



Vision:

Transforming lives one person at a time



Mission:

Creating a community whose members reveal and practice what
a real life is in Jesus

Ascension's Mission to Action to Success

Within 5 years: Reverse Ascension's membership decline and build a vibrant congregation whose members are transformed by Jesus into who God created them to be

Major action #1:
More purposefully position Ascension School and the ECC as conduits for new church members

Major action #2:
Establish generosity as a source of personal blessing and spiritual growth

Major action #3:
Place a big bet on life groups as a pipeline to greater member engagement with the church

Major action #4: Elevate worship to become a central point of the Ascension experience in engaging all age groups

Major action #5:
Encourage all members to engage in personal daily devos that involve scripture and prayer

Success is measured by:

- 10% increase in worship attendance
- 20% increase in members purposefully engaged in at least one ministry
- 10% increase in generosity as measured by giving levels
- Every member has an inspiring story to share

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL AGENDA

Wednesday, July 20, 2022 – 7:00 PM

Library

Call to Order and Welcome - Ed

Mission Statement of Ascension Lutheran Church

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Motto: Invite, Grow, Serve

Devotions – Ed

Open Forum

Mission to Action – Council Discussion

The Question: What does Ascension do better than any other (or most other) church(es) that you are aware of, and how might we build on that strength?

Approval of Agenda - Ed

Old Business

1. Updates on filling Church Council Treasurer and School Board President-Elect Positions
2. Approval of May 11 School Board/Church Council meeting minutes

New Business

1. Finance Function Update (Sydney)
2. New Signature Authorizations
3. Ascension's Annual Meeting – September 25
4. Leadership Mini-Retreat – August 13?

Presentation of Treasurer's Report – Mike

Recurring Business

Approve New Members & Affirm Baptisms

Action Items

Action Tracker - Kaylee

Approval of Minutes - Ed

1. June Council Meeting
2. June Congregational Meeting Minutes

Consent Approval of Reports to Council

1. Administrator's Report
2. Pastor's Reports
 - a. Pastor Tim Delkeskamp
 - b. Pastor Steve Herder
 - c. Pastor Julie McCain
3. Communications Update
4. GMT Report
5. School Board

Information Items

Next Council Meeting – August 17 at 7pm (*Who has devotions and refreshments?*)

Closing Prayer

Adjournment

Church Council and School Board Joint Meeting

May 11, 2022 7-8:00 pm Founder's Hall

1. Welcome – Carrie Leonard

Carrie Leonard, president of the church council, welcomed members of the church council, school board, finance committee, the staff of the church and school to our joint meeting. Each attendee introduced themselves and their role at One Ascension.

Attendees included: Carrie Leonard, Mike Marvin, Debra Papageorge, Kathleen Rudrud, Ron Rudrud, Pete Swavely, Pr. Julie McCain, Ed Klodt, Ashley Steere, Kaylee Searway, Jenni McCoy, Rich Gregory, Louise Evenson, Pr. Steve Herder, Anna Woodward, Camryn Force, Pr. Tim Delkeskamp, Sandra Bean and Sherry Lorentson.

2. Opening Devotion – Steve Smuck, president of the school board

Steve Smuck led us remotely from AZ in devotions asking the question “Why do bad things happen to good people? Would we have made it where we are today without COVID?”

3. One Ascension Identity – Pastor Tim

Highlights:

--How does identity contribute to One Ascension? What were some of the lessons that we learned going through COVID?

--Some good things during COVID were adapting quickly to on line worship, using “loving our neighbors as ourselves” as a guiding principle when we opened to in person worship, the school remaining open with “in person” classes throughout COVID, and a COVID TASK FORCE forming at the school with varying points of view for COVID protocols.

--What is our identity as we are coming out of this time of COVID? How do we identify who we are so we can tell others who we are?

