

A Caring Family Sharing Christ

Mount Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting

January 22, 2024 at 6:00 pm – Salem Connection, 222 W Salem, Indianola

Agenda

Call to order 6:00 pm
Opening devotion Pastor Vanderbilt

Review for Approval: Previous Meeting Minutes

Pastor's Report Pastor Vanderbilt
DCE Report Aaron Finkle
Elders' Report Jake Hermanson
Financial Report Linda Norton
Treasurer's Report Chad Kuehl

Board Reports

Education	Melinda Grimm	Parish Nurse	Carolyn Pauling
Evangelism	Kelly Henderson	Youth	Jennifer Ohnemus
Discipleship	Ed & JoAnn Chapman	Records	David Cormeny
Worship	Charlotte Weaklend, Karla Roush	Stewardship	Jim Pulse
		Property	Steve Roush

Old Business

- Mission opportunity from Zitzmann Memorial - Safe Baby Drop Box at Mercy Hospital
- Mission opportunity from Zitzmann Memorial - Camp Okoboji
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New Business

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Next Meeting: Council Meeting – February 19, 2024 at 6:00 pm
Council Meeting – March 18, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Adjourn

**Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
January 21, 2024**

Attendance: Pastor Vanderbilt, Charlotte Weaklend, Karla Roush, Steve Roush, JoAnn Chapman, Ed Chapman, Jennifer Ohnemus, Aaron Finkle, Chad Keuhl, Jim Pulse, Linda Norton, Randy Gould, David Cormeny, Terry Pauling

Randy called the meeting to order. 6:07 PM

Pastor Tom opened with prayer.

JoAnn motioned to pass December Council Minutes. Charlotte seconded. Motion passed with unanimous vote.

Pastor Tom -Autopsy of a Deceased Church- Chapter 10

-Discussed how we as a church may need to change how we preach.

-Seems like we have more communication with technology but we've lost the sense of community.

-We have 525 members of the church, however, only 125-130 attend every week.

-Pastor has an outline of how we should move forward. "Pastor's Intent" (See Attached)

DCE Report- Aaron (See Email Attachment)

- Looking to start Day camp style events.
- Planning summer meals

Elder's Report- Jake (See Email Attachment)

-Looking for a 2 year worship director, to fold into future budgets

Financial Report- Linda (See Email Attachment)

- Looking for two people to count donations for second service
- Motion to pass by Jim, seconded by Jennifer. Passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report- Chad Keuhl (See Email Attachment)

- Plan to see refund checks once a month
- Motion to pass by Steve, seconded by Linda. Passed by unanimous vote.

Education Report- Melinda (See Email Attachment)

Evangelism Report- Kelly (N/A)

Discipleship Report- Ed and JoAnn (See Email Attachment)

Worship Report- Charlotte and Karla (See Email Attachment)

Parish Nurse- Carolyn (No Attachment)

Youth- Jen (See Email Attachment)

Records Report – David (See Email Attachment)

Stewardship Report – Jim (No Attachment)

Property Report- Steve (See Email Attachment)

Baby Box at Mercy One Children's Hospital

-Discussed making a donation of \$20,000 to a baby box to help save abandoned babies in the central portion of the state of Iowa.

-Jim motioned to donate \$20,000 to the Baby Box fundraiser. Seconded by David. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Community Donation Opportunities- Pastor Tom

-Baumann Hall discussion

-Suggestion of donation of \$50,000 to Baumann Hall

-Pastor suggests reviewing this and voting at next meeting

Evangelism Chair Position

-David visited with Kelly and Kelly is vacating the Evangelism Chair.

-Next Council meetings will be on February 19th and March 18th.

Old Business-

-Creating a structure for future endowment funds (tabled for first quarter)

-Review and vote for donations to Baumann Hall at Lake Okiboji.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was offered by Jennifer, with a second by

Chad. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Pastor led the Council in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
David Cormeny



Pastor's Intent

Foundation:

There are three passages from Scripture that form the foundation of what we are to do as a congregation.

