, a lot of interest**)
 - i. Set-up
 - ii. What should they have/bring
 - iii. Temple talk represented at the table

8. Ministry Fair Letters (see new business – follow-up)

- a. Ministry Fair Potluck
 - i. Beth, thirds of congregation (A-G Appetizer, H-O Sides, P-Z Dessert)
 - ii. Setup (Scouts there)
 - iii. Serve at 11, as this gives time to set up and allow people to walk around the fair.
- b. Raffle – **Chris and Stephanie to connect about this. Please think on your own about ideas to organize this at our next meeting.**

9. Advertising/Publicity

- a. Boards and Case – **in progress**

10. Mailing team – in progress
11. Time and Talents Survey – organization (T&T Form handed out, see comments above)
12. Banner, reminder cards, and poster/word cloud – up and being handed out

New Business

1. Feedback on Temple Talks – continue to make these no longer than 5 minutes, otherwise no feedback
2. Break up ministries with no response to get connected/response – Stewardship Team were assigned people to contact to keep this moving.
3. Plan for raffle/passport for fair – To be continued to meeting 2/20/2024.
4. Schedule going forward – info shared with team members –
 - a. 2/20 – Finalize Ministry Fair set-up, where to locate ministries/groups
 - b. 2/27 – Breathe, plan for inputting and sharing info, alpha/omega review, feedback for next campaign's planning
 - c. 3/5 – Wrap up meal, offsite? 3/5, might not work – consider a date that week...
 - d. March – team to input and disseminate, discuss accountability to ministries for contact with interested parties – Hollie and Stephanie to lead this.
5. Thank you for congregation – consider what this could look like...

Minutes of WMA -Worship, Music and Arts----February 13, 2024, 5:50pm

Those in attendance: Dick Sjoerdsma, Gretchen Rasch, Julie Schmit, Deb Black, Andrew Schroeder, Faith Pfeiffer, Pat Gallo, Markie Hylinski, Pastor Kathy Brown, Patti Mason.

- I. Opening devotion given by Gretchen – Understanding your Prayers.
- II. Minutes of the January 16, 2024 were approved as written.
- III. Reports from Council members –Andy reported about a workshop he went to.
- IV. Business
 1. **Worship**
 - A. How can we promote Assistant Ministers? Interested people should be referred to Pastor Kathy or another assisting minister. Patti reminded us that you do not have to sing. That can be worked around if the person doesn't do that. Someone will be available during the Fair.
 - B. The Saturday service hopes that occasionally they could have some special music. Deb suggested that she usually plays the 3rd Saturday and she could accompany them if they are singing. Instrumentals would be great as well. Suggestions were to ask students and retired instrumentalist like Ken Winkle.
 - C. For the contemporary service, the youth would like to be included as communion assistants and readers. This can be worked on.
 2. **MUSIC**
 - A. Jubilate! Mondays 5:30 –7:00. Suggest that the Bells play at the 150th concert in the Fall.
 - B. Adult Choir Wednesdays 7:00-8:00 or following the Lenten service.
 - C. Holden will be sung on 2nd Saturday- Next on March 9 at 5:00.
 - D. Next Contemporary Service on March 10 at 9:00.
 - E. Our 150th Banner should be used on the Bulletin, Spirit and Web Site. Dick made a motion, seconded by Faith --- In celebration of the signing of the Constitution on March 12, 1874, we will dedicate the weekend of March 16- 17, to a special service using the OLD Hymnal from 1958. Dick, Julie and Pastor Kathy will work to create a service. It was suggested that we have former pastors and organists come back to participate in services.
 - F. Dick will talk to Brian Schloettler about a possible concert as well as Scott Bordeau. Julie suggested the choir sing the song Brian wrote in honor of Linda Schmidt during the 150th concert. The church is still looking for someone to lead the 150th celebration year. Think about How God lead St Mary's in the past and will lead us in the future.
 3. **ARTS**
 - A. Plants for the Easter Garden need to be ordered by the end of February. You can purchase a Lily, Azalea, or Hyacinth .They are coming from Anton's.
 - B. Ministry Fair is February 25. WMA will be spread between the choir room, front of the Sanctuary and Sacristy. We will have our own interest signup sheet and information sheet to hand out. We could play old CDs and have some instruments for the children to try.

C. The Saturday night service before Easter will be a regular service-abbreviated vigil.

Pastor Kathy said there wasn't interest in a community Sunrise Service.

V. POTPOURRI

1. Andy suggested the church make T shirts and Sweatshirts to celebrate the 150th.
Congregation could place their orders and pay ahead of time. Any money made could be put toward the final celebration. We could get sample T's and Sweatshirts so people could order the correct size.
2. Devotions next meeting –Andy.

We closed with a prayer from Pastor Kathy.

Next meeting Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 545.

Youth Education Meeting
February 13, 2024, 6:30pm

- **Call to Order:** Michelle and Adam Fonk, Kendra Richter, Valerie Kretchmer, Lara Rader, Hollie DeFranco, Stephanie Raszkievicz

Opening Prayer/ Devotion: Kendra: “Be devoted to love and honor one another”

- **Approval of Meeting Agenda:** Kendra motion to approve
- **Approval of November 2023 Meeting Minutes:** Kendra motion to approve.
- **Treasurer’s Report:** Kendra will borrow \$1000 from Sunday School, if needed, to cover payments for Youth Gathering until the foundation check comes through. Mindy accepted the receipts. Balances have been requested but were not detailed, so we are requesting again.

