

Messiah Lutheran Church  
Learning Committee - Minutes from January 9, 2018, 1:00 p.m.

Members present: Sharon Gilbertson, Carol Green, Alice Lindstrand, Cheryl Nester, Sharon Ofrim, Dave Stolee. Pastor Bev Swanson attended for part of the meeting.

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

Items arising from the minutes of December 5 were included in the agenda.

1. LunchFest: Sharon G talked to Cece about our suggestions based on our November lunch.
2. SPLASH: Alice expressed thanks to Helen Sather for her commitment to SPLASH. Cheryl also talked to her and learned she has enough materials for 2018.
3. Sunday School: Sunday School is going well, but with irregular attendance. This week there were nine children; they may move from three to two classes.
4. Friendship Club: Nora Gilbertson was unable to attend this meeting, but will attend in February to discuss the future of the Friendship Club. A woman from Friendship Clubs in Ontario may visit later this month; committee members would be happy to meet her.
5. Youth/Confirmation/Family: Pastor Bev reported that the intergenerational night held in December went well, and another may be planned for mid February. It is difficult to maintain the traditional youth group as the older youth are so busy. It works well to have them gather at the Swanson's house, where those able to attend have meaningful discussions. The confirmation class is going strong, with excellent participation.
6. Sunday Adult Classes: Alice sent written thanks to the presenters from last fall. The World Mission Group and Service Committee are planning for Sunday presentations through March 4. Discussion continued about possible topics for future Sunday classes as well as for future book studies. Possible subjects include a Christian perspective on assisted dying, a range of mental health issues, grieving, faith-building topics, a review of the areas covered in confirmation, Bible studies, and more. Dave will bring more information to the next meeting on the Synod's C.A.R.E. program. Cheryl will talk to Pastor Calvin about a review of the catechism. All members will bring suggestions to the February meeting of specific topics and possible presenters for Sundays beginning March 11.
7. Next Meeting: The committee will meet again on Tuesday, February 6, at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave Stolee, Secretary