

January 2020

St. John's Council Minutes

The St. John's Bennington Lutheran Church Council met on December 15, 2019 after worship.

Present was Jim Fettkether, Jerry Mixdorf, Denise Pierce, Jeff Seamans, Drew Speer, Kayla Stafford and Brandy Zuck.

Absent was Brenda Clark and Joe Stafford.

Meeting was called to order by President Jeff Seamans and then led the council in prayer.

Secretary's Minutes: were read by Kayla Stafford. Approved.

Financial Treasurer Report: was given by Brandy Zuck. Approved.

Financial Secretary Report: was handed out. Approved.

President's Report: given by Jeff Seamans.

1. Baptism— asked if any opposition to arranging a private baptism for Amy Morley's granddaughter next Sunday? Jeff will forward with this.

Trustees Report: Snow removal and salting will be done by Joe Stafford, Jim Clark, Chris Hesse and Cory Best.

General maintenance done by trustees was getting the furnace fixed by Primrose Heating; put wheels on pictorial board; fixed drinking fountain as was loose on wall. Looking into current height of toilets and assessing if we need to update.

Sound System: Maximum Sight and Sound provided bid (\$11,000) for putting more speakers thru out church. Jeff will reach out and ask West Music for a bid.

Call Committee: Meeting next Sunday to finalize the Congregational Mission Profile. Financials for a Pastor are being determined. Motion made to make adjustment to amend budget to cover the salary/finances needed to contract a part-time Pastor. Approved. Agreement for contracted shared pastoral ministry is a contract with Pastor Blank which would start the first Sunday in February and try the contract for 6 months. We could extend another 6 months.

Church Council

President of the Congregation:	
Jeff Seamans	230-0668
Deacons:	
Drew Speer	830-6820
Denise Pierce	939-5623
Trustees:	
Jim Fettkether	822-2482
Joe Stafford	822-2441
Jerry Mixdorf	822-7475
Treasurer:	
Brandy Zuck	721-9692
Secretary:	
Kayla Stafford	215-7443
Financial Secretary:	
Brenda Clark	290-2159
Finance Committee:	
Bob Hansen	822-7849
Chris Michels	269-9156
Gary Mixdorf	822-4503
Women of the ELCA Leaders	
President:	
Pam Wright	827-3487
Vice President:	
Bobbi Seamans	230-0016
Secretary:	
Denise Pierce	939-5623
Treasurer:	
Kim Ala	822-2486
Mission of Growth:	
Cindy Mixdorf	822-4503
Mission of Community:	
Cassie Sage	822-9470
Wedding Coordinator:	
Mary Jane Averhoff	830-3449
Emilee Miller	939-8570
Funeral Coordinator:	
Kathy Gallmeyer	404-4131
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Cassie Sage	822-9470
Sunday School Superintendent:	
Kelli Snyder	404-1214
LYO Youth Leader:	
Teresa Stafford	230-7445
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Kayla Rathe	415-3230
Vice:	
Brooke Best	415-4351
Secretary:	
Ellie Magee	939-1530
Treasurer:	
Joey Snyder	

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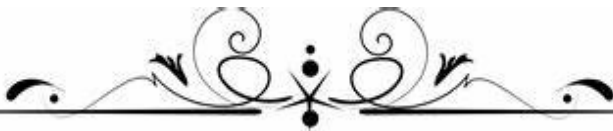
Then the plan would be to do yearly contracts should we all agree. Many steps of approval to go through and the plan is to bring the contract to the congregation at the annual meeting in January. Motion to approve the tentative contract to send for senate review. It would be a 10:15 AM church start time. Amendments/checks prior to submitting would be to check about the confirmation class; how will payments be made (to Trinity directly, directly to Pastor Blank, etc.)? Approved

We would appreciate an opportunity for our congregation to meet Pastor Blank. Some options would be to preach on December 29th / come for fellowship / also see if there is an invitation for our congregation to attend a service at Trinity Church.

