

Messiah Lutheran Church  
Learning Committee - REVISED Minutes from February 6, 2018, 1:00 p.m.

Members present: Sharon Gilbertson, Carol Green, Cheryl Nester, Sharon Ofrim, Dave Stolee.

Chairperson Cheryl welcomed members to the meeting, and led in opening devotions.

1. Friendship Club: Cheryl, Carol, Nora Gilbertson and her team had a good discussion with a representative of the national Friendship Ministries organization. Nora and the team have agreed to make a presentation to a Sunday morning adult class to share more about their program. Discussion will continue regarding someone to lead the team in the future. Cheryl will talk to one possible person.
2. Report from discussions with Pastor Bev: Cheryl shared information from discussions with Pastor Bev regarding youth, confirmation, the congregational retreat, and an adult Bible study.
3. Younger Youth: Formation of a group for students in grades 5, 6 and 7 is being considered. There will be a discussion meeting followed by board games at the Hawkins home on February 23.
4. Bible Study: Some members have been asking for a Bible Study. Pastor Bev is willing to lead a four week study on Philippians on four Wednesdays with afternoon and evening groups beginning April 25.
5. Sunday Adult Classes:  
The Service Committee is arranging for presentations in February.  
The following are planned, with flexibility on dates:  
March 4 - Ruth Jensen report on ELCIC convention  
March 11 - Jane Arial on her journey  
Friendship Club - Nora Gilbertson and her team  
The Apostles' Creed - a three week discussion led by Pastor Calvin  
Medical Assistance in Dying - four weeks with pastors on the ELCIC Study Guide
6. Alberta Synod C.A.R.E. program: Dave brought information on Synod programs related to mental health issues. It was agreed that these initiatives are broader than would fit a Sunday morning presentation.
7. Rick Bergh: Discussion continued about the possibility of bringing Pastor Rick Bergh to Camrose for a workshop on grief. This could involve joint sponsorship with some other organization.
8. Next Meeting: The committee will meet again on Tuesday, March 6, at 1:00 p.m. Sharon O will lead devotions. The agenda will include discussion of recognition for Nora's years of commitment to the Friendship Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave Stolee, Secretary