

Messiah Lutheran Church

Learning Committee Minutes from October 3, 2017

Members present: Cheryl Nester, Sharon Ofrim, Alice Lindstrand and Carol Green.

Regrets: Dave Stolee, Sharon Gilbertson and Pastor Bev Swanson.

A quick check in was followed by devotions. Alice read a story called The Closer Walk from the magazine *The Upper Room*. The scripture was from Luke 10:41-42.

The committee accepted the Agenda and the Minutes from the September meeting.

Business Arising/Updates:

1. Sunday Morning Adult Class schedule is going well. Cheryl reported that the numbers are a little lower than usual.
2. Study/Class to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation: The posters have been prepared, the books have been ordered and an announcement will be in the bulletin. Alice has arranged for someone to take posters to St. Francis and will follow up. Cheryl will ask Pastor Calvin to promote this study during announcements at Worship. Cheryl and Alice will sit at the registration table on Sunday, October 8 and Carol and Sharon (maybe Cheryl) will attend the table on October 15. Cheryl to make sign up sheets.
3. Sunday School – Grade 6 kids: Cheryl stated that Bev may look at starting a Junior Youth program.
4. Stewardship Education Program – direction from Council: Council agreed that a large and involved program is not necessary at this time but requested that Learning try to incorporate some small initiatives to keep Stewardship in the minds of members.

New Business:

1. Sunday Morning Adult Class: several ideas were suggested to fill vacancies for November 26th and December 3rd. Carol will check with a friend from St. Albert who is involved with a prison ministry; Sharon will talk to someone from Grateful Grannies. A Christmas panel (Christmas traditions/memories) may work for December 17th. Committee members are to think about who to ask to be on this panel. Nora's Friendship Club will present their pageant on December 10th.
2. Next steps for planning for Adult Learning: more brainstorming included topics such as Mental Health, Sports and Christian Ministry, Street Ministry, How can Christians respond to what is going on in the world? There doesn't seem to be a shortage of ideas but the challenge is to determine who to ask to present?
3. Fall Planning Meeting (September 24): considerations for Learning included reconsidering a sub committee for Family Life events; additional help for Nora's Friendship Club; exploring other Bible Study opportunities – preferably in people's homes. Learning is to think about who could lead such Bible Studies and with what resources – retired pastors, college professors, other interested individuals? Cheryl was unable to attend this meeting so we will ask Bev to elaborate on what Council needs from us and specifically what she needs from us with respect

to Family Life.

4. Youth: No report as Bev was absent.
5. LunchFEST November 12. Sharon will coordinate. Learning is to provide nine "pots" of soup: Cheryl – Hamburger, Carol – Turkey, Alice – Lentil/Bean, Sharon O – Potato, Sharon G – Chowder? Carol Roy – Gluten Free Soup, Dave - ? Cheryl will ask Lori Skriver. One more pot of soup is needed. Other details will be discussed at November meeting. A list of soup ingredients is requested.

Next Meeting: November 7, 4 pm

Devotions: Carol

Respectfully submitted, Carol Green