

Minutes of the Joint Church Council Meeting
Christ the King/Living Hope
July 12, 2023, 6:30 PM

Attendance: Pastor Daniel Flucke, Paul Hoffmann, Gary Myrah, Patti Luedtke, Ellen Smith, Fred Walls, Mark Dybdahl, Debbie Bruns, Joe Georgeson, Chris Lear, Brad LeDuc, Shannon Stoker

Pastor Daniel led a devotional regarding evangelism and how to be prepared to share our faith stories with others.

Old Business

- Parental leave: Pastor Daniel thanked both Churches for the ability to take parental leave.
- Service at the park. The service went very well, thank you to the musicians and all who participated for a successful service.
- CTK projects and plan updates:
 - P. Hoffmann reported that summer attendance has been averaging 30-35 people. \$9000 was raised for a new furnace.
 - The rummage sale is ongoing and has raised nearly \$7000 to date.
 - Meals will be provided for Family Promise in August.
 - Stone Soup will resume in the fall, to date about 3200 pints of soup have been made and distributed.
 - Members are participating in the Fish Day parade this weekend.
 - Quilts and baby care kits are being collected for Lutheran World Relief in October.
 - CTK will be celebrating 60 years as a congregation on November 19, the Bishop will be presiding.
- Living Hope projects and plan updates
 - G. Myrah reported that construction and repair projects are moving forward including the tear-down and building of a new storage garage and re-paving the parking lot. The installation of new entry doors and a new concrete walkway have been completed.
 - Later this year LH will be hooking up to Village sewer and water.
 - Discussions are beginning on an evangelism campaign focused on the new residential area near the church.
 - The Equipping the Saints campaign exceeded the goal of \$50,000; to date, the total committed is over \$53,000. The funds will be used for the entry doors, the storage garage and 20% will be sent to the Milwaukee Synod for their projects.
- Joint Newsletter-Please send newsletter information to Shannon.

New Business

- Continuing Education-The Synod is offering grants for leadership development, a \$600 grant has been received. Pastor will be attending a conference for rostered leadership in Phoenix next week.
- Christmas Schedule-Christmas will be on Monday this year, there will be no morning worship services at either church.
 - There was a discussion regarding the scheduling of Christmas Eve services. Concerns were raised that there will be a Packer game Christmas Eve afternoon so a 2:00pm service may not be well attended. It was decided that service times should be 4:00pm and 7:00pm. CTK has held a

4:00pm service in the past, LV will host the 7:00pm service. A motion was made by P. Hoffmann and seconded by G. Myrah that CTK will host the 4:00pm Christmas Eve service and LV will host the 7:00pm Christmas Eve service, no further discussion, motion carried.

- Advent Services-Pastor suggested that the beginning of Advent could be moved to November 26, the Councils agreed. There was also discussion about the possibility of Advent services with other Churches in the area similar to the Lenten services and other joint worship ideas. No decisions at this time, each Church Council will discuss further.
- New Ideas to Consider
 - *Ministry of the Month-Each church could develop a calendar to support causes each month with a monetary goal (ex. \$100.00/per month). There would be information provided to the congregations about the causes such as Lutheran World Relief, Food Pantries, Family Promise, etc., during the Church service. If the goal is not reached during the month, the difference would come from the Church budget.
 - *Death and Dying Day-This could be a day long retreat for the congregations and communities. Possible topics could be funeral homes/services, wills, hospice education, healthcare decision making tools, etc. Several members volunteered to be on a planning team.
 - *Dinner Fellowship Groups-no discussion
 - *Community Visibility-Members of CTK will be marching in the Fish Day parade this weekend. Discussed a possible "Block Party" at LV. Other ideas and activities needed.
- Gods Work/Our Hands is September 10th- project ideas are needed, will be discussed at our Council meetings.
- Fall Rally Day- The date would be September 10th which coincides with God's Work/Our Hands. This day has traditionally been the kick-off to Fall worship and Sunday School (Sunday School starts on September 17th). Discussed a possible joint service. Further discussion needed by both Councils.
- Next Meeting will be Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 6:30 at Christ the King

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by,
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