

51st annual meeting of the WFLAG
At Trinity Lutheran Church on Stewart
Wausau, WI. April 14th, 2012

Our meeting started with coffee hour, registration, and guided tours of their church. We were welcomed by Trinity's altar guild and proceeded to the worship service of Holy Communion led by Rev. Gary Schultz. Pastor's message was missions and service.

Following the service, Judy Weber, WFLAG president, introduced and welcomed all churches and new churches that had joined us for the first time. Judy also introduced all WFLAG officers: Helen Yogerst, Vice President; Gail Siewert, Treasurer; Linda Seidler, Secretary; and Pastor Schroeder, our Advisor. She thanked Gail for creating our quarterly news letter.

Linda read the minutes from the last meeting; a motion was made and seconded to accept them as read. The treasurer's report was given by Gail; a motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report.

Judy announced our website would be available downstairs to those to look at that hadn't seen it before.

Judy asked for comments on the tours. Comments were made about how the banners were stored and how the paraments were stored in long drawers. Banners came up as a big topic - members from Antigo church told us they have ordered banners from Concordia. Others have purchased some from Gaspard (located in Brookfield), along with ChristianBanners.com. The Gaspard store has great reviews.

It was also suggested that you could use memorial funds for making and purchasing banners. When looking for material for banners, most fabric shops will help with offering discounts and saving odds and ends. You may also try looking in thrift stores for old drapes or bed spreads.

Pastor Schroeder asked if there would be interest in a banner-making workshop, and there was general interest in that topic for 2013.

It was suggested when looking to refill your candles to look at ACE Hardware and also Hobby Lobby for oil.

A question came up about how or where to refinish your communion ware and candelabras, some suggested Werner of Milwaukee that do brass, silver and gold. Sudbury of Massachusetts for gold, Trinity Wausau has used them before. In Wausau Band Instrument and Repair, does brass refinishing.

It was mentioned by Judy that Secretary and Vice President positions were up for election. There were no nominations from the floor, so Vice President Helen Yogerst accepted another term. An amendment was made to the bylaws for Linda Seidler to be able to do another term as Secretary, which she accepted.

A motion was made and seconded to accept Pastor Schroeder's suggestion we send our offering to the SWD and NWD Multicultural Ministry.

Pastor led us in prayer prior to lunch.

Following a wonderful lunch we had our afternoon speaker, Rev. Dan McMiller. His topic was on Worship and Multiculturalism, and how diverse our congregations have become. His afternoon program was AWESOME! We thanked him for enlightening us.

At the Open Forum Judy asked for a NWD church to host for the 2014 convention. Any north district church that is interested should contact her by email. The 2013 convention will be at St. Johns of North Prairie. In addition, a question came up on "What is a mega church?" Pastor Schroeder said that it is a church of five thousand members or more, usually a nondenominational church. Another forum question was, "If you strip the altar on Maundy Thursday, what about Good Friday?" Pastor Schroeder indicated that it makes sense to leave it bare, but always ask your pastor about his plans. Finally, Pastor Schroeder expressed a hope that we might start a blog in the future. Judy said that emails to her will be considered for publication in the newsletter – we are interested in the congregations sharing their thoughts. We also discussed raising the amount provided to the churches to cover luncheon expenses.

Concluding the meeting we installed the new officers. Pastor closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Linda Seidler,
WFLAG Secretary