

**Our Saviours Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Agenda  
04/16/24 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:** Pastor Leta, Chris Bachman, Amy Buxton, Aspen Fogo, Alex Hargleroad, Tyann Kuehnast, Adrienne Watz

**Ministry and Connections**

- Connections and Devotions – Pastor Michael
- [Pastors' Report](#)
  - We're in good shape financially – we're \$30K higher now than where we were at the end of April 2023
  - New Member Class happening now
  - The Synod Assembly runs next Thursday-Saturday; Bishop nominations will open up again at this time
- Committee reports (if available)
  - Water Committee
    - Has been in communication with the Property Committee; this committee is tasked with coming up with options for saving money on
    - Suggestion by Property Committee to xeriscape part of the property
    - Next step is \$3-\$4K investment to redo the sprinkler set up to try and save some money
  - OOW Report
    - \$4142.95 collected from Soup Suppers for Mobile Laundry during Lent
  - Security Update
    - were given new directions by Homeland Security that application deadlines for the grant were being delayed until September/October 2024, but this may change again
    - Parking lot lamps will be redone in the future and removed from manual timers
    - John and Susan Rowland created a draft emergency plan with escape routes mapped out, etc.
  - Property Committee
    - Removing sod and putting mulch in around some of our some trees; a clean-up day has been scheduled for Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> in between services

**Actionable Items that Require a Vote**

- Approval of [March Minutes](#)
  - Motion by Mark Butler
  - Seconded by Kimberly Nichols
  - Minutes Approved
- Acceptance of [Treasurer's Report](#)
  - Motion to accept by Kimberly Nichols
  - Seconded by Stuart Hennen
  - Treasurer's Report accepted
- Approval of ELCA Giving
  - Motion to give full tithe (\$2,780) to the Synod – Mark Butler

- o Seconded by Melody Mistr
- o Motion approved

### **Working Group Sessions: Welcome, Stewardship**

- Breakout Session (small groups)
- Closing Report (full group)
  - Stewardship
    - Data has been pulled on stewardship by person/household
    - Suggestion to pass out a one-page andout on a Sunday and follow up with an email on Monday to give members a chance to review their past giving
    - Suggestion to follow up by sharing highlights each month from some of our different ministries
    - Pastor Michael will put together the draft document and send out to the group to review
    - Kimberly will connect with Eve and Jodi re: FFH to create a slide to share within the next 1-2 weeks
    - Suggestion to check in with our resource contacts to see if/how the needs are changing within the different organizations, so we know how to direct funds in the future
    - Suggestion to have a person at a table between services to gather data on how many hours our members are volunteering both inside and outside of our church
    - Suggestion to call Mandy to set up a “form” for people to share their volunteer experiences in the month of May – Kimberly will follow up
    - Kim will send out a sign-up sheet to Council to get volunteers to staff the table during services in the month of May
  - Welcome
    - Cards have been created to collect information on areas where people would be willing to help out with various church roles (ex. coffee host, worship assistant, etc.) if provided with training
    - Suggestion to pass them out at the Stewardship table as they work to collect information on member volunteer experiences

### **For Information Only**

- Melanie Reed stepping down from Personnel after 8 years of service
- Ann Story retiring from Finance, too

### **Upcoming Dates**

- Synod Assembly – April 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>
- OSLC Clean Up – May 5<sup>th</sup>
- May Council Meeting – Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

### **Questions**

### **Prayer/Blessing**

### **Adjourn**

## **Working Groups:**

### **Welcome:**

- **Tyann, Scottie, Adrienne, 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