

Messiah Lutheran Church
Learning Committee - Minutes from September 5, 2017

Members present: Carol Green, Cheryl Nester, Alice Lindstrand, Sharon Ofrim, Dave Stolee
Chairperson Cheryl Nester welcomed members to the meeting and led in opening devotions.

1. Sunday Morning Adult Class
The schedule was updated:
Sept. 17 Pastor Bev will facilitate
Nov. 5 Presenter is Geoff Dipple
Nov 12 topic: Images of Luther, The People's Reformation?
Nov 19 Joy Berg's topic is Remember Well the Future, Edition II
Topics and presenters still to be planned for Nov 26 - Dec 17.
2. One Hope, Re-remembering the Body of Christ
This study session to be led by Pastor Calvin is confirmed to begin on October 30 with two groups at 2:00 and 7:00 pm. Carol has prepared posters. There will be a registration table on October 8 and 15. Cheryl will ask Sheila to order books.
Alice will approach Doug Tien about inviting members from St. Francis to participate.
There was discussion about inviting people from other churches; Carol will follow up with Pastor Calvin.
3. Sunday School
Concerns have been expressed about there being no Sunday morning program for children in grade 6. After discussion it was agreed that Cheryl will take this back to the Sunday School coordinators for further consideration.
4. Confirmation
Pastor Bev advised that there will be seven confirmation students in second year. Only one has been identified for first year. Pastor Bev will meet with Pastor Deborah Ann from Bethel on September 6.
5. Youth Group
Pastor Bev reported that the youth group begins meeting this month with a campfire at their house. Sept 29 will be pizza night at the church, with cleaning of the youth room. There is a strong core group of youth grade 7 and up, mostly older.
Pastor Bev will explore with parents the possibility of a future mission trip for youth to Deering Alaska to conduct a VBS program. Bev's sister and husband are at the school there. The village has 100 residents, 40 of whom are in school, and an unused church.
6. Stewardship
The committee was reminded that it is responsible for stewardship education. Materials are available for a program similar to the one that led to Consecration Sunday a couple years ago, but orders need to be placed by September 12. The consensus of the committee was that this could be looked at again, but it involves a great deal of work, that there is not time to make a commitment in the next week, that it would need to involve more than this committee, and that Cheryl should discuss it with Council.
7. Lunchfest
Committee members will make soup for November 12. Sharon will talk to Cece about quantities, as there was not enough food last time. Plans will be finalized in October.
8. Next Meeting
The committee will meet again on October 3 at 4:00 pm. Alice will lead devotions. Dave will be away.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Stolee, Secretary