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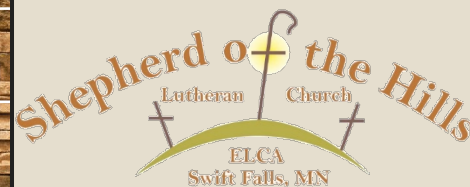
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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR THE NEW YEAR...

We will begin this New Year on Sunday, January 2nd, with the Gospel story about 'The Wisemen' coming from the east with gifts to honor Jesus, the newborn king. From that story, centuries later, Christians began to honor one another at Christmas time with gifts of appreciation and gratitude.

We all know what this gift-giving tradition has evolved into, and yet the wonder and awe of 'the gift' can easily get lost, wouldn't you agree? I pray that this coming year can be filled with 'the gift of Christ' in our joy, in our differences, in our compassion, in our worship, and in our hearts.

Peace to You - Pastor Steve



ANNUAL MEETING - FEBRUARY 6, 2022
Following worship service,
Potluck after meeting!

CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE
INSIDE!

Parents strongly encouraged to attend movie nights on
January 5 & 19 and February 2 & 16!

SATURDAY KIDS CLUB AT EAST ZION

KIDS AGES 3-12...

A new monthly ministry for all children in the area was launched on October 23rd. It is called "Saturday Kids Club," and it will be held at East Zion on selected Saturdays once a month throughout the year. Each session will include Bible learning and activities, music & games, and a lot of fun!

It will be for children ages 3-12 and will run from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. Parents can either stay and be a part of the fun, or pick their children up at the end of each session.

All children from the area are welcomed, including members from East Zion, West Zion and Shepherd of the Hills. If you know of someone who might enjoy this monthly event, let them know about it. For more information, call Julie Hanson at: 617-276-7426.

What a fun new addition to our shared ministries!

ZOOM BIBLE STUDIES

Call/email Pastor Steven to get the link to join!

Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30pm, Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26;
Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23

2022 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DECEMBER 5...



Huge thanks to Sonja Schwiderski, Melissa Wroblewski, Jenny Trump, Laura Larson and Stephanie Smith for working with our youth on a fantastic Christmas Program!

CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS >>>

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

January 2nd – Riley Ostlie
January 9th – Landon Skarsten
January 23rd – Tanner Nelson
February 6th – Emily Reich
February 13th – Tate Kobbermann



ANNUAL REPORTS DEADLINE

January 16

Need reports from Pastor, President, Secretary, Treasurer, Cemetery Board, Audit Committee, Board of Deacons, Board of Education, Board of Trustees, WELCA, LMM, Luther League & Fundraising Committee.

CHURCH RENTAL

Make sure to visit the website, speak with a church secretary or grab a facilities use policy contract from the Office door for to reserve the church or its tables and chairs for your special events! There are rental fee's and deposits required for insurance purposes.

CHURCH COUNCIL POSITIONS >>>

Interested in being part of our church council? Nomination form is on the Narthex table. Please volunteer!

DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD:

RADIO DEVOTIONS

Fridays at Noon on KSCR 93.5.



DAILY PRAYER TIME

Monday through Friday at 10AM on Facebook.



ON-LINE GIVING OPTIONS

Shepherd of the Hills has partnered with Tith.le to make it easier to give! Tith.le is recommended by the Southwest Synod of the ELCA and is notably safe. Tith.le offers automatic withdrawals, one time giving and more. Follow the link for easy step by step instructions.

<https://www.shepherdofthehillslc.com/giving>



CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

Classes are being held at SOTH on Wednesday evenings, 6:30pm -7:20pm: Jan. 5 – Feb. 23; and

During this first of two years in their confirmation program, these students will learn about Jesus....and the people around him. To highlight their studies, they will also watch the beginning episodes of a new Biblical Series, *The Chosen*.

DEADLINE UPDATES

NEW

NEWSLETTER

Email soth2008@live.com or call Jim Ostlie at 320-444-1113 with announcements by the Monday prior to our last service of the month.

BULLETIN

Email soth2008@live.com or call Jim Ostlie at 320-444-1113 with announcements by the Tuesday before each service.



Next Church Council Meeting is Wednesday, January 12 @Church @730PM!

THANK YOU!

The Glenwood Retirement Village Auxiliary would like to thank everyone who donated cookies and goodies to the cookie walk. It was a great success making \$2310.00.

Thank you, Lorraine and Jane



COUNCIL SECRETARIES REPORT >>>

Janine Ellingson

DECEMBER 2021

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

December 8, 2021 Congregational Council Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by President Rick Davidson.

Members Present: Those present were Rick Davidson, Stephanie Smith, Laura Ostlie, Betsy Anderson, Jason Anderson, Jim Ostlie, Janine Ellingson. Chris Larson, Sonja Schwiderski, Troy Nelson.