--Pr. Tim proposed the THIRD WAY, the way of Jesus. Using Matthew 5:38-42 and a Richard Rohr devotional titled THE THIRD WAY, Pr. Tim proposed an aspirational identity at Ascension. What if Ascension could be a place that is not polarized? What if Ascension was a big tent church that has room for everyone? How do we measure our love?

4. A Four Month Recap on ECC and School – Rich Gregory and Jenni McCoy

Principal Rich Gregory opened with comments including that the era of silos at the day school and ECC is over. One Ascension cannot thrive in our own camps. Instead of worrying about ourselves or giving everyone anything they want, he proposed trusting each other so we can all thrive together. He introduced Early Childhood Center director, Jenni McCoy.

Jenni's comments about the ECC included:

--Expressing gratefulness to Ascension for the investment made in building the ECC as extraordinary things are happening and the community is thriving.

--176 children are pre-enrolled for 2022-23 with 27 teachers, 8 substitute teachers and the hiring of 3 more teachers.

--Other updates included reviewing compensation for teachers based on education and experience, fixing wireless access points for emergency procedures, renewing the nature explorer certification, creating a mentoring program for new teachers, conducting a parent survey, approving the budget for 2022-23, planning a series of parent workshops, and focusing on how the day school and ECC can work better together.

Rich's comments about the day school included:

--Starting as principal on January 24, 2022, Rich affirmed that he is walking his "calling" at Ascension and there is nowhere he would rather be.

--Threats when he arrived included having previous rocky years at the day school with 4 principals in 5 years and the potential of losing 50 families from the day school in the upcoming school year.

--With the support of the lead teachers at the school, Pr. Tim, Staci Hammerschmitt, and members of the school board, there has been a course correction and change in the chemistry at the day school.

--Rich anticipates a 75-80% retention of students for the 2022-23 school year, and most teachers.

--A deficit budget for 2022-23 for the day school is being submitted to make investments in the day school by correcting the compensation for teachers. The deficit is anticipated to be made up through the consolidated budget with the ECC.

--What sets our school apart? What is our identity?

--Belonging. You belong here. Every child knows we know their name.

--Aspiring for academic excellence and critical thinking.

--Modeling a life with Jesus to staff, faculty and students. 400 children are being taught about the love of Jesus every week.

--Being a nature certified school.

--The day school, ECC, church and foundation are intertwined. Now is the time to distinguish ourselves with a sense of urgency and make bold moves.

5. One Ascension Finance – Kaylee Searway

Due to time constraints Kaylee Searway's presentation on One Ascension Finance was postponed.

6. Closing Prayer – Ed Klodt

President elect of the church council, Ed Klodt, closed in prayer.

Submitted by Louise Evenson, church council secretary

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO: 2022/23.1
TITLE: Electronic Voting Resolution
SUBMITTED BY: Council
DATE: July 20, 2022

RESOLVED, that Ascension Lutheran Church Council agrees that the Council, Committees and organizations can make decisions via e-mail vote for the FY 2022-202..

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

1. Former Council President Norm Nagel stated that it is important at the beginning of every council year to vote on the ability to make decisions via e-mail for any given year.
2. Legal counsel has advised that when voting by e-mail the first question is, "Do you accept voting by e-mail on this item?" This must be unanimously approved by all council members for the vote to move forward.
3. Voting on the issue itself does not require a unanimous outcome.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATION: No financial impact noted.

By: _____
Ed Klodt, Congregational President

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO: 2022/23.2
TITLE: SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION
SUBMITTED BY: Director of Administrative Ministries
DATE: July 20, 2022

RESOLVED, that Carrie Leonard, Edward Klodt, and Jeannette Ruggiero shall have signature authorization on all banking relationships of Ascension Evangelical Lutheran Church unless removed by subsequent action of the Church Council of Ascension Evangelical Lutheran Church of Thousand Oaks, California.

RESOLVED, that Edward Klodt and Rachael Bowen have signature authorization on all legal documents on behalf of Ascension Evangelical Lutheran Church unless removed by subsequent action of the Church Council of Ascension Evangelical Lutheran Church of Thousand Oaks, California.

