

Messiah Lutheran Church of Camrose
Learning Committee – Minutes from February 1st, 2017

Welcome and Opening

Members present: Cheryl Nester, Sharon Gilbertson, Marie Olson, Sharon Ofrim, Bev Swanson

Devotions: Sharon G. shared a devotion based on Matthew 28:20 with excerpts from a Richard Rohr reading on the comforting omnipresence of God.

Business Arising/Updates

1. Youth

1. Bev reported that the recommendation to continue the youth program with the modifications proposed by Ben and Stacey and the guidelines outlined by Bev and Pastor Calvin, was accepted by council.
2. Bev presented a brief update on the Youth program and Confirmation.

2. Adult Book Study, *Making Sense of the Cross* by David J. Lose

1. Plans for promoting and proceeding with the Book Study were discussed. Registration will occur on February 5th and 12th in the Fellowship Centre. Sharon G. has acquired 14 copies of the book at a reduced rate via *Amazon* and will explore where to get more once we see how many people sign up. The cost per book will be decided after registration is complete.

New Business

1. Adult Learning

1. The committee discussed its responsibility (item 6.5 in the bylaws) "*to make provision for ministries with families to help them share in the Congregation's nature and mission...*" Feeling that this may be an area to explore further, the committee agreed to bring suggestions for suitable questions to include on a congregational survey/questionnaire, to our next meeting.
2. Bev reminded us of the Games Night on February 19th, (for ALL ages.)
3. Bev announced the offering of "*The Love Languages*" course on Wednesday evenings, April 19, 26, May 3, 10 and 17th.

2. Sunday School

1. The Sunday School group (via Deanna Didriksen) made a request regarding Internet access downstairs in the Sunday School area. Deanna will be directed to Dale Swanson to find out what is currently available in that area and what the possibilities/limitations are.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 1st, 4:00 p.m. in the church nursery.

Devotions: Cheryl Nester

Note: Sharon has confirmed with Calvin the following dates for study of the book Making Sense of the Cross: Mondays- afternoon class will run from 2:00-3:30, evening class 7:00-8:30. Classes begin on February 27th and go for six weeks until April 3rd.