Members Absent: Those absent were Paul Flaten, Jenny Trump, Pastor Steve Carmany, Melissa Wroblewski.

Secretaries Report by Janine Ellingson

- Minutes from the November meeting were read by Janine Ellingson. Laura Ostlie moved to approve the minutes with a second by Jason Anderson. No further Discussion. Motion approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report by Jim Ostlie

- Treasurer Jim Ostlie reported we have \$10,222.09 in savings account. We have \$10,098.94 in checking account. Betsy Anderson made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Sonja Schwiderski seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
- Further discussed 2022 budget, 2021 budget, savings and checking. We are further ahead from last year. In 2021 everything will be paid for and we'll make ends meet. This is primarily due to reduction in expenses. We have Agralite and pastor salary to pay out yet in December.

Pastors Report by Steve Carmany

- Pastor Steve Carmany reported a new ministry Luther Crest Bible Camp has developed called Bold Transformational Faith. They have a portion of it designed specifically for church councils to work with one of their trained staff members on a process to improve participation, direction, and working through congregational challenges. I mentioned it to East Zion & West Zion a few weeks ago and they are wanting to look into it, perhaps as a joint endeavor, to not just help us as individual churches but in our partnership too. Plus, it would save on the cost.

Presidents Report by Rick Davidson

- No report at this time.

Trustee, Deacon and Board of Education Reports

- Trustee/Deacon Report.
 - Lights were completed. All new bulbs put in the kitchen, dining and hallway. They can be replaced but you have to use the bulbs. They left 4 extra bulbs. There is a special way to replace them. If you do it incorrectly, you can burn out the entire light. There is a 5 year warranty on the bulbs. There is a rebate through Agralite and should cover half the bulbs. \$830 was the cost of the bulbs and should save around \$400 on the bulbs. Chris Larson will look into the rebate. It was \$480 for the installation and \$830 for the lights.
 - Roof: Chris Larson reported that they will look into getting ahold of Scott Thompson in the Spring.

Secretaries report continued on next page...



COUNCIL TREASURER'S REPORT >>>

JIM OSTLIE

DECEMBER 2021

Please see financial spreadsheets at the end of the newsletter.

Income to date 12/31/21: \$79,267.25

Income to date 12/31/20: \$70,443.89

(does not include COVID relief or Thrivent Funds)

WELCA SECRETARIES REPORT >>>

Sherri Fahl

NOVEMBER 2021

SOTH WELCA meeting minutes for November 21, 2021

Members in attendance: Lorraine Amundson, Linda Amlie, Doreen Thompson, Joyce Lagred, Louise Ferry, Gail Svor and Sherri Fahl.

Meeting was called to order by Joyce Lagred, WELCA president.

Secretary's report was read approved with motion made by Lorraine Amundson and seconded by Doreen Thompson.

Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved with motion made by Lorraine and seconded by Linda Amlie. Noted, dates in November parish paper for October treasurer's report were incorrect, listing 12/31/21 for beginning balances, while should have been 9/14/21.

Old Business:

Nominating Committee: will be eliminated.

GRV Cookie Walk: Joyce reports she has over 40 dozen cookies/candy coming from volunteers for this. Reminder to volunteers: need to have them to church by noon on Dec. 3rd for pick-up by Jane Petrak.

New Business:

Kitchen Committee: Doreen Thompson reported she purchased one box of styrofoam cups, will wait on buying plates. Need gallon bags and sarah wrap/press and seal. Doreen is asking for volunteer to fill in on the Kitchen Committee.

Altar Guild: WELCA members will cover December. Plan to decorate and change church linens Dec. 2nd @ 4pm. January: Gail Svor and Connie Flaten; February: Karla Showalter and Tammy Thompson; March: Joyce Lagred and Lori Thompson; April: Laura Jergenson and Betsy Anderson; May: Jennifer Trump and Carrie Anderson; June: Deb Flaten and Kim Skare; July: Linda Amlie and Jane Petrak; August: Marge Anderson and Doreen Thompson; September: Sherri Fahl and Brenda Nelson; October: Sonya Schwiderski and Laura Ostlie; November: Lorraine Amundson and Lori Tostenson; December: Dee Rosen.

SOTH WELCA Booklet: On Nov. 15, 2021 Joyce Lagred, Gail Svor, Deb Flaten and Sherri Fahl met to review/update WELCA booklet. Information from this was discussed at today's meeting. Booklets will be out in January.

Funerals: will need to be catered. WELCA will provide coffee, refreshments and cake or cupcakes (if desired) and workers. Need to form a funeral committee of 2-3 people to oversee this. We are asking for volunteers. Eliminated serving for showers and anniversary parties.

Visitation: Please let Leslie Jacobson know when she should be sending get well cards to parishioners. Leslie will cover the six months of winter and Sandy Nyhusmoen the remainder of the year (when back from the down south).