RESOLVED, that Kaylee Searway and Mike Marvin shall continue to be authorized to access to view all bank account balances and transactions, and to receive information by phone, email or online regarding all Ascension Lutheran Church bank accounts.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

As Council members change, it becomes necessary to change signature authority on all Ascension Lutheran Church banking relationships to maintain control and oversight with regard to checks written, funds transferred between institutions, and establishment or dissolution of any bank accounts or banking relationships.

BANKING AUTHORIZATIONS:

Edward Klodt, President
Jeannette Ruggiero, President Elect
Carrie Leonard, Immediate Past President

LEGAL AUTHORIZATIONS:

Edward Klodt, President
Rachael Bowen, Secretary

ACCESS AUTHORIZATION:

Kaylee Searway, Director of Administrative Ministries
Mike Marvin, Senior Accountant

All signature or access authorizations other than those listed above should be removed.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATION: No financial impact noted.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept this resolution as written.

Edward Klodt, President

Date _____

Jeannette Ruggiero, President Elect

Date _____

Rachael Bowen, Secretary

Date _____

July 20th, 2022
 Treasurer Report

Full year highlights (prelim)

	Budget	Actual	Variance
Offering	1,367,000	1,322,089	(44,911)
Other Revenue	118,085	18,508	(99,577) A)
Revenue	1,485,085	1,340,596	(144,489)
Expenses			
Staff	1,040,902	981,170	(59,732)
Other	310,362	266,349	(44,013)
Interest & Debt Service	99,846	99,606	(240)
Expenses	1,451,110	1,347,125	(103,985)
Income	33,975	(6,528)	(40,503)

A) '22 Budget assumed \$107k of payback to the Church for interest paid on the ECC building loan from '20 - '21. Under revenue guidelines, those dollars are not recorded as revenue, but instead as "cash owed". The ECC fully retired the amount owed in May of 2022 with a \$73k cash transfer to the Church, as the remaining \$34k was capitalized as part of the ECC construction costs.

Mission Possible Interest	15,190	61,068	(40,503)
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New Members & Baptisms Report

JULY 2022

Baptisms for June

None

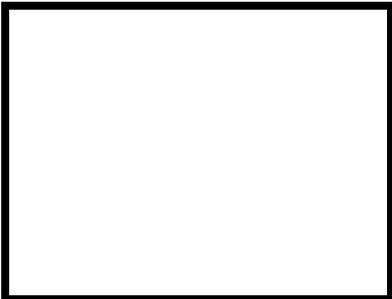
New Members for June

None

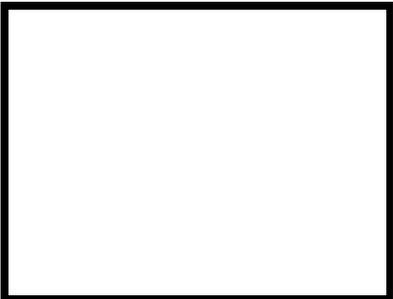
Council Action Tracker

Action Item No.	Action Item Description	Assigned To	Date Assigned	Date Due	Notes
1	Resolutions to update banking relationships and legal signers			7/20/2022	Including in July packet to be considered for approval.
2	Leadership Retreat			August	Council typically schedules, secures venue, creates agenda, coordinates speakers/sessions, provides continental breakfast and lunches for participants

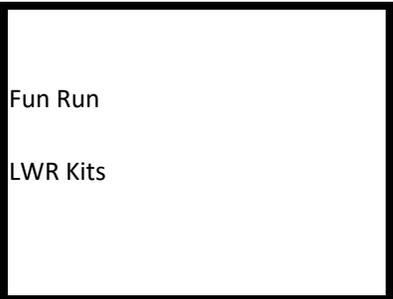
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Jul-22



