

CHURCH COUNCIL SUMMARY

August 22, 2017

St. Paul's family welcomes those wanting peace, comfort, and friendship, by connecting them with God's word.

Reports and Recommendations:

OLD BUSINESS

- 2020 Vision

NEW BUSINESS

- None.

The Spiritual Growth Board

- Discussed Stewardship. The planned days are 9/10, 10/22, and 1/21/18 with the emphasis being the installment of E-Giving. Additionally, ACS has a coach the SGB will meet with to get training and other materials.
- The Worship Encouragers will be starting after the summer break.
- The SGB has a group of people who were not in worship for a long time but replied to our mailings and wanted us to continue serving them. We will contact them again to see how we can best do that while encouraging them to get in contact with God's word. Ideally, a board member and Pastor Knepprath will be able to visit them for a small Bible study.
- Discussed ideas for our involvement in this year's Fall Fun Fair.

The Outreach Board

- Soccer camp went well, in July, with more than 100 in attendance.
- We are working on our ministry plan and expect to have it ready on time.
- The Outreach Board is now preparing for the canvassing event September 23.
- Looking to start an evangelism training class. Learn to share law and gospel. Need a leader to volunteer.

The Support Board

- Reviewed the plan for replacing inside and outside lights.
- The projector in church stopped working in the past week, it was an easy fix, and Mark printed instructions in case the same problem happens again.
- Checked rear landscaping near toddler room.

The Family Nurture Board

- Stan Stelter will attend a plenary meeting regarding teen ministry and the use of the new programming available – "Transformed." The meeting is scheduled for Aug. 23. The International Youth Rally is scheduled for June of 2018 in Bowling Green, OH. Registration information and deadline can be found at WELS.net.
- Risen Savior's Ministry to Families in Need has received a donation of \$2000. A three-member sub-committee is working to present information in September to outline the program with its anticipated fundraising. There are approximately 13 students that qualify for M2FN.
- A four-member sub-committee will strive to rework the funding model for RSLs, with a working deadline of late January or early February.
- Accreditation Committees continue work for RSLs. About 20 months remain.

- The Risen Savior "Feed My Lambs" fundraising will be revived to obtain pledges and gifts over the next period of years with an eye to retiring the debt which stands at \$418,793.

The Worship Board

- We are using the information from our survey of ushers to adjust the program to make it easier for more people to serve in this vital ministry.
- Gathering information from the Technology Task Force for standby plans to address our projection/recording/camera and audio systems.
- We will be using the material from Dave Ausdemore and our by-laws to formulate a ministry plan for the Worship Board.

Lead Pastor

- Our verses of the month will be focused on GENUINE COMFORT. Offering a women's Bible study as well as a men's Bible study on this topic every third Sunday between services.
- A binder has been started and will be kept in the church office for the ministry plans being prepared by each board.
- The future staffing subcommittee has a deadline of February 2018 for a proposal.
- Thanks to a special donation from our Christian brother, now in heavenly glory, Lyle Wichmann, we have 95 tickets at \$2 each for the Luther Movie to be shown at AMC Classic Mankato 6 (near MSU) on October 12th. Regular price is \$9.
- My personal ministry schedule will include teaching an online course through MLC for those seeking Chaplain Certification in jail and prison ministry.
- Vicar Steinke is moved in and has started his responsibilities. Watch for a letter to the congregation from him in the next Messenger.

Campus Report/Associate Pastor

- Our regular offering of dollar dinners and chapel on Thursdays continued to be the biggest draws for students, friends and prospects.
- As part of the Luther Movie on Thursday October 12th, the Beacon will have their Dollar Supper before the movie and then refreshments and discussion back at the Beacon after. All are welcome.
- The attendance at our weekly chapel services was quite steady except for a drop off in the last two weeks of school.
- The student led Bible study averaged 5 students in attendance.
- In August, I will be preaching at our WELS congregations in Sleepy Eye and Belle Plaine on behalf of LIMA to promote that ministry.

Church Administrator

- Completed tasks: Ramp and sidewalk by the church entrance; JLMLC floors cleaned and waxed; Landscaping on north side of JLMLC.
- Upcoming tasks: Replacement of lights in the front of the church; Upgrading of outside lights; Remodel main restrooms.
- Mobile Giving materials are in hand. Anticipate to be functional by first week of September. Text keyword is CrossAndCrown.
- Researching upgrades to the wireless infrastructure and the analog phone system.
- Fellowship opportunities: MLC and New Ulm; Rev Chris Johns in Pound WI.

Vicar - No report this month.