Old Business: AED cost is \$1,900; move forward with updating and purchasing. Confirmed memorial money will go towards the sound system. Giving envelopes.

New Business: Fill cracks in parking lot this spring. Helping Hands remaining is \$1,100. Jeff proposed \$1,500 donation to Retrieving Freedom. Approved. Council seats open for next term are Treasurer, Trustee and Deacon. Brandy will positions posted in bulletin.

Announcements: Next council meeting will be January 19, 2020 after worship. Adjourn. All stood and said The Lord's Prayer.



I stopped believing in Santa a very long time ago, but on Sunday afternoon my belief was challenged when I opened my front door and saw a plate of delicious looking cookies. The

card that was attached told it all - St. John's Santa's had been here. I was so pleased and thank you from the bottom of my heart. God Bless you and everyone at St. John's! Have a Blessed Christmas! Gerre Claney
P.S. The cookies didn't last long!



The WELCA Board met on Sunday, December 8, 2019 after worship. The meeting was called to order by President Pam Wright. Those in attendance were Cindy Mixdorf, Cassie Sage, Kim Ala, Bobbi Seamans, Pam Wright and Denise Pierce.

Secretary's Report: Approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Approved.

Mission of Growth Report: no report.

Mission of Community Report: the following cards were sent in November. 1 Get Well; 4 Sympathy; 1 Wedding and 7 Christmas cards. We received a Thank You card from Retrieving Freedom. Approved.

New Business: The gifts for the families we adopted were wrapped this morning and Bobbi will deliver to the school tomorrow. We then updated the WELCA book for next year.

Adjourn

Submitted by: Denise Pierce

Some probably never thought nor looked at Psalm 23 in this way...

The Lord is my Shepherd
– That's Relationship!

I shall not want
– That's Supply!

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.
– That's Rest!

He leadeth me beside the still waters.
– That's Refreshment!

He restoreth my soul
– That's Healing!

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness.
– That's Guidance!

For His name sake
– That's Purpose!

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death.
– That's Testing!

I will fear no evil.
– That's Protection!

For Thou art with me
– That's Faithfulness!

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me,
– That's Discipline!

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
– That's Hope!

Thou anointest my head with oil,
– That's Consecration!

My cup runneth over.
– That's Abundance!

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.
– That's Blessing!

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord.
– That's Security!

Forever!
– That's Eternity!



The LYO met on Sunday, December 8th after worship.

At the November 10th meeting: those in attendance were Corina Gray, Kayla Rathe, Aidan and Abby Stickler, Elli Teisinger, Joey and Colin Snyder, Brooke Best, Morgan and Dalton Weepie, Wyatt Fekkether and Teresa Stafford.

They discussed no lunch after Sunday School Christmas Program because it is on Christmas Eve this year. Gave our speaker—Keegan Birkicht \$50.00 for Retrieving Freedom. Thanksgiving cards put in all church mailboxes. Wrote small messages to Pastor T on his birthday card.

Salvation Army items that they collected were given to them by Kelli Snyder. On November 27th LYO day of service of ringing the bell for Salvation Army from 12-2 PM at Scheels was a great success. With ringing and singing everyone enjoyed this and raised \$127.76 with 14 participating. CUBY gave \$50 for flowers and \$100 memorial for Pastor Patty Eastman.

Upcoming Discussion: Donating money to the Dunkerton Food Bank; Souper Bowl Sunday; Bake sale - JDRF; Ignite Youth Leadership Conference DISCIPLE

Next Meeting: January 12th after worship.

St. John's Council needs your help as we are looking for a new:

Financial Treasurer

Deacon

Trustee

(3 year terms)



Annual Meeting

January 26th
after Worship

Dunkerton Community

Blood Drive



Dunkerton Community Hall

Tuesday, January 7th

3 - 6 PM

The Mustard Seed

St. John's Lutheran Church (Bennington)
4110 East Mount Vernon Rd
Waterloo , IA 50703

