

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
 Monthly Council Meeting Agenda
 April 12, 2021

1. Call to Order – President
2. Opening Devotions – Judith Schaefer
3. Adoption of March 9th meeting minutes
4. Old & New Business –
 - a) Ad Hoc Staff Committees
 - b) Sunday School Teachers – Pastor and Heather to meet with SD
 - c) Common Food for Common Good Garden Plot Request
 - d) LEAP use of Crib-n-Crawl Room Request
 - e) Purchasing Card (P-Card)
 - f) Redeemer business cards/contact information
 - g) New Carillon System
 - h) Mutual Ministry Ideas
 - i) App for PPP loan forgiveness is available; Barbara to apply

5. Pastor’s Report
 [since March 10, 2021]

<i>Worship</i>	1 st Holy Communion Service; Holy Week services; McClintock Committal; Johnsen Wake/Funeral
<i>Staff Meeting</i>	9
Fran	1
Stephanie	0
Diane	2
<i>Bible Study</i>	3
<i>Worship Walkthru</i>	4
<i>YouTube Videos</i>	1
<i>Pericope</i>	1
<i>Teaching/Events</i>	1 Confirmation Zoom classes 2 First Holy Communion Classes Zoom 3 Zoom coffee hours 1 Ramsey School Board “Diversity, Equity, Inclusion” Committee 1 Adult Ed class 4 Bishop’s Challenge meeting 1 Bishop’s Conversation
<i>Committees</i>	1 Mutual Ministry meeting; 1 Mut. Min/S. Doyle meeting
<i>Visitation</i>	4 phone calls 0 hospital 7 home 1 nursing home
<i>Worthy of Mention</i>	Volunteers who helped with Holy Week!!! Phil Mones, again, for help with the clogged church toilet!!

High Priority Council Retreat: May 1st, 9-noon
NJ Synod Assembly, May 7-8
New worship plan for Easter Season which includes:

- 2 services April 18, May 2 and May 23 (Pentecost), 8am and 10:15am.
- Cleaning between and after services: fumigator (borrowed from LEAP) on pews; disinfectant wipes on entry way doors, table, etc.
- Adding volunteer spots for Worship Assistant, Altar Guild, Usher

Upcoming Core Values Project!!

Pastoral Business Curating New Facebook Friends/worshippers;
On hold- prospective to new members: Ponnath (6); Hudson (1); Schleicher (4); Spinelli (4); Haskell, Johnson, Suh, Schreek families.

6. Financial Reports

- a) Treasurer's Report – Larry Thompson
- b) Financial Secretary's Report – Fred Ufferfilge
- c) Motion to Accept Financial Reports – tabled until next meeting.

7. Council Committee Reports - Highlights and Questions

- a) Christian Education– Heather Layng
 - i) Sunday School:
 - (1) Sunday School on Zoom
 - (a) 9-9:25 Toddler – 2nd Graders
 - (b) 9:30-9:55 3rd – 6th Graders.
 - (c) 11:30-12noon 7th Grade “Preconfirmation”
 - (2) Recent & On-going Events
 - (a) Lenten and Easter activities
 - (b) YAGM Rwanda
 - (c) First Holy Communion for 4th Graders was on March 21.
 - (d) Introduced Liturgical music (Kyrie & Gospel Acclamation) into Sunday School lessons under the guidance of Fran Morton.
 - (e) Holy Week Movie Viewing from Sunday School curriculum on Zoom Friday, April 2
 - ii) Confirmation
 - (1) March 14th fourth and final Faith Mentor Sunday of the year
 - (2) · March 21st Stephanie taught a class on “Freedom of a Christian.”
 - (3) · Next class April 25th
 - (4) · Affirmation of Baptism scheduled for Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd
 - iii) Adult Education
 - (1) Bible Study Wednesday mornings at 10am socially distanced in person in Fellowship Hall and on Zoom. Finished Women in the Bible study created by Stephanie.
 - (2) Seven-part series entitled “Dialogues On: Race.” Classes meet the last Monday of the month at 7:30pm on Zoom. Each Dialogues On: Race lesson includes perspectives from thought leaders challenging the legacy of racism within the American church. Final session Monday, April 26th on “A New Heaven and a New Earth: The Problem with Racial Reconciliation.”