- “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matt. 28:19-20, The Great Commission)
- ““You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” (Matt. 22:37-40, The Great Commandment)
- “And [God] gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ...” (Eph. 4:11-12, The Great Delegation)

End Goal:

Mt. Calvary will continue to confess and proclaim the forgiveness of sins for Jesus' sake by preaching the Word and administering the Sacraments and the daily witness of the baptized children of God, His royal priesthood.

Three-Year Plan:

- Update how we minister in the 21st Century:
 - Move communications to digital, with print and verbal announcements taking a back seat.
 - Move from finding pegs to fit our holes to building holes that fit our pegs.
 - Finding updated expressions of previous ministries.
- Care for and update the physical plant of Mt. Calvary:
 - Continue to replace “big ticket” items around the grounds.
 - Pond and prayer path
 - Outdoor gathering area
- Get off campus:
 - Explore ways to move ministries to where the people are.
 - Everyone is an evangelist.
 - Agricultural Evangelism.

DCE Report

“The Church’s mission is to confess and proclaim the forgiveness of sins for Jesus’s sake by preaching the Word, administering the Sacraments, sending missionaries, and establishing new congregations and by the daily witness of the baptized children of God, His royal priesthood.”

What’s been done

- December 20th we had the Miracle of Jesus family event and the Cookie Exchange
- January 5th-7th we took 9 youth to the Escape Winter Retreat
- The Board of Ed is currently working on revamping our summer programming by offering day camp style events
- January 20th we had the 3rd annual Chili Cook Off and Trivia Night where we raised \$1,355.15 for the NYG trip

What’s Coming up

- January 30th-February 2nd I will be attending the NADCE Conference in Houston
- The Board of Discipleship has two awesome fellowship events coming up (Turkey and noodles)
- February 7th will be the start of the Egg My Yard Fundraiser
- This Wednesday some children from LIFE class will be serving at Meals from the Heartland
- This summer The Board of Discipleship will be sponsoring a meal every week during the summer at Moat Park

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Minutes - Board of Education of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church

January 2, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Aaron, Melinda, Jill, Laurel and Linda

Sunday School –

- Discussion of curriculum – Aaron showed us some new choices that will relate better to the span of ages involved in both Sunday School and in LIFE classes.

Life Classes –

- Updates on Curriculum
- Christmas program and the new format went well.

VBS – We are planning a new format for VBS this year. It will be one day long with a certain theme – sports, music, etc.- possibly one day in June, one in July and one in August. We are still in the panning stages.

Confirmation Support – Board of Education will sponsor the reception for the confirmands each fall.

Missions – None

Other Business –

- January Council Meeting pushed back one week so it won't conflict with Caucuses on 1/15 – will meet on 1/22
- Next meeting of the Board of Education – February 6 @ 6 p.m.

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Discipleship Agenda

Jan 8th, 2024

Opening Prayer

Monday Men's study 12:00p.m. Book of Acts

Tuesday Jan 16th, Coffee Conversation and Cards 1-4

Wed Morning Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Book of Acts

Wed Eve Childrens classes

Thursday Study will start up again on Jan 4th, it will be 14-week study.

Jesus and Women. books have been delivered and 1st meeting

Thursday.

New Bible Studies – Parent Support group in Jan?

Old Business

1. Family Christmas program and Cookie exchange. I think everyone had a good time. Does anyone have ideas for improvement, changes, additions. Discussion! Rotating times for station, so that more time can be spent on the actual lesson/story.

2. Chili Cookoff and Trivia, signups are up. Would like a copy of the slide for fundraiser w/ name and address and phone to create a FB event and send to library and the chamber.

3. Turkey noodle and Luncheon, we will be making noodles on Feb 3rd. 10:30 We will create a flyer for slide.

Bring a rolling pin all the supplies will be provided.

Challenge to congregation to take a lunch to a neighbor or someone that would need/like one. Someone who doesn't get out in the winter.

We will create a slide for this challenge also. We will pick up to go containers.