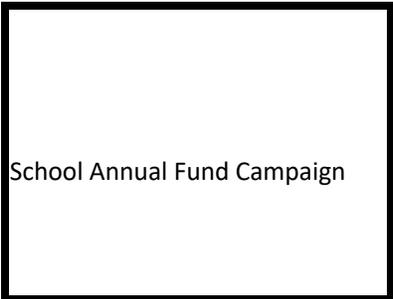
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Fun Run

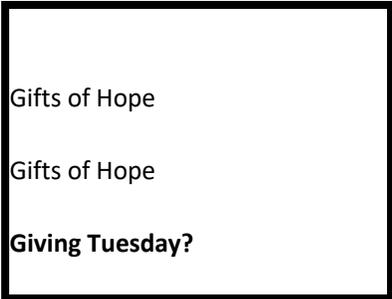
LWR Kits

Sep-22



School Annual Fund Campaign

Oct-22

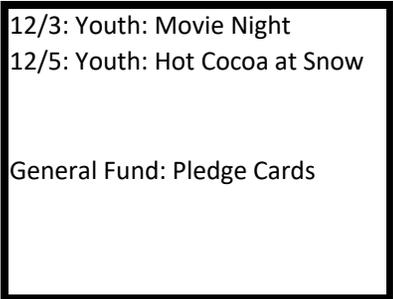


Gifts of Hope

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Giving Tuesday?

Nov-22

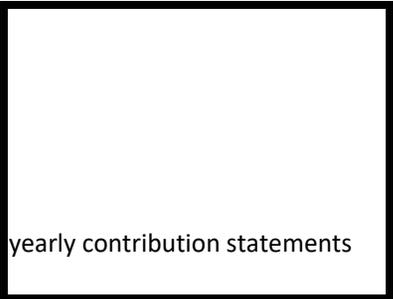


12/3: Youth: Movie Night

12/5: Youth: Hot Cocoa at Snow

General Fund: Pledge Cards

Dec-22



yearly contribution statements

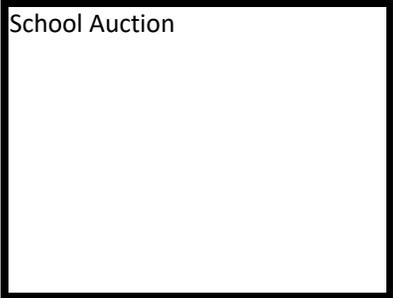
Jan-23



Feb-23



Mar-23



School Auction

Apr-23



May-23



Jun-23

Council Action Tracker

Action Item No.	Action Item Description	Assigned To	Date Assigned	Date Due	Notes
1	Resolutions to update banking relationships and legal signers			each July Council Meeting	
2	Leadership Retreat			August	Council typically schedules, secures venue, creates agenda, coordinates speakers/sessions, provides continental breakfast and lunches for participants
	Confirm Director's and Officer's Coverage Annually	Kaylee S		in annual report	
	Coordinate Asks/Efforts for Giving Tuesday			Tues after Thanksgiving	
	Pastor's Gift Letter to Congregation	Council President		mid November	
	Thank the church staff			before Christmas	
	Present Pastor's Gifts?			Christmas	
	Budget for new fiscal year		Feb	June	Starts about February, present to council by May for congregation to approve in June
	Senior Pastor's Review	Council President		May	
	Names to Nominating Committee			each spring?	
	Plan Congregational Meeting			last Sunday in June	
4	Plan Annual Meeting			last Sunday in September	There is usually discussion of planning a joint worship service the day of one of the congregation's meetings.

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, June 15, 2022 – 7:00 PM

Library

Call to Order and Welcome – Carrie Leonard

The church council meeting was called to order at 7: 11 PM by President Carrie Leonard.

Council members present: Ed Klodt, Louise Evenson, Pete Swavely, Carrie Leonard, Camryn Force, Ashley Steere.

Council members absent: Debra Papageorge, Alan Baker, and Mike Marvin. Mike participated virtually during the presentation of the budget.

Others present: Pr Tim Delkeskamp, Kaylee Searway

Mission Statement of Ascension Lutheran Church:

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Recited by attendees.

Motto: Invite, Grow, Serve

Recited by attendees.

Devotions –

Pr Tim Delkeskamp opened with prayer.

Open Forum

There were no open forum items.

Mission to Action – Consider our discussions throughout the year on the five pillars and comment on what you are most excited about as we move forward.

Ascension's Five Mission to Action items were a way to prioritize specific actions at ONE Ascension.

--Having this discussed by council members at the beginning of each meeting was important for setting the tone and creativity for the meeting. It also helped each council member become more engaged in these actions for our success as ONE Ascension.

#1 More purposefully position Ascension School and the ECC as conduits for new church members.

--Beginning with the appointment of Jenni McCoy to the ECC in 2021, followed with the appointment of Rich Gregory as principal of Ascension School in December, 2021, the priority of getting the right people in those positions was realized. In the years ahead, we will reap the benefits of these decisions and will increase the likelihood of achieving this goal.

--The concept of ONE Ascension is many years old, but is coming into its own now. The ECC and Ascension School were siloed previously and already it feels more solidified.

--With the finance department changes and the consolidated budget of the ECC and Ascension School, finances for ONE Ascension are more cohesive.

#2 Establish generosity as a source of personal blessing and spiritual growth.

--During our generosity discussion, we shared many ways, in addition to financial offerings, the ways we felt/experienced generosity during the prior month at ONE Ascension.

#3 Place a big bet on life groups as a pipeline to greater member engagement with the church.

- No matter what our focus was each month, Life Groups came up each time in our discussion.
- Life Groups and Bible Study groups are connecting people by not only the weekly pericopes study guide, but also through reading/discussing books. One life group this summer is reading a book recommendation from Pastor Steve, HONORING YOUR NEIGHBOR'S FAITH.

#4 Elevate worship to become a central point of the Ascension experience in engaging all age groups.

- This major action is the priority and focus for 2022-23.
- Discussion of worship incorporates and connects with other major actions also.

Approval of Agenda – Carrie Leonard

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the agenda.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to move to executive session.

The church council met in executive session to hear and discuss confidential items.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the executive session and move to the church council agenda, as approved.

Old Business – Carrie Leonard

1. Finance Staffing Update – Kaylee

- With a thorough search using available resources for a Senior Accountant for ONE Ascension, no qualified candidate for the position was identified.
- Mike Marvin has been serving as the Interim Senior Accountant and will be moving into a permanent staff position as Senior Accountant for ONE Ascension.
- Since Mike Marvin is currently serving also as Treasurer of the Congregation, a new Treasurer will be identified and elected at the September congregational meeting.
- When Sydney Newmark returns from leave, she has been offered and has accepted a full-time position of staff accountant.

2. Lot Sale Update – Mike/Pastor Tim

- In February, the City of Thousand Oaks informed Ascension that a change in the easement for the placement of the sewer line was needed before they would sign off on the lot sale.
- Plans have been drawn up for this change and bids for the work are being considered.
- The assumption is the city will approve the plans since it was their request, following their design.
- The timing of the action by the City of Thousand Oaks is out of our control, so the timeline is adjusted for completing the lot sale,
- A consequence of this delay is the ongoing interest-only Thrivent loan of over \$4,000 per month until the lot sale closes.
- At the June congregational meeting, Treasurer Mike Marvin will share with the congregation how these expenses will be covered.

3. Nominating Committee – Slate of candidates presented - Pastor Tim

--A sample ballot of the slate of candidates for leadership positions at the congregation, school board and foundation was distributed to and reviewed by the church council. This ballot of nominees will be presented at the congregational meeting on June 26, 2022 for their approval.

--A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the slate of candidates.

4. June Congregational Meeting – Approve Agenda – Carrie

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the amended agenda for the congregational meeting on June 26, 2022.

New Business

1. Offering Counting Policy – Change Recommendation from Finance Committee – Mike Marvin

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the offering counting policy.

2. One Ascension Budget – Presentation and Approval – Mike Marvin

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the budgets for the congregation, the consolidated budget for the ECC and Ascension School, and the foundation.

Presentation of Treasurer’s Report – Mike Marvin

There was no report given to the council for the May financials.

Recurring Business

Approve New Members, Confirmands & Affirm Baptisms

The church council affirmed the baptisms and confirmands for the month of May.

Action Items – Kaylee Searway

1. Pastor Tim Review
Carrie Leonard has an appointment with Pr Tim Delkeskamp for his annual review.
2. Online directory research
There was no update on this item.

Approval of Minutes

May Council Meeting

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes for the May council meeting.

Consent Approval of Reports to Council

1. Administrator’s Report
2. Pastor’s Reports
 - a. Pastor Tim Delkeskamp
 - b. Pastor Steve Herder
 - c. Pastor Julie McCain
3. Life Group Report
4. Communications Update
5. Worship Committee

6. GMT Report
7. School Board

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the consent approval of reports to council with the exception of the Life Group Report, which was not submitted.

Information Items – Carrie Leonard
Next Council Meeting – July 20th, 7pm

Moment of Reflection and Gratitude

All members of the church council and Pr Tim and Kaylee Searway reflected on their appreciation of each other and the gifts and skills they brought to the church council this past year.

Closing Prayer

Ashley Steere closed our meeting.

Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:54 PM.

Minutes submitted by Louise Evenson, Church Council secretary.

Congregational Meeting – June 26, 2022

10:10 AM – Founders' Hall

Minutes

Call to Order and Welcome – Carrie Leonard, Congregational President

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM by Carrie Leonard. The purposes of this meeting included: the election of leaders for the church council, school board and foundation; the approval of the operating budgets for all three entities; and the identification of ministry objectives for the coming fiscal year.

There were 116 people in attendance.

Opening Prayer – Pastor Julie

Pr Julie McCain opened the meeting in prayer.

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Recited by attendees.

Motto: *Invite-Grow-Serve*

Recited by attendees.

Presentation and Approval of Agenda – Carrie Leonard

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the agenda.

Approval of the Minutes from September 21, 2021 – Carrie Leonard

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes from the September 26, 2021, congregational meeting.

Recognition of Leaders 2021/2022 – Carrie Leonard

Carrie thanked our church council members, school board members, the foundation members and committee chairs for their service this past year.

Election of Candidates – Pastor Tim Delkeskamp

Pr Tim presented the slate of nominated leaders.

There were no additional nominations from the floor for leadership positions for 2022-23.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the slate of nominated leaders for 2022-23.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to suspend the written ballot for a vote of voice acclamation.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to elect the slate of candidates of nominated leaders.

Presentation of Church Budget – Mike Marvin

Treasurer Mike Marvin presented the 2022-23 fiscal year budget for the congregation. The budget assumes a 2.5% increase in offerings, and pre-Covid level of funding for all committees. The 2022-23 budget shows a deficit of about \$15,000. The projected deficit for fiscal year 2021-22 is about \$3,000. There are adequate funds in cash accounts to cover any deficit incurred.

The 2022-23 consolidated budget for Ascension Lutheran School and the Early Childhood Center projects a surplus of over \$63,000. The current fiscal year consolidated budget of the school and ECC is estimated to be over \$237,000.

The foundation budget for fiscal year 2022-23 includes an estimate of net assets of about \$1,400,000 after disbursements for scholarships and grants.

