

September 2023 Board Reports

Elders

The Elders meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Elders present: Craig Dreger, Tom Dunham, Fred Kirchenwitz, Jerry Ratchman, Dave Eichhorn, Gary Bedroske, Todd Klauer, Jon Mielke and Pastor Koepsell.

Excused: Jacob Schroeder.

Pastor Koepsell opened the meeting with a devotion from Lutheran Hour.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor thanked Elders for all we do to make everything work well.

Pastor stated he is personally good. Pastor wants Elders to speak highly of your wonderful church, its people and reach out to them.

August average attendance was 221 plus engagements vs 190 in 2022; 178 in 2021; 143 in 2020; 189 in 2019 and 173 in 2018. Thursday services were 54.

There were 0 baptisms, 0 funerals and 1 wedding.

All shut-in calls were completed in August for those that were available.

Good Shepherd will be hosting the joint choir Ascension Service on 5/9/2024.

Music Director: A hymn sing is being arranged for 10/15/23 in the afternoon.

Fred comments: Information regarding a members letter request for a kidney donor for her daughter.

Worship Services:

Bibles were put in several of the pews at the request of members.

Jerry R. will substitute for Tom D. on Sunday 9/10/23 and Tom will substitute for Jerry on Sunday 9/17/23.

We will go back to two services on 9/10/23.

Discussions including a drawing of potential stained glass windows for the 9th Ave. side of the Narthex.

Discussions were held regarding communion at every service. For further consideration it would require enough additional volunteers to prepare and clean up communion.

Discussions were held regarding an Associate Pastor. Additional information will be gathered.

Discussions were held regarding an Elder representative for the church council for the next term.

Bible Study Information:

Bible Studies: Sunday 8:00 am Choir room – Led by Pastor Koepsell. Men's group Saturday 7:00 -8:00 am. Women's group Saturday 8:30 am. Mid-week Wednesdays 10:30 am

Old Business:

Adjourn: Approximately at 7:27 pm.

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

Fellowship

No Report

Stewardship

No Report

Evangelism

No Report

Trustees

No Report

Youth

No Report