New Business

1. Prayer walk/small group. Lenten challenge. We talked about this at our last council meeting. Congregations that no longer pray together have a larger chance of failing. (Autopsy of deceased church). Ideas! Many ideas were considered.
2. Using the study Red Letter Challenge, also pray walk labyrinth style (Youth did this at the last outing) around the church in classrooms, the ark. Aaron is discussing w/Pastor if this could be a project for the confirmation students (9 students). It would be 15-20 min before midweek Lenten service. Eventually we will continue this around the pond in the spring, summer and fall.
3. Picnic in the park. Continuation of midweek meals in summer at the park across from Hyvee. Community outreach! Discussion! Continue Midweek meals at Moat Park 5:30-6:30, 7:00. We would have volunteer's the same as during midweek classes. This would be a community outreach. We would possibly have little booklets to hand out or/and use up past VBS crafts and lessons.
4. Bingo in March during Spring Break. Discussion! We will contact the library if we could use that to be a community outreach for kids/people who don't go anywhere for Spring Break. Wed Mar 13th 1-3pm. No midweek meal or classes will have Lenten Service.
5. Any other business?
The study 33 Series will be started soon.

Ken Tague will facilitate this. Aaron and Ken are working on date & time.

Closing Prayer

Next meeting Feb 5th. 6:00pm

Board of Worship

January 16, 2024

Members present: Pastor Vanderbilt, Karla Derrickson, Lisa Wiese,
Charlotte Weaklend, Karla Roush

Opening Devotion

The following was discussed and/or reviewed:

- Christmas Eve service
- All Saints Day service
- Upcoming Ash Wednesday/Lenten services and duties of the Board
- Christmas decorations – **THANK YOU** to those who responded on quick notice to assist in taking down the Christmas decorations earlier than scheduled to accommodate the Winjum funeral.
- The Board continues to welcome suggestions for **memorial gift items** to include in the list shared with those who wish to purchase a gift in memory of their loved one.
- **New Communion schedule is now in place.** NOTE: The Lord's Supper will be offered on Ash Wednesday (Feb 14), Palm Sunday (March 24/late service only), Easter (March 31/both services).
- Options to create a **Church Photo Directory**
- Creation of a position for a **Music/Choir Director**

Closed with prayer led by Pastor Vanderbilt.

Board of Youth Meeting Minutes

1/16/24

The board met Tuesday, January 16, 2024. Those in attendance were Sara Vanderbilt, Aaron Finkel, and Jen Ohnemus.

The meeting opened with prayer. Discussions included a recap of the Senior High Youth Gathering in November, the combined Christmas party, and the retreat. Because of the upcoming National Youth Gathering in 2025, there will not be a Senior High District gathering in 2024. This will allow groups to focus on fundraising and saving money for that event.

At this time, there are 5 entries for the Chili Cook-off and Trivia event this weekend. All proceeds will go towards the cost of the National Gathering.

Planning has started for the Egg My Yard fundraiser. Orders will open February 7, 2024, and continue through March 23, 2024. Aaron will have the updated order forms available by February 7, 2024.

We also had a preliminary discussion regarding the Easter breakfast and how that may look this year. Aaron is inviting Jake Hermanson to the next board meeting to have a more in-depth discussion in February.

As a board, camp scholarships for the youth were discussed. The decision was made to provide \$125.00 towards the cost of a Lutheran summer camp to any youth of our congregation wanting to attend a summer camp. There is also a line item in the budget for members to give to a summer camp fund for the youth. Aaron will be mentioning this during his announcements after services to remind our members as well.