The City of Thousand Oaks requirements for the lot sale include expenses for fees, permits, drawings and the moving of the sewer line. All of these expenses will be funded by Mission Possible funds. No congregation offerings will be used for this purpose. Mission Possible funds at the end of fiscal year 2021-22 are estimated to be \$126,000. The interest payments on the construction loan for the ECC will continue to be paid with funds from Mission Possible. Upon the completion of the lot sale, the construction interest only loan for the ECC will be paid off, the current balance of which is \$1,219,968. In fiscal year 2021-22, this loan was reduced by \$500,000 by paid pledges to Mission Possible.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the budget as presented.

Old Business

- Lot Sale Update

A video was shown featuring Creighton Van Horn and Bob Woodward. They summarized moving the ECC sewer line from under the lot to ALC property and out to Erbes Road. This requirement from the City of Thousand Oaks has delayed the completion of the sale of the lot. Lot line adjustment plans should be completed soon and will be presented to the City of Thousand Oaks for approval. The buyer for the lot is still in place. The sale is now expected to be completed in December 2022 or January 2023.

New Business

There was no new business.

Presentation of Vision for Ministry 2022/2023 – Pastor Tim

A year ago, we celebrated the opening of the ECC, the retirement of Pam Musburger and hired Jenni McCoy as director of the ECC. Jenni McCoy presented the plans for the ECC for the upcoming year. For 2022-2023, 179 students have enrolled in the ECC in 10 classrooms, including 3 classrooms for infants and 7 classrooms for preschool children. The ECC employs 30 staff members. Working with staff members, the ECC updated their mission statement which led to intentionality for their budget. This supported creating a salary schedule for teachers and staff to eliminate salary inequities while recognizing teachers service and education levels. The budget also includes stipends for outdoor classroom leaders for year around programming. Additionally, the budget includes ongoing landscaping for the entire year, and a stipend for parent workshop design and implementation. This past year the ECC has collaborated with One Ascension for emergency preparedness and parent communication. Director McCoy thanked One Ascension for the investment in the ECC/School.

On behalf of Principal Rich Gregory, Jenni reported that Ascension Lutheran School has 19 faculty members and 127 students enrolled for the 2022-2023 term.

This past year was a transformational year with Covid protocols, staff challenges to find qualified teachers at the ECC, and the transition of leadership at the day school. With the leadership of Carrie Leonard and the school board, a process was put together to bring a new principal to the day school midyear. Now we are moving into the future, with gratitude.

In 2021-22, the major focus was to more purposefully position Ascension School and the ECC as conduits for new church members, as represented in major action #1 of the Mission to Action to Success.

In 2022-23, we will focus on major action #4 to elevate worship to become a central point of the Ascension experience in engaging all age groups.

This action is not only because our Director of Worship retired, but also because we are in transition in our culture regarding worship. People have gotten out of the habit of coming to worship. Worship numbers are down from prior to covid. Our sanctuary is built for 750 people, however, the attendance at the services on Saturday at 6 pm and 11 Sunday is very small.

Pr Tim, who will lead the design and plans of worship at ALC, quoted this statement from the ELCA—
“Worship stands at the center of our life of faith. Through God’s word, water, bread and prayer we are nurtured in faith and sent out into the world.”

Pr Tim presented the vision, mission and strategy of this major action #4 for Ascension in 2022-23.

The Vision: We strive to create spirit-filled worship opportunities for every person to encounter God, leading to deeper worship and bringing people into the presence of God. We create the space/experience for people in the midst of a culture that distracts us from our deepest identity to remember who and whose we are.

The Mission: We will intentionally design worship experiences that glorify God through biblical teaching, spirit-filled leadership, broad participation and gifted creativity, musical and technical excellence, equipping devoted followers of Christ to transform the world.

The Strategy:

Develop a worship visioning team.

Provide a sermon series in September or October on worship.

Hold worship staff meetings to include all worship leaders, pastoral staff, and our worship coordinator to make and accomplish worship goals.

Support the worship coordinator, Mara Hassenbein.

Create a greeter team for all worship services.

How will we measure this strategy? Increased number of people attending worship.

