

Elder Meeting of March 12, 2020 5:30PM

Attendees: Pastor Ludwig, Pastor Richter, Mike Herrboldt (chairman), Joe Woltmann, Scott Lucia, Joe Coder, Jordan Urshan, Perry Collins, Paul Holt, Craig Talbot, & Chris Lammi (scribe).

Opening devotion

Devotion was conducted by Joe Woltmann taken from Max Lucado's book "Life Lessons from James" Lesson Six: "Taming the Tongue" based on James 3:10 NKJV "Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and curse. My brethren, these things ought not to be so". Our words have power, and words spoken over us can also have power...for good or evil. We should submit our tongues to the control of God's Spirit daily.

February Attendance

01/02	24	180	128
08/09	28	106	134
15/16	20	127	154
22/23	18	158	174
26	192	(Ash Wednesday)	
29/31	32		

Official Acts (births/deaths/funerals/weddings/baptisms)

02/17/20 Death: Rochelle Nelson

02/21/20 Funeral: Rochelle Nelson

02/22/20 Wedding: Samantha Lafontaine and Zachary Janz

02/23/20 Baptism: Vincent Arthur Skerjance, son of Corey and Lisa Skerjance

Membership items

New Families to join on March 8:

Shannon and Michelle Sturm (Wesley, William, Jocelyn) Affirmation of faith

Debbie Showalter (Callie) Transfer from Christ Lutheran in Piedmont

Gayla Fontaine Transfer from Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Atwater, MN

Lilliam Fontaine Transfer from Christ Lutheran in Piedmont

Erika Post Transfer from St. Paul's Lutheran in Lakefield, MN

Aaron and Ashley Strohschein Transfer from Holy Cross in St. Cloud

Rich Zabel Transfer from LCMS

Marles Larson Affirmation of faith

Elder of the Month

April – Jim Sandstedt – Craig Talbot will handle next month's devotion

Old Business

New elders have submitted pictures for the PIC website.

Elders to contact the families on our lists who have 4 or more bulletins in their mailboxes. After contact we can clear bulletins from their boxes. After two more bulletins we will submit names for pastors to contact.

New mailboxes are being constructed to allow our newest members to have boxes. When completed, elders will receive new lists and the letter to their families will be mailed.

Jordan Urshan visited with Concordia representatives at the Best Practices Conference. New Concordia Plan rates will be available in April or May and we will address possible changes to the churches health insurance then. Pastor Ludwig recommends that called workers be part of any discussions concerning changes to salaries or benefits.

New Business

Members of the Ad Hoc Call Committee have been contacted. All agreed to serve. First meeting is March 17, at 5:30 p.m. Committee members are: Beth Esselstrom, Eric Hill, Ashley Hill, Jordan Urshan, Paula Menzel, Joe Woltmann, Julie Kubat, Donna Bolf, Gena Sleen, Lois Ward, Jeff Clancey, Jonathon Grimsby, Paul Holt, Whitney Lauer, Rebecca Lewis, Cole Sterling.

Discussed new communion and offering procedures as a result of caution concerning the corona virus. In addition to hand washing, Elders will wear protective gloves when serving the host.

Instead of passing the offering plates, the plates will be located in the back of the church where people can place their offering as they leave.

Pastor Ludwig has instigated a new policy for after-service announcements to streamline and simplify the process: All after-service announcements will be made by called workers. After-service announcements are asked to be submitted to called workers by 3 p.m. on Fridays. Senior pastor screens all announcements.

Discussed future support of Anthony and Jamie DiLiberto, Puerto Rico missionaries. Video presentation will be rolled out to congregation on Palm Sunday. Church Council has already approved \$2000 matching funds for offering to be taken to support this mission.

Mark Blanke, DCE intern supervisor, visited our church last week in anticipation of our church hopefully sponsoring a DCE intern starting this summer.

Misc. Items

Discussed congestion in the organ/chime/choir area. The organist and choir director will be asked what their thoughts are on improving the flow in this area especially when the chime tables are set up and if they expand the number of people in that group.

Security Committee was discussed and it was agreed that a job description and duties of members during services be developed prior to opening it up to volunteers and/or soliciting individuals.

Discussed the video that played during last week's sermon. There were some young children who were impacted by this video. Pastor's will be more sensitive to this in the future and give the congregation a heads up if/when we have an impactful video like this.

Prayers

The elders took turns praying for specific needs of our congregation and members. Pastor Ludwig closed the prayer.

Next Meeting

April 21st 5:30PM