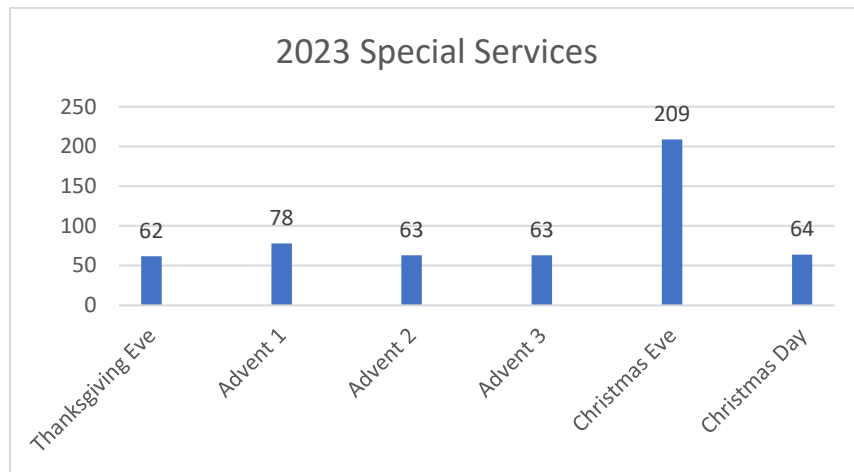
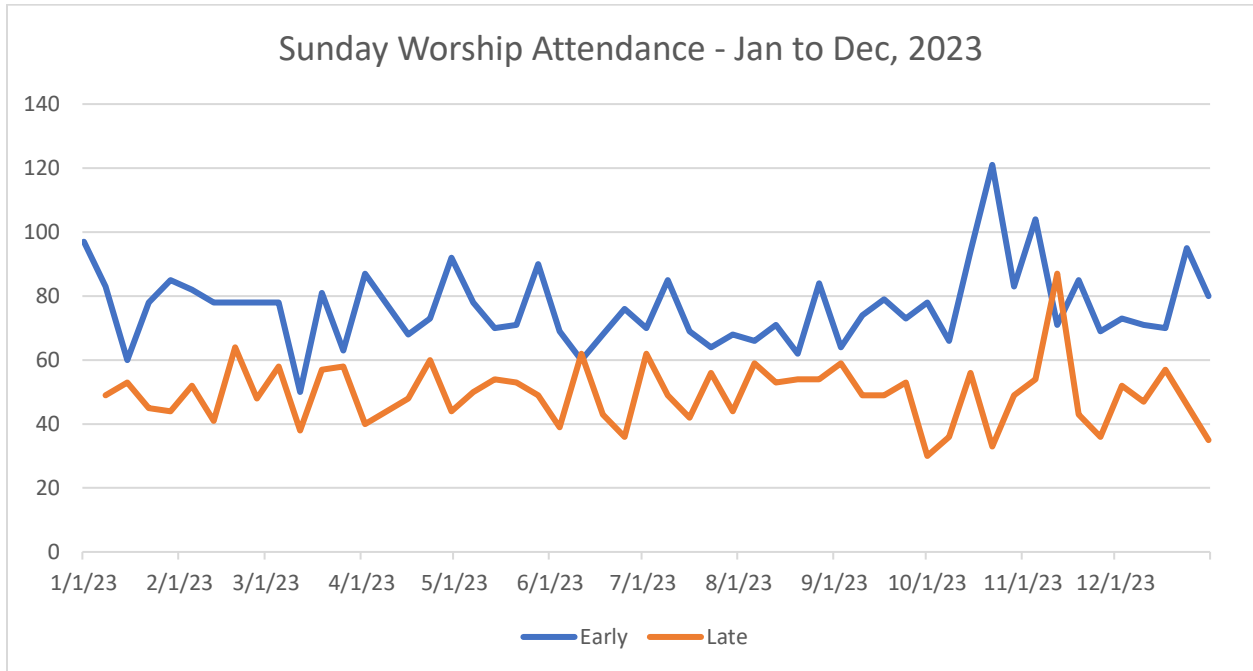
We have begun the process of developing policies and procedures with regards to chaperones and young adult volunteers working with the middle and high school youth groups when activities are not held at the church. We, as a group, believe it is important to have a clearly defined set of guidelines and responsibilities for anyone attending events with our youth. We hope to have this completed at the next meeting.

The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 PM February 13, 2024, at La Villa in Carlisle.

Jen Ohnemus

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Records Report Attendance



Membership		
Date	Communicant	Baptized
1/1/2023	428	526
6/30/2023	424	531
12/31/2023	428	534