

Hope Lutheran Church Council
August 9, 2021

**“As God’s people, abounding in hope, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we invite all to share
in the unfolding experience of Jesus Christ”**

Glimpses of God: Gary’s send-off celebration, Jurgan Rongstad surgery with quick release, breathtaking view of Roosevelt National Park, UN report of global warning and how critical it is. Thank-you to Pastor Mary and Leanne for their work on the flooded area downstairs after the heavy rain on Saturday – Service Master came in on Sunday.

Opening Devotions: Taken from Tony Dungee’s book, “Upon Today”. Live your life with purpose, even after retirement. As it was with the rich fool in Luke 12, there is no such thing as retirement in the kingdom of God.

Call to Order: 6:31 pm

Roll Call: Pastor Mary Erickson, Mark Larson, Sue Tietz, Ericka Frueh, Leanne O’Bryan, Terrie Hanke, Carol Mohr, Mary Luhman Turner, Kailey Bates, and Allison Martinson

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Leanne, 2nd by Mary Luhman Turner, Motion Approved

Additions to the Agenda: None

Old Business:

- Youth Director Position update
 - 3 candidates applied. One asked to not be removed from the list, one not a good fit, other applicant did not show
 - Continue the search for the right person
- Sanctuary lights Fundraiser update:
 - 8 lights have been paid for and this does not include giving on August 8
- Priorities from SWOT Analysis
 - Growing Young
 - Discuss the 6 Aspects to help grow young from the book “Growing Young”
 - Book written by research groups. Talked to multiple churches that are successful in growing young
 - Ask the right question, “How are younger individuals connecting with their faith?”
 - Engage people ages 15-29
 - 1st Key component: Unlocking Keychain Leadership
 - Look at Leadership, Capabilities, Power and Access
 - Identify the areas that you have power and authority over – share your key-share the power and authority-accompany and guide in the new role
 - Be intentional about entrusting and empowering all generations and all ages with their own sets of keys

- Ideas for action: What keys do you hold? Can you share with a younger person? Be intentional as you look at bringing them into a new role and provide training.
 - Next month Pastor Mary will review a couple more key points with the council. Need to reach out to church committees and the congregation with this learning
- Active Outreach to the Community
 - Next steps – Will discuss in the future after discussing Growing Young

New Business:

- Endowment 2nd Quarter Disbursement recommendations
 - \$500 to ELCA Missions
 - Vaccinations for children \$30/child Recommend for 10 children \$300
 - Support a refugee family for a month \$200
 - \$400 to The Wellness Shack
 - \$200 to Fund 13
 - Motion to approve Mark Larson, second by Terrie Hanke, Motion Approved
- Synod Update: Neighbor to Neighbor
 - Lidixe – Unable to work and Synod sent out a report of funds raised due to Visa issues. Hope Lutheran has received \$3700 to contribute to the cause.
 - The Neighbor to Neighbor program was developed July 2020 – Lidixe as Director of the Program. Letter from Synod to congregations noting Lidixe will have to step down from her role and the need to support the Neighbor to Neighbor program. The Endowment committee will consider a donation for the next quarter.

Reports:

- **Pastor's Report:** Went to Luther Park the week Jordan Thompson went with a friend. Joined their cabin for the bible study. Others in the group could not find the Book of John. Jordan was one of the first to locate the Book of John. Shows our kids are learning through the confirmation programs at Hope that emphasize the Catechism, New Testament and Old Testament teachings.
- VBS program with Spirit Lutheran and Our Shepherd was last week. Luther Park shared their program content
- Discussed wearing masks for church. Hope will follow the County recommendations. Pastor Mary will continue to wear a mask on Sundays so others that would like to wear a mask would be more comfortable doing so. Mask wearing is optional at this time.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Reviewed Treasurer's Report. Motion to Approve, Sue Tietz, second by Terrie Hanke. Motion approved
- **Board of Education:** (*Bringing the word to life for kids, getting them to open their Bibles and talk about Jesus*) – Met but no report.
- **Rachel's Place Board:** Masks are optional. Reviewed Fall plans. Good with enrollment and staff for Fall. Sunday, August 22 will feature Rachel's Place.
- **Board of Outreach:** (*Continue supporting the ongoing Outreach programs and Be flexible and open to other needs of the church and our community*) – Did not meet. Emails sent for paying Feed my People for the Weekend Kids Meals for the year. Program starts on Sept. 16. Again a pick up at Feed My People and drop off at Sam Davey
- **Board of Trustees:** (*Maintain a balanced budget, Prepare and present a stewardship program,*

Communicate financial report to congregation on a regular basis, Increase the number of electronic givers by 50% - from 20 to 30) As per the treasurer's report.

- **Executive Committee:** *(Being involved and supporting people in the ministries of Hope Lutheran) None*

- **Building & Grounds:** Lights in the kitchen are being replaced.

- Issues with leaking of AC in the gathering area identified. With 20 year old equipment will see further issues arising in the future. Will keep in mind and will address if further issues arise.
- Water issues over the weekend with the 5 inches of rain. Brian to look at some caulking and Water Works to come a look at more complex caulking
- September to replace carpet in 4K room.
- Tree Service was here to trim trees in the front

- **Sleep in Heavenly Peace:** Some deliveries going out. Requests have been received from Dunn County/Menomonie area. Will check if their chapter is up and running yet, prior to delivery. We have the beds to deliver.

Adjournment and Lord's Prayer @ 8:01pm

Respectfully submitted by Carol Mohr, Executive Board Secretary