



## Our Savior's Lutheran Church Church Council Highlights October 21, 2018

Members Present: Butch Rudd, Gloria Olawsky, Mike Baschnagel, Suzan Heidelberger, Emily Dirkes, Rodney Clark and Wyone Leonard

Others Present: Pastor Deb Grismer and Josie Main

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE- COUNCIL LIAISON EMILY DIRKES**

- ✓ The D.O.G. Night new curriculum is going well. There have been an average of 70 kids and 20 adults attending on Wednesday nights.
- ✓ The D.O.G. Night Christmas Celebration will take place in December
- ✓ A multi-age Sunday school will start in January at OSL. Scott and Emily Dirkes will lead. It will be open to all children 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade after worship on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays.

### **MISSION COMMITTEE- COUNCIL LIAISON WYONE LEONARD**

- ✓ October's Mission of the Month is Lutheran Campus Ministries Meals. OSL will be serving dinner to the LCM group on Sunday October 28<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ November's Mission has not yet been completely decided. There is a local family in mind to help for the month.

### **OUTREACH COMMITTEE- COUNCIL LIAISON RODNEY CLARK**

- ✓ Trunk or Treat will be held in the church parking lot on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-7pm. The Outreach Committee will serve hot dogs, chips and water.
- ✓ Christmas Day Dinner will be served by Bill and Tammy Dennert on December 25<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wishing to help are welcome. More info coming soon.

### **WORSHIP COMMITTEE- COUNCIL LIAISON SUZAN HEIDELBERGER**

- ✓ Worship Committee met and reflected back on the Anniversary service and thought it went well.
- ✓ The Worship Committee started looking forward to Reformation Sunday, All Saints Sunday, Thanksgiving Eve and Advent.
- ✓ There were ideas thrown around on how to get families more involved in the services and to get the high school age kids to come more often. Maybe have a parent's night at D.O.G. Night??

### **YOUTH COMMITTEE- COUNCIL LIAISON GLORIA OLAWSKY**

- ✓ The High School Youth are wanting to get together more often for Youth Group, but different schedules for youth are making it difficult. Many are extremely busy with different projects and groups. There is a serious need to get an official Youth Committee going with a team leader so Pastor Deb can start concentrating in pastoral care of our community more often.
- ✓ The Middle School and High School Youth Groups are taking a trip to the Pumpkin Patch and having a pumpkin carving contest back at OSL afterwards.

### **PROPERTY COMMITTEE- COUNCIL LIAISON BUTCH RUDD**

- ✓ The Property Committee's next meeting will focus on creating a budget and project list for 2019.
- ✓ There are a few lights and outlets that will be fixed soon in the downstairs classrooms.

### **PASTOR DEB'S REPORT**

- ✓ My trip to Greece with my daughter was wonderful. I am very thankful for the work of the committees which allowed me to not worry about a thing while I was on vacation.
- ✓ Thank you to the Anniversary Planning Team and all those involved with working on the 60<sup>th</sup> Celebration.
- ✓ Thank you for the wonderful card and gift card for Pastor Appreciation. I am truly blessed to be a part of this family of faith and community.
- ✓ Pastoral care over the last month included hospital visits, home visits, a funeral and assisting a local family as well as following up on deaths.
- ✓ I was asked by Mark Naugle to be on TeamMates Advisory Board for the Custer School District. We had our first meeting last week. It is a successful mentoring program. Custer is the first district in SD to implement the program. They are looking for mentors. It would consist of meeting with a child you are paired with, once a week and playing a board game, or just talking. Just spending time with them so they know there is an adult out there that cares about them. Please let Pastor Deb know if you are interested in being a mentor or would like more info.

## **PASTOR DEB'S REPORT (CONT.)**

- ✓ I attended the Bear Butte Conference Leaders Informative Retreat last week. Pastor Kay Ressel from Pine Ridge led a fantastic presentation and discussion on "White Privilege." During the event I was once again reminded how important it is for this church to be a safe place for tough conversations on topics which we won't all agree. I am discerning how to set up times to allow for some of those life conversations to happen around tough topics. Ideas are welcome.
- ✓ It is a joy have the preschool up and running in our building.

### **OTHER TOPICS DISCUSSED:**

Council has received positive feedback on the financial updates that have been in the bulletins and the newsletter. That update will continue into the future.

Community Church Sign Update- There will be a team that will take down our existing sign near Hwy 79 and the new sign will go up soon. Our Savior's Lutheran, Hermosa UCC and St. Michaels will all be listed on the sign.

During the Annual Meeting in January, there will be 3 Council positions plus 1 alternate position to fill. Council is going to pray about who would be best to fill these positions. The Council asks the congregation to also pray, and to let any Council member know if you are interested in serving one of these positions.