Events to Remember: Spring Gathering will be held April 25th, 2022 at Our Redeemer's Church in Benson.

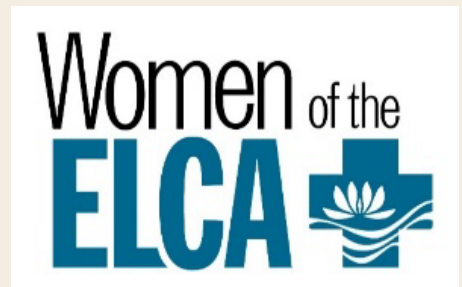
2022 Budget: Due to decreased income, budget was decreased by \$800, for total of \$3760.00. Changes included: Pay ½ fee for Luther Crest Delegate; remove donations to: Heartland Girls Ranch, Safe Avenues, Marie Sandvik, Lutheran Social Services and Lutheran Campus Ministries; decrease donations to Pope and Swift County food shelf by half. Donations may be resumed, if funds become available. Vacation Bible School line item was eliminated, as has not been used. Budget item increased for kitchen supplies to \$400 (from \$300) and for Misc. expenses to \$200 (from \$100). Motion made to approve this budget by Doreen Thompson and seconded by Gail Svor. Motion passed.

Project Money: Will continue as in previous years. Motion made by Gail, seconded by Joyce and passed.

SOTH WELCA Meeting Dates: Will be held monthly, on Sundays when SOTH has church services, Jan. through May, and Sept through Nov. following church, for now. Dates: Jan. 16th, Feb. 13th, March 13th, April 10th, May 8th, Sept. 11th, Oct. 9th, and Nov. 13th. **Next Meeting:** January 16th 2022, following our church service

Prayer concerns: Gloria Knutson, Paul Flaten and Carol Skarsten.

Closed, with "The Lord's Prayer".



WELCA TREASURERS REPORT >>>

Debbie Flaten

NOVEMBER 2021

Please see end of newsletter for last WELCA Treasurers Report...

No December meeting.



PRAYER CONCERNS >>>

Gloria Knutson, Paul Flaten, and Carol Skarsten.

Congregation Council's Secretary's Report Continued...

- Education Report.
 - The Christmas Program on December 5th was a success. Bake sale produced \$321.

Old Business

- No old business at this time.

New Business

- Annual Meeting. Sunday, February 6th. Any committee reports will be due by January 16th. Laura Ostlie made a motion to plan the annual meeting for February 6, 2022. Jason Anderson seconded. No further Discussion. Motion approved unanimously.
- 2022 Schedule. We are going to redo our schedule because East and West Zion had already had their annual meeting and scheduled their services.
 - January 2nd will be our first service with a lay person at 9:30.
 - January 9th will be our first service with Pastor Service at 9:30.
 - Sunday School will begin on January 9th at 10:30.
 - January 23rd will be with Pastor Steve at 9:30.
- 2022 Budget. Jim Ostlie made a motion to approve the 2022 budget \$86,732.00. Betsy Anderson seconded. No further Discussion. Motion approved unanimously.
- Payment for electrician Tim Imdeike and payment for light bulbs to Warren's Electric. Jason Anderson made a motion to pay the electrician at \$480 and the light bulbs at \$830. Troy Nelson seconded. No further Discussion. Motion approved unanimously.

Announcements

- None at this time.

Prayer Concerns

Prayer concerns include Gloria Knutson, Paul Flaten, Carol Skarsten.

Closed in prayer. Thank you to Jim and Laura Ostlie for hosting the Council Meeting.

Jason Anderson made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Laura Ostlie. Motion approved unanimously.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 7:30 PM.

CURRENTLY SEEKING SUPER HEROES

Prairie Five Community Action is seeking volunteers to help bridge the gaps in our communities and connect our neighbors with the resources they need. Volunteering is flexible, convenient, gratifying and staff at Prairie Five will help you connect with opportunities that best suit your interests and schedule. Food shelves, thrift stores, meals and rides are just a few of the programs we need help with. Give us a call or send an email if interested: 1-800-292-5437 or prairiefive@prairiefive.org.



2022 WORSHIP SCHEDULE (communion at every service, worship at 9:30AM with fellowship and Sunday School following)

Jan 2: 9:30am – SOTH, No Sunday School

Jan 9: 9:00am – SOTH, fellowship & Sunday School to follow

Jan 16: 9:00am – EZ, 10:30am – WZ

Jan 23: 9:00am – SOTH, fellowship & Sunday School to follow

Jan 30: 9:00am – EZ, 10:30am – WZ

Feb 6: 9:00am – SOTH, Annual Meeting & Potluck to follow, No Sunday School

Feb 13: 9:30am – EZ, 10:30am – WZ

Feb 20: 9:00am – SOTH, fellowship & Sunday

School to follow

Feb 27: 9:30am – EZ, 10:30am – WZ