

## May 2024 Church Council Minutes

On Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 7:30 PM, a meeting of the Church Council was held to review several topics regarding the ongoing efforts at Faith Lutheran Church of McLean County. This meeting was held at Union Park and followed a Bible Study which began at 6:35 PM. The following is a summary of the main topics discussed at the Bible Study and the Council meeting. The Council members present included:

- Brent Carlock
- Beth Feit
- Brian Goke
- Bridget Koester
- Denise Ludwig
- Brad Morris
- Jeff Pitzer

Absent from the meeting:

- Staci Dowell

At approximately 6:35 PM, Brian Goke led our group in prayer before our time to reflect and share. Brian posed four conversation starters for each of the members present to reflect on and share with the group. The conversation starters were as follows: 1. How has your day been? 2. How was your week? 3. How have things been this last month? 4. Tell us about your God Sightings.

Members that were present shared. At 7:30 PM, our reflection and sharing time ended.

At 7:30 PM, Bridget Koester and Jeff Pitzer left the meeting.

At 7:34 PM, Brad Morris opened the Church Council Meeting with prayer.

**Approvals:** After making a few revisions to the April Meeting Reports, the submitted reports for the following were approved under a consent agenda format. Brent Carlock moved to approve the submitted reports and Beth Feit seconded. After minimal discussion, all the following were unanimously approved.

- April Meeting Minutes
- April Dashboard
- April Financial Report
- April Facility Report
- April Ministry Team Reports including only the Worship Team Report (Please note that there was not an April Youth Discipleship Report or an April Mission Team Report submitted for approval).
- April Pastoral Update
- April Interim Council President Update

## Items Discussed:

- ✓ It was discussed that Aundrea Kinas, Faith Lutheran's Finance Administrator, should be given access to the financial document on the google drive so that she can directly implement documents for review and approval.
- ✓ Discussion continued regarding possible names of Faith Partners to fill potential Church Council vacancies. A Partner's name was discussed, and it was agreed by all present that Brian would have a conversation with the next potential candidate. Brian will act on this item.
- ✓ Mission and Vision: Council discussed and updated some edits and changes to the verbiage that is in the content of the Mission and Vision booklet. Church Council Members were asked to review the Mission and Vision booklet and be prepared to vote on approving or make suggestions for further changes at the next Church Council Meeting in June 2024.
- ✓ Mission Partners: Discussion regarding the current changing landscape of other church bodies. Awareness and discussion of how the current changing landscapes of other church bodies impacts Faith Lutheran and how these changes impact our navigation of relationships with other church bodies.
- ✓ Facility Update: Brad shared that the signing of a new lease with Union Park is coming up in July 2024.

It was suggested that we invite Partners of Faith to share potential properties that they might see for sale in the Bloomington Normal area and share these properties with members of the Task Force. It was unanimously agreed that the congregation of Faith should be updated on the current information regarding the facility. Brian will speak to Mike about sharing with the congregation.

Now is the time for a redirection of time and energy where the facility is concerned.

- ✓ St. Paul Lutheran in Alaska: Discussion regarding a donation request from St. Paul Lutheran in Alaska. It was agreed by all present that a relational approach, forming a relationship with this church, is the next step to considering their request. All agreed that seeking more information is necessary. It was discussed that Greg Koester, as Faith's Mission Team Representative, potentially reach out to St. Paul Lutheran in Alaska in seeking a relationship. Brian will ask Greg to reach out to this church to connect.
- ✓ Ice Cream Summer Socials: Possible dates include July 14<sup>th</sup> and August 11<sup>th</sup>. This is pending and Brad will contact the necessary ice cream vendor.
- ✓ Discipleship Conference Speaker: Brian shared the concept of potentially inviting a discipleship conference speaker to come to Faith Lutheran and speak. Could this be live-streamed? Brian will reach out to Mark Messick.

- ✓ Annual LCMC Gathering: This will be in Marion, IA beginning on Sunday, September 29, 2024 – Wednesday, October 2, 2024. Brian will provide more information at the June 2024 Church Council Meeting.
- ✓ It was suggested that the links for the videos, that have been shown during Sunday worship, be shared via Thursday Tidings. Due to worship outside over the summer, this will give Partners the easy access to view the videos as logistics for outdoor worship prohibit the videos to be shown.
- ✓ Christmas Pageant: This is a preliminary and pending concept that was briefly discussed. The idea is to invite families with children to drop off their children for an evening of activities and to prepare a Christmas Pageant to be presented at a Sunday worship. Pending

**Further Discussion:**

The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at Union Park.

- Bible Study Devotions will begin at 6:30 PM with the Council meeting immediately following.
- May reports will be due by Sunday, June 16, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at approximately 8:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Ludwig, Church Council Secretary