

LHELC COUNCIL MINUTES; FEBRUARY 19, 2019

Attendees;

Pastor Matt Pfeifer
Dave Froehlich, President
Steve Winecke, Elder (via phone)
Fred Jensen, Treasurer
Tom Oswald, Secretary

- A. Opening devotions: Psalm 1 and a prayer
- B. Review of minutes:
- C. Pastor's report

January Statistics

	2019	2018	Change
Sunday worship (avg)	113.8	101.6	12%
Bible class (total)	117	162	-28%
Sunday school (avg)	20.5	19.3	6%
Visits	17	17	0%
Website visits/month	104	N/A	

No membership changes to report

Worship Snow and cold weather affected one Sunday this year and we are still above last year. Kunama services accounted for 8 of the 12 person/week increase. We used recorded music once during the month since weather, a surgery and work prevented us from have a live accompanist.

Christian Education Weather also canceled a week of Bible classes. Sunday Bible class has again filled the room which is a good problem. Moving class to the sanctuary would give more room but also makes it more difficult to have good discussions. Sunday School began the year about where we were last year. Thanks to the teachers for preparing each and every Sunday to teach the children about their Savior.

Evangelism The Basic Bible Christianity class was canceled twice due to snow. I am now conducting a one on one class.

Sudanese Ministry The Sudanese (Nuer) did not have a service in January.

Eritrean Ministry Two Eritrean (Kunama) services were held in January. Simon Kamaty's son passed away unexpectedly in February. May the Lord bless Simon and his family with the comfort of Christ's death and resurrection.

Grace – Hmong Outreach in Vietnam "The Vietnamese government has invited WELS to build a theological training facility in the capital city of Hanoi. This is an incredible, unprecedented opportunity for our synod. WELS is currently the only protestant church with official government permission to work with the Hmong in Vietnam. The Lord is opening a door to reach the more than two million Hmong people who live in Vietnam and the surrounding countries. However, this door can close at any time. Our WELS World Missions team is working quickly to ensure WELS is taking full advantage of the time the lord has provided." (From the WELS website). The goal is \$2 million of which \$615,000 has been given.

I propose designating April 7 as a Sunday for a special collection for this mission. Professor Brad Wordell of our Seminary has agreed to preach and present during Bible class. He will have just returned from three weeks of teaching in Vietnam. He will also use that weekend to teach Luke a course.

Focus on Ministry Sunday Our synod continues to need more teachers, pastors and staff ministers. The goals of this Sunday would be to encourage people to consider training for the public ministry, to support our member currently training, and to pray for those who will called into ministry in the month of May. Part of this would be a special offering

opportunity to give to the MLC Partner Grant Program. We can have up to \$1000 matched dollar for dollar towards the tuition of a member student. The proposed date for this is May 19. A meal would follow the services.

Other I attended the Southern Pastors' Conference in Carthage, MO. Professor Meyer of Martin Luther College presented a study on Catechism instruction that will help my teaching.

D. Finance

- a. Fred is reviewing the process and will have a March report. Will look at additional financial tools to determine if some of our funds should be put into an interest bearing account.

E. Trustees

- a. No report

F. Elders

- a. No report

G. Stewardship

- a. Will review the next few months

H. Fellowship

- a. No report

I. Evangelism

- a. No report

J. Education

- a. No report

K. Old business

- a. Discussed lead time to get a new copier if current copier fails, was told it would be 2 weeks. If needed, we would use someone like Office Max to print bulletins for \$50-75 each Sunday. Less if we used the hymnal for the order of worship.
- b. No tech committee report
- c. HR committee: meet on March 2 at 11:00
- d. Early Childhood Committee: The pre-school inspection report indicated nothing needs to be done to the facility to meet their requirements. The fire marshal inspection still needs to be done.
- e. Bequest from Neola Baccus is \$5,000. Looking at replacing the drop ceiling in the narthex and library, or replacing the accordion door between the library and the sanctuary.

L. New business

- a. Communion Sunday change from March 10 to March 17 since Pastor will be gone. Pastor Walz from Good Shepherd, Indianola, will be the guest preacher.
- b. Discussed the Child Protection Policy.
 - i. Motion by Fred and seconded by Tom to appoint Abbey Norton and Sheri Pender as the Child Protection Committee to ensure the policy is followed and sustained. Motion carried

M. Next council meeting date is Wednesday, March 21 at 6:30

N. Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer