Council Report June 2023

Bold is to help me remember to bring them up

Wholly Kicks Shoe Drive: From 6/18 through 8/13 when Pastor Tyg is in for pulpit supply

Preschool:

- Stephanie officially starts July 1, overlapping with Mary who retires July 31
- Two job postings up on Indeed: 1 for a general TA and 1 for Jr. K co-teacher

Youth:

- Day Camp is going! 100 kids, 30 volunteers
 - Updated background checks with paperwork consent, ran new ones with paperwork consent
- Rainbow Trail Confirmation Camp 6/24-7/1; Carol S. going half week as adult supervisor, P. Chelsea other half of week
- Sunday School resumes 9/10
 - o Preschool Sunday School will run the 2nd and 4th week of every month
- Youth Group resumes 10/1 and will be the first week of every month

Worship:

- Baptism for July 2
- Starting July 9, we'll be doing a 9-week series on the Fruits of the Spirit. Each week will be a different "fruit"
- God's Work, Our Hands Sunday set for September 10, partnering with All Saints with what they're planning
- Pam has created an Advent service with the choir, set for 12/10
- Children's Christmas Program set for either 12/17 or 12/24 at the earlier service
- Advent this year concludes on 12/24, so we are moving Advent "up" a week:
 - Christ the King Sunday: 11/19
 - o Advent 1: 11/26
 - o Advent 2: 12/3
 - Advent 3: 12/10 (Choir)
 - o Advent 4: 12/17

Bible Studies:

- PM Group finished Acts 6/14; will resume studying James sometime in September
- Am Group resumes in September studying Gospel of Mark

Synod Assembly 2023:

- Really great to see people from all over the Synod and to hang out together with other congregations
- We did a Bible Study based on Exodus 1-3 as an entire Assembly and discussed how it helps us better understand the experiences of migrants
- Next year's set for April in Loveland, will be a Bishop election year. Bishop Gonia will be retiring at the end of his term

Building Use:

- No updates; haven't made progress on creating a Building Use Committee since last month's meeting
- Can we change when our building use agreements "expire"? Currently they expire in the fall; if we get outside organization's information in before the October 2023 Council meeting, can we begin to run our building use agreements from Jan 1 Dec 31? Need approval from Council to amend the Building Use Policy in this way

Maternity Leave

- Reminder of The Current PLAN [knowing that it could change... but ideally]:
 - o My last Sunday will be July 16, final day in office will be Tuesday, July 18
 - o I will return to the office Wednesday, August 30, first Sunday back would be September 3
 - o I will use my vacation time (annually 4 week's vacation, in accordance with Synod Guidelines) to work .8 time for at least September; will coordinate with Personnel
- Pastors Chelsea and Nic have agreed to contract to provide emergency pastoral coverage as needed
- All Sundays covered (thank you, Lauren K.!)