

LHELC COUNCIL MINUTES; JUNE 18, 2019

Attendees;

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

Opening devotions: 10 for 10 lesson, and a prayer

A. Pastor's Report

May Statistics

	May			YTD		
	2019	2018	Change	2019	2018	Change
Sunday Worship (avg)	145.8	136.5	7%	116.5	113.4	3%
Bible Class (total)	130	121	7%	656	760	-14%
Sunday School (avg)	27.7	16.0	73%	22.4	17.0	32%
Visits	15	27	-44%	85	124	-31%
Website Visits/month	95	n/a		124	n/a	

Worship

Attendance continues to increase. Remember that Kunama and Nuer services are included in the attendance for 2019 and not in 2018. This accounts for most of the increase in May. Professor Dose preached at Lincoln Heights on June 2 while Pastor Pfeifer preached in Cedar Rapids and led a call meeting.

Christian Education

Sunday School ended with a great month of attendance. This was helped in part by new members and some visitors. Sunday and Wednesday Bible classes will recess for the summer.

Evangelism

One guests and three members are taking the Basic Bible Christianity classes. Vacation Bible School will be evenings August 4-8.

Sudanese Ministry (Nuer Language)

No services held in May.

Eritrean Ministry (Kunama Language)

I have now preached twice for the Kunama language service (on the 2nd Sunday of the month). It has gone well and allowed me to serve this group better and gives those who do not speak English an opportunity to hear God's Word and receive Communion. The two Kunama services averaged 18 during May.

LWMS Convention

The LWMS Convention is June 27-30 in Des Moines. All members are encouraged to attend the opening service on June 27 at 7:00 pm. Communion will be offered at this service. The closing service is on June 30 at 8:30 am. All events will be at the Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center. You do not have to be registered to attend these two services.

Christian Family Solutions

Pastor Mattek will preach at both services on June 30 and present a live demonstration of their online counseling services.

Thai Village Presentation

The date for the presentation by Jessica Langr has been changed to July 14. This WELS affiliated organization seeks "to develop long term Christian relationships with people in Northern Thailand through the production of handmade crafts." Some of these crafts will be available for purchase.

2019 Membership Changes

Gains

By Profession of Faith – Jill Rasmussen

By Adult Confirmation – Dave Rasmussen

By Youth Confirmation – Sembetu Dalay, Frederick Jensen, Kobrom Mikele, Yohannes Mehertab, Aliyah Pippett, Cameron Virden

By Transfer – Peter and Emily Nolte (Jon and Samantha) from St. Pauls, Jordan, MN; Darren Papka from St Martin's, Watertown, SD; David and Ashley Covell from Mt. Olive (ELS), Mankato, MN

Communicants: 182; Baptized: 254

B. Finance

- a. See attached report

C. Trustees

- a. Roof leak: replaced some shingles, some improvement but still leaking. Will get quote from a contractor
- b. Outdoor sign: lights have been upgraded o LED, working well.
- c. Accordion divider: received information on fabric divider, will compare to wooden divider.
- d. Basement AC: mini-split unit offer to pay 50% as a gift, total of \$5,000. Motion by Fred, seconded by Tom to install

D. Elder Report

- a. Attempts were made to contact 14 people. 6 contacts were made. Two elder visits were made last month, but were not reported last month.

E. Evangelism Report

- a. One visit to a family who visited church.
- b. Summer VBS August 4th-8th.

F. Fellowship no report

G. Education no report

H. Old business

- a. Late night church usage will not go later than 9:00 PM

I. New business

- a. Tech committee update at the open forum
- b. HR committee update at open forum
- c. Early childhood update at open forum
- d. Pastor Nuemann's request for the Ukraine mission to swap pulpits, OK.
- e. Next council meeting date is August 20, at 6:30

J. Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer