



FAITH

EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

December Newsletter 2016

COUNCIL SUMMARY

Faith Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes *Summary*
November 21, 2016

Attendance: Dale Jessie, Pastor Neumann, Cody Heller, Brad Rahmlow, Scott Templeton, Todd Volk, Dave Kellen, Mark Mueller

Call to order - The meeting opened with Pastor Neumann leading us in a short devotion reviewing Faith's Constitution Article VIII - Article XII.

Elder's report - Membership changes – Transfer of Allison Hood (Everly), and Mitchell Volk to Christ Lutheran Church, North St. Paul

Pastor's report - Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Choir will be here on Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017. After discussion among the council it was moved and supported to hold that service at our Black River Falls location at 6:30 p.m. and have only one joint service that night.

There will be need for members of the congregation to house members of the Choir and assist with a meal prior to the church service.

Financial Report - Cody presented a financial report showing a net loss of \$875.81 through 10/31/16. MSC.

Old Business - Church Loan-Loan renewal will be done on April 1, 2017 with an estimated balance of \$725,000.

Council Election - We need to replace two positions on the Church Council at the next election. Discussion was held regarding potential candidates. Scott will approach our slate of potential candidates in the next week or two.

BIRTHDAYS

12/01 Garrett Spaude

12/04 Annette Markhardt

12/11 Jerry Eggen

12/11 Aron Bue

12/14 Toni Anderson

12/18 Bill Yahnke

12/20 Noelle Kiesow

12/24 Elaine Fatla

12/31 Jeremiah Spaude



NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Janeen Folgers has graciously volunteered to take on the responsibilities of putting out our monthly newsletter. If you have information you want included in the newsletters, send that information to janeen.folgersx@gmail.com. Thank you Janeen!

SAVE THE DATE TO SAY “CHEESE!”

It's time to update our church photo directory and board. Photos will be taken by Majesta Heller on January 7 and 8. All photos will be taken at the Black River Falls location. On Saturday, January 7, Majesta will be at the church from 10 am to 2 pm. On Sunday, January 8 she will take photos after the 8 am worship service for those that aren't staying for Bible study and then she'll continue to take them after Bible study and Sunday school until noon. You may continue to use your current church photo if you have one.



CHRISTMAS EVE PRACTICE

The Children's Christmas Eve Practices started Sunday, November 27, and will continue on December 4, 11, and 18. The children practice during the regular Sunday school and Bible Class hour. On these Sunday's there will be no adult Bible Study in Black River Falls.

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL SERVICES

December 24 at 4:00 p.m.

Children's Christmas Eve Service - Black River Falls

December 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service - Cataract

December 25 at 8:00 a.m.

Christmas Day Service - Black River Falls

December 25 at 9:45 a.m.

Christmas Day Service - Cataract

December 31 at 6:30 p.m.

New Year's Eve Service - Black River Falls

LADIES OF FAITH ADVENT SOCIAL

All ladies of Faith are invited to attend the Advent Social and homemade treat exchange on Sunday, December 4, at 2:00 p.m. in Black River Falls. After the devotion, those interested may participate in a homemade cookie/candy exchange. If you choose to participate in the exchange please bring 5 dozen homemade treats to share, the recipe, and a container to take your treats home in!

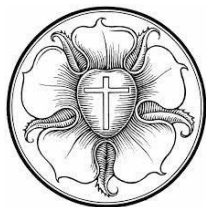
LADIES AID

The Ladies Aid will have their annual potluck and gift exchange on Saturday, December 10 at 12:30 p.m. at Bev Zillmer's house. If you are able to participate, bring a dish to pass and a gift to exchange. We try to keep the gift between \$5-\$7.



YOUTH GROUP SERVICE ACTIVITY

On Sunday, December 11, 2-3 p.m. the Youth Group will visit Country Terrace Nursing Home in order to interact with the residents there. We will meet at the church at 2 p.m. and head over together. At 3, we will head back to church in order to wrap up the final details on our Youth Sunday in January. We will plan to be done by 3:30/3:45.



MINNEAPOLIS INSTITUTE OF ARTS LUTHER EXHIBIT

The Minneapolis Institute of Arts is currently exhibiting rare art and historic objects from Germany that pertain to Martin Luther and the Reformation. A few members expressed interest in attending, so we decided to open it up to the congregation. If we have a large enough number interested in going, we will look into reserving transportation to get there. For this reason, we need you to sign up if you are interested. The date set aside to go is Friday, Dec. 30. Thrivent members would get in free. The time is still to be determined. The sign-up sheet is in the gathering area.

If Jesus Came To Your House

If Jesus came to your house to spend a day or two...
If He came unexpectedly, I wonder what you'd do.
Oh, I know you'd give your nicest room to such an honored guest.
And all the food you'd serve to Him would be the very best.
And you would keep assuring Him you're glad to have Him there...
But...when you saw Him coming, would you meet Him at the door
With arms outstretched in welcome to our heav'nly visitor?
Or would you maybe change your clothes before you let Him in,
Or hide some magazines and put the Bible where they'd been?
Would you turn off the radio and hope He hadn't heard.
And wish you hadn't uttered that last, loud and hasty word?
Would you hide your worldly music and put some hymn books out?
Could you let Jesus walk right in, or would you rush about?
And I wonder...If the Savior spent a day or two with you,
Would you go right on doing the things you always do?
Would you go right on saying the things you always say?
Would life for you continue as it does from day to day?
Would your family conversation keep up its usual pace?
And would you find it hard each meal to say a table grace?
Would you sing the songs you always sing and read the book you read?
And let Him know the things on which your mind and spirit feed?
Would you take Jesus with you everywhere you'd planned to go,
Or would you, maybe, change your plans for just a day or so?
Would you be glad to have Him meet your very closest friends,
Or would you hope they'd stay away until His visit ends?
Would you be glad to have Him stay forever on and on,
Or would you sigh with great relief when He at last was gone?
It might be interesting to know the things that you would do,
If Jesus came in person to spend some time with you.

