

Our Redeemer's Church Council Minutes September 11th 2019

President Amanda Cook called the meeting to order. Also present were Lori Callahan, Christine Henderson, Susie Nitschke, James Stiles, and Jordan Gackle. Jordan opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes from the August 6th meeting were presented. Christine made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Susie. Motion passed. Christine presented the treasurer's report. Susie made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Jim. Motion carried.

Worship: The new Bible Stand (Lectern), created by Jim Steele, has been installed and will be dedicated to Dotty Ellingson on Sunday the 15th. The engraved plate will read: "Dedicated to Dotty Ellingson in grateful recognition of her many years of service at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church 15 September, 2019".

Property: The new fire extinguishers are too big for the existing holders. Also, Christine questioned whether we might need to add to the number or change the placement of some of them. She will ask the inspector what she would recommend.

Youth: Rally Sunday is on the 15th. Jodie Schiele will be teaching. Lori reminded the Council that we have Bible's to hand out to this year's second graders and any other students we have missed in years past. Susie asked if we plan to have a church clean-up yet this fall and if the Luther League would be asked to do it. It was decided to hold off until the leaves have fallen and discuss it then. The visit to the Lisbon Veteran's Home will be rescheduled for October. Trunk or Treat will be held on Thursday, October 31st. Susie suggested that they have more games. We will need to start planning for this year's Christmas Program. Already next year we will have the Annual Meeting in January and the Schulz wedding in February.

Fellowship: Susie will order doughnuts (4 dozen) and maybe muffins from Miller's Fresh Foods for the 15th. Coffee and juice will also be served.

Technology: Thrivent has what they call "Thrivent Choice Dollars. Members who have investments and insurance can designate a certain amount of money based on the amount of their existing products. An insert will be put in this Sunday's bulletin informing anyone who has Thrivent and does not know that this is an option. Jim will post the information about this Sunday the on-line church sites.

New business: Christine says that the church organ was making some sounds that indicate it may be wearing out. Discussion was held about whether to investigate replacing it with a new organ or perhaps a keyboard instead. We rarely use the organ and a keyboard would be more versatile. The issue was tabled for the time being.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 2nd at 6:00. Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted
Lori Callahan