- iv) Vacation Bible School Summer 2021:
 - (1) Tentatively scheduled for August 2-6
 - (2) Theme is Treasured: Discovering You're Priceless to God!
 - (3) Starter kit has arrived.
 - (4) Decision as to online or in person will be reviewed in May. Considerations:
 - (a) Bergen county is still labeled extremely high risk for Covid exposure.
 - (b) Cases are increasing 13% across the country and NJ isn't decreasing in cases.
 - (c) The adult volunteers should be vaccinated, but the middle and high school volunteers and the kids won't.
 - (d) We won't be able to serve snacks.
 - (e) No one should be singing.
 - (f) We'd need to restrict attendance so the kids can stand in Fellowship Hall 3 feet apart.
 - (g) Everyone will need to be in masks.
 - (h) Need to take temperatures.
 - (i) Make sure no one has traveled outside the tristate area for 14 days prior.
 - (j) And if we have an outbreak during the week, everyone will need to quarantine for 14 days after, ruining the rest of the summer for anyone who attended.

- b) Evangelism– Carol Dunbar

- c) Finance– Lauren Niederauer
 - i) See report.

- d) Fellowship – Gwen Kaulfers

- e) Property and Grounds – John Manke
 - i) Electrical: Quoting receptacle changes in choir room.
 - ii) Plumbing: N/A
 - iii) General Maintenance: New interior door closures installed on church narthex doors. Meeting with Ken Neill, Fran, Gerhart and Pastor to discuss the Carillon instillation.
 - iv) A/V: N/A
 - v) Parsonage:

- f) Social Ministry – Regina Karch
 - i) Contacted The Outreach Program concerning an Autumn,2021, food packaging event. There is \$2,000 in the budget for this event.
 - ii) A date for Quilt Sunday is needed.
 - iii) Need some input about the Social Ministry Project Envelope Designations.

- g) Stewardship – Judith Schaefer

- h) Worship and Music – Gerhart Lempp
 - i) After a long time with the combination of in person limited attendance and simultaneous streaming services, we had TWO in person services at 8 and 10:15 on Palm Sunday. The Palm Sunday service was a very festive with participation of many volunteers as readers and musicians. Thanks to all volunteers and for the design and coordination for this special service.

- ii) During Easter week we had evening services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Saturday evening as well as two Church Services on Easter Sunday after a Sunrise Service at the Redeemer Cemetery. The Easter Services were also enhanced by participation of musicians and made it very festive as well as the memorial donations and arrangement of the flowers. Many thanks to all participants.
- iii) For the immediate future, several Sundays are also planned to have two in person services to enable more congregants to participate during the “reduced density meeting” times. The recently reinstated participation of volunteers in the Church Services seems to work well and will hopefully become more routine.

i) Youth Ministry – Kirsten Buerkle

- i) Lenten and Easter Activities were emailed to confirmation and high school students and parents.
- ii) Upcoming: Baccalaureate Sunday – tentative for June 13th
- iii) Donation to Youth Programming: Pastor Linderman, Heather Layng, Stephanie Doyle, Kirsten Buerkle will meet on Zoom to discuss how to use donation.
- iv) Cross Roads Camp and Retreat Center Summer Camp
 - (1) Staff applications for Summer 2021 are open.
 - (2) Camp will be held July 2 – August 20
 - (3) The theme for Summer Camp 2021 is "Firm Foundation." Through activities, Bible study, and worship, campers will be reminded that when we are rooted in our faith, God's love and faithfulness embolden us to have courage to share that love with others.
- v) Youth Gathering now 2022
 - (1) Youth Gathering 2021 postponed until 2022.
 - (2) Boundless: God Beyond Measure, July 24-28, 2022 Minneapolis, MN
 - (3) Fundraising on hold for now

8. Standing and Special Committees

- a) Endowment - John Karch
- b) Redeemer Reminder – Denise Bogatch
- c) St. Stephens Grace Community – Meredith Dykstra
- d) Cemetery – Dave Daehnke
- e) Mutual Ministry Committee – Sharon Hearn

9. Correspondence

10. Adjourn, motion, 2nd, vote

11. Close – Lord’s Prayer