

**Our Saviours Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Agenda
03/19/24 6:30 PM**

Business Meeting: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Council Members: Pastor Leta, Pastor Michael, Chris Bachman, Mark Butler, Amy Buxton, Bill DeHaven, Aspen Fogo, Alex Hargleroad, Stuart Hennen, Tyann Kuehnast, Melody Mistr, Scottie Moore, Kimberly Nichols, Shannon Wagner, Adrienne Watz

Absent: Chris Bachman, Aspen Fogo, Alex Hargleroad

Ministry and Connections

- Connections and Devotions (Michael)
- [Pastors' Report](#)
- Committee reports (if available)
 - **Stuart (Property Committee)** – ash trees removed from the list of things to take care of since the City of Fort Collins shared the trees are okay for now;
 - May 5th will be a Spring Clean Up Day – looking for volunteers to help spruce up the property in between services
 - **Bill (Security Team)** – on track for identifying the equipment needed; their group is writing a grant for around \$25K and will submit to Homeland Security by the end of April
 - The Community Door will be set with a programmable keypad and will act as the main entrance to the building outside of worship times and special events

Working Group Sessions: Welcome, Stewardship, Executive

- Breakout Session (small group discussions)
 - Welcome Report Out/Summary
 - Would be nice to have greeters
 - Encouragement to facilitate an usher training and an acolyte training to help folx be more comfortable filling in
 - Work with Mandy/Karyn to create a survey card to collect information on hospitality interest areas if we were to provide training
 - Could we have folx bake some cookies that we could have wrapped and in the fridge for newcomers?
 - Stewardship Report Out/Summary
 - Pastor Michael gave us a sample of the booklet that was produced last year. We would like to expand on this idea.
 - I will get in touch with Mandy to create a drop box online for photos from the congregation, so that we may acquire more photos throughout the year.
 - Pastor Michael agreed to take care of the financials page.
 - We also had discussion on passing donations through the OSLC accounts as a win win for the church and the person donating.(using discretion on the entities receiving donations)
 - We also thought of focusing more on our youth.

- We would like to make the individual highlighted stories available on E News and as slides at the worship services.
- Kimberly will send out an email with phone #'s of the group.

Actionable Items that Require a Vote

- Approval of [February Minutes](#)
 - Motion made by Kimberly
 - Seconded by Stuart
 - No discussion, minutes approved
- Acceptance of [Treasurer's Report](#)
 - \$2K over on expenses last month versus what we brought in
 - We recently purchased \$80K in bonds; this will show up on next month's report
 - When the bonds become due, if we need the money we can withdraw; if we don't need the money, we can roll it over; if we need the money earlier, we just wouldn't earn as much interest
 - Motion to accept report made by Shannon
 - Seconded by Amy
 - No discussion, Treasurer's report approved
- Approval of ELCA Giving
 - Review of the process (Pastor Michael)
 - Pg. 2 of the Treasurer's Report shows our ELCA giving amounts; the current YTD seems high because it includes the December 2023 giving, too
 - Lumin Discussion
 - Pastor Leta and Pastor Michael spoke with Pastor Paul and he's letting things settle for a bit; Pastor Paul is sharing that the cuts aren't impacting their cash flow as of right now
 - Pastor Paul shared that he will ask/let us know if things shift and he could use some additional support
 - Pastor Michael shared that we're probably in a good place
 - Motion made by Mark to provide our standard giving to the ELCA ministries
 - Seconded by Adrienne
 - No discussion, motion passes

For Information Only

- Reminder: Council-sponsored Lenten Soup Supper sign-up – March 20th
 - Tyann is working set-up starting at 4:30pm and Scottie is working clean-up

Upcoming Dates

- Holy Week – March 24-31
- April Council Meeting – Tuesday, April 16th at 6:30 p.m.
- Synod Assembly – April 25th-27th

Questions

Prayer/Blessing

Adjourn

Working Groups:

Welcome:

- **Tyann, Scottie, Adrienne, Shannon, Amy**
- Consider how we welcome people when they visit
- How do we train the congregation to greet and welcome
- What type of presence is needed in the narthex? Other places?
- Plan a spring and fall newcomer class and welcome

Stewardship:

- **Mark, Stuart, Kimberly, Melody, Bill, Chris**
- About Once a month feature a story of either time, talent, or financial giving either in the newsletter, as an in-worship announcement, special video/photo (whatever works!)
- Decide a date for a commitment and celebration of gifts Sunday and plan this event
- Create a report on giving for the year – telling stories of where gifts went/go to be published in November

Executive Strategic Planning:

- **Pastor Leta, Pastor Michael, Tyann, Adrienne, Shannon**
- Collect data and information from the water mitigation team, columbarium, and property for possible developments and upgrades– who needs to be in the discussions, etc.

Yet to be Assigned:

Aspen

Alex