

Board Reports September 2021

Evangelism Report:

Nicole Schroeder

Nothing to Report

Board of Youth Report

Matt & Julie Toll

Nothing to Report

Fellowship Board

Sharon Leinweber

1. Prayer Partners
Sharon spoke at all three church services about the Prayer Partner program. To date 20 people have volunteered to be Prayer Partners, only 8 more to go. Sharon will meet with Pastor to assign Prayer Partners. A letter will go out to each Prayer Partner outlining the program along with a few guidelines. Would like the program to officially start in October.
2. Fellowship served at the Hoversten memorial on August 20th – 70 people attended.
3. Fellowship provided refreshments for the Pastor Circuit meeting on September 14th.
4. Daniel Weiss was invited to the Sept 7th Fellowship meeting to go through the Discipleship for Fellowship presentation. Good discussion by the board members and looking for ideas from the board on what Fellowship could focus on in 2022.
5. It's time to do a little cleanup outside, mostly in the inner circle by the church entrance. Date will be decided and Sharon will put a note in the bulletin with details.

Stewardship report

Daniel Weiss

Compiled a special giving/memorial list with council input (attached). Will discuss at regular council meeting.

2. Met with Fellowship Board to discuss strategic planning at the board level.

Board of Elders:

Tom Dunham

Elders present: Craig Dreger, Tom Dunham, Todd Klauer, Fred Kirchenwitz, Craig Mittelstaedt, Jerry Ratchman, Jon Mielke plus Pastor Koepsell

Excused: Rick Dittberner Guest: Cam Bedroske for her presentation

Tom called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.

Pastor Koepsell provided the opening devotion from Lutheran Hour Ministries.

Guest: Cam Bedroske requested that instrumental students be added to choir students for the music scholarship fund. Motion was approved. Stewardship board will be notified of the change.

Cam also presented information regarding books that are on display in the narthex to purchase for the church library that can be checked out for family use. Also the mold issue in a classroom downstairs will be repaired the end of the month. Cam may move that Sunday school class to another area until it is repaired.

Tom's comments: Our new Elder Jon Mielke was introduced and he shared some of his background as did the other Elders to get to know Jon.

The next church planning session will be 9/21/21 @ 6:00 PM for 1 hour before the church council meeting and all are invited. Just a reminder to make sure the safe is locked before leaving the church when you are assigned. Just a follow-up on the request from Sharon Leinweber for mentors for confirmation students.

Old Business: Focus on Discipleship was discussed with sheet to be completed and returned to Tom. Additional areas that will be focused on in the future are Fellowship, Service and Evangelism.

New Business: Request by the church council to revisit communion schedule was discussed and was decided to remain with 1st & 3rd Sunday early and 2nd & 4th Sunday late service.

Jon Mielke has agreed to be the Elder representative on the nominating committee.

Adjourn: Approximately at 7:40 pm. After the meeting Tom and Jon walked through the Elder duty list and Jon will Shadow Rick and Tom this Sunday.

The meeting closed with a prayer by Pastor Koepsell and the Lord's prayer.

Pastors report:

Pastor thanked Elders for everything, their service, assistance and dedication.

2 baptisms, 0 weddings, 1 funera1.

August average attendance was 178 vs 190 in 2019 and 144 in 2020. (There also were 80 engagements in 2021)

Home visits are up to date with one unable to complete due to a lock down at their living facility.

Confirmation open house will be on the 8th. There are 12 in 7th grade and 10 in 8th grade.

Pastor Koepsell will be on vacation Sunday 9/19 and Pastor Hinrichs will be the substitute Pastor.

Treasurers Report:

See email from Diane Flouro

Trustees Report

Nothing Reported

Board of Education

Hello everyone and thank you for all the support and encouragement as we opened up for the Fall!

Sunday School is going great and the opportunity to use the basement fully for the kids and their fellowship time has worked very well. Our teachers are healthy and happy! Please pray that more parents will begin bringing their kids though, not only to Sunday school but to worship as well.

All 4 music groups have begun with blessed success.

Everyone feels comfortable and safe.

I have the schedule for these groups set up to Jan. of 2022.

This weekend we are taking 6 students to Camp Luther for a Confirmation Retreat. We will experience the joy of meeting other groups and have a very rewarding, fun schedule. Sam, Joe and Cam will chaperone and lead the Bible Studies in the absence of Pastor on Saturday until he comes for the Sat. afternoon following his work schedule. Cam has a sub for Sunday morning, as does Sam for Sunday School. Pray for safety and open hearts to God's Word and Fellowship!

We are having success with the purchase of the Family Ministry Book Shelf. I have asked questions and gathered ideas from member woodworkers, concerning the shelf.

My topics for quick discussion:

Options due to non-communion Sunday worship. We have beautiful non-communion Liturgies to explore for Sundays!

Promoting Scholarships for Full-time College students.

Thanks for reading and know that God is At Work Among these Ministries! He is so GOOD!

Cam Bedroske

S.S. Superintendent and Music Director