- **Old Business**

- o **Administrative**

- none

- o **Fish/Fusion**

- **Winter Extreme this weekend:** 16 and four adults attending
 - **Youth Gathering** deposit is paid, 13 attending, next payment due March (\$200); 15 kids requested from endowment but we will return money not used from foundation; fundraising still available with Lenten suppers etc
 - **Fish Summer Mission Trip options:** two nights in Lake Geneva area, may reach out to a church in Evansville hit by a tornado; will look into what days will work best for families
 - **Confirmation Pictures** looking for 2020 photo still
 - **Rummage Sale** went great, raised over \$3000 for youth trips

- o **Sunday School**

- **Friday Family Fun Night** every first Friday of the month, bring a friend night, 25 people attended; made valentines and had sundaes; March 1st next one; Spirit Alive is in communication with us
 - **Teachers** we are making it through; sent out an email for subs; emailed

Debbie Clark at Carthage but haven’t heard anything back

- **Lutherdale** 5 kids and had a blast; other events were booked and that limited the dates available for children’s programs; trying to get kids together for Lutherdale summer camp
 - **Christmas Program** went well, lots of positive feedback

New Business

o Administrative

- **Ministry Fair** FISH/Fusion in for helping and are flexible with tasks; congregation Girl Scouts will have a booth selling cookies; Sunday School will do a craft in 1W possibly and promote VBS to educate families and get volunteers – Time and Talent sheet (Stephanie and Hollie); FISH/Fusion will do tricks and video for promotion, Youth Gathering (Michelle and Kendra); we need more promotion for the Ministry Fair – invite on social media and in person

o Fish/Fusion

- **Soup Suppers** sign up for youth to help setup, serve and cleanup
- **Palm Sunday Breakfast** \$8 adults/\$5 kids; made \$2000 last year/110 tickets sold last year; bring back sausage and yogurt parfait; Danishes will be made for us to celebrate 150 years; March 24th 8:30-11:30a
- **Fundraising** Festival/Piggly Wiggly Brat stand after Good Friday; Lenten soup/supper; getting a new date from Culver's; flocking starting again after Good Friday; all families going to the YG donates a basket to raffle off at the Palm Sunday breakfast; need \$8000 for Youth Gathering/Mission trip
- **Flights to NOLA** need someone to call SouthWest airlines about booking as a group (Michelle), other airlines?; can we pay by echeck?
- **Contemporary Worship:** youth do readings, serve communion, sing more
- **Confirmation** May 19th

o Sunday School

- **First Communion** March 17; scavenger hunt February 18th to kick off the learning weeks; 2 hour education on March 15/16th TBD (Pastor and Gretchen help with this)
- **Curriculum** going back to leaflets after 1st Communion curriculum
- **Children's Chimes** Kathy Vassler interested in offering; Reina Hapennan? (Kendra will to her) when: Sunday after Sunday school or Monday at FISH?
- **Kid singing** March 2, no Sunday school March 3
- **Palm Sunday** youth possibly organizing a song to perform
- **Mother's Day** Kendra suggested kids singing during confirmation service instead.

Adjourn at 7:58pm

Next Meeting Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 6:30pm

150TH ANNIVERSARY

For the last few months, we have been discussing what St Mary's Lutheran Churches 150th anniversary celebration should look like.

People have already been putting in time and effort toward what this celebration might include:

- A group has been learning about our history by finding and organizing historical documentation
 - Chris Johnson and the Reconnect Team has been seamlessly leading the effort of setting a schedule and organizing festivities for the year. Many of these festivities would be happening regardless of this being our 150th anniversary. How do these festivities look different to incorporate the 150th anniversary?
 - There has been discussions on what else/who else should be included in this celebration and when.
 - Many ideas have been suggested and probably many more to come.
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- Should there be a 150th anniversary theme?
 - How do we ensure our mission Go Love, Go Pray, Go Serve is included in all of the celebration events?
 - How do we show our mission has been lived over the 150 years?
 - Should it be a yearlong (or now 11 month) celebration?
 - What is each ministry's role in the celebration?
 - What type of events should there be?
 - Who should be invited to these events?
 - Do we invite past pastors, youth directors and staff back? to preach or what?
 - Do we interview congregants, partner ministries, others on what St Mary's has meant to them?
 - Do we want an article in the Kenosha News?
 - Do we create a video?
 - Do we give mementos of the anniversary?
 - What else?

An attempt is being made to identify an individual or individuals who could coordinate and organize the 150th anniversary celebration. The individual would work with what I will call the 150th team to organize the ideas into a comprehensive 150th anniversary plan and schedule of events. The plan will help us understand what realistically can be done by identifying logistics, needed resources, budgetary needs, etc.

Who is essential to the 150th team? Someone to help with

Festivities

History

Outreach

Programs

Publicity

Worship

Other

As a council I need you to think about

- What does this council want to do to celebrate SMLC 150th Anniversary?

- Do we continue working toward having a year of celebration (now only 11 months or less)? or just one culminating event?
- What does a 150th anniversary look like to each of your ministries?
- What does a 150th anniversary look like to you as a member of St Mary's?

Keith February 15, 2024