How can we help? Say “yes” when asked. Invite your friends to worship.

Closing Prayer – Ed Klodt

President Elect, Ed Klodt closed the meeting in prayer.

Adjournment – Carrie Leonard

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 10: 56 AM.

Prepared by Louise Evenson, Church Council Secretary

I want to start by saying welcome to the 2022-2023 church council! I know it will be an honor and a pleasure working with you in the next year. Mara Hassenbein has worked hard to update the council documents you may need to reference during your service. (I'm especially grateful to Mara for doing it this year as she is technically moving into a new position where this will not be her responsibility, but more on that later). You can also find helpful documents and previous council packets on our website: Alcto.org. I usually type "member docs" into the search bar for quick access.

I am beginning this fiscal year refreshed from a two week holiday with my family. I'm grateful to you and to the congregation for allowing me to serve in this role, and also to enjoy some time off! We attended a family wedding in Portland Oregon, and then spent a week in my home state of Montana at Glacier National Park. Mike, Diane K, and Mara did an excellent job covering for me in my absence, which enabled me to get back to work as efficiently as possible. I'd love to tell you that I'm totally caught up two and half days back in my chair, but that would not be true. I still have a couple hundred emails, but I'm hoping to knock through that by the end of the day as I weave back and forth between catch up and new tasks. That's enough about catching up, let's talk about the exciting work to come!

Maintenance

We've had some amazing volunteers and extra help for Cam and Jeff to tackle the long list of tasks needed to be completed this summer. We are refreshing the outdoor play area outside of TK and K classrooms, improving paths and continuing on the garden wall between Colina and the downstairs classrooms. We tore out concrete from the ECC to install a small section of grass in one of the play areas. The motor was replaced in the Pederson Hall dishwasher, so we can now use real dishes and avoid using disposable products! A ten foot section of cast iron pipe was replaced in the dugout to repair a leak, we are now replacing the drywall and repainting, which is several steps and days of work. The leaks in the nursery and Founders Hall Kitchen are repaired, and the ceilings there are repaired and painted as well. We are sanding and repainting the parking lot light poles. Your Elementary Principal got his lift certification so he could help with this project! Cam and Jeff removed the old slide; we are waiting (and hoping) the new slide arrives before school starts.

Adding to the already long summer list, we received word from the City that we can no longer have sprinklers on campus as part of the water saving efforts to get through this drought. I'm not sure why, but sprinklers were used in the extensive new landscape in front of the ECC. Jeff has ordered enough hose to convert to drip. We will likely have a work party asking all able people to help us convert it. Jeff got a proposal for a vendor to complete it and they were asking \$900 per station!

Administration

One of my most urgent tasks upon returning is to finalize and post the front desk reception role. I had completed a draft before I left and asked Pastor Tim and Mara to comment on it in the last couple of weeks. I would love to find a great candidate within the One Ascension Family, so we'll post it on the church and school websites, put a link in the newsletter and work with Sara Wallace to reach out to Tk-6 and ECC families.

Finance

Now that the new fiscal year is here I'm updating payroll files and fine tuning the TK-6 budget. It was approved by the congregation on a macro level, so I'm just filling numbers into its sub-categories that will help Rich and his team know their spending parameters in a more detailed way. I will have the pleasure of preparing documents

for our annual worker comp audit by the end of the week. While the work of reconciling the payroll reports to the quarterlies can be exacting and detailed, I have had the pleasure of working with the same auditor for the last couple of years. Her name is Kelly, and we problem solve and locate discrepancies together very well – we’re a good team!

It's a huge relief to have Sydney Newmark back from leave, and to have her working in a full time capacity! She is now full time as our staff accountant. She’s rolled up her sleeves with Mike to close June quickly and accurately while keeping the payables going and learning payroll processing. I am so thankful to have the “Dream Team,” of finance departments in place; I’m excited for the reporting and improved efficiencies you will see implemented throughout the coming months.

Human Resources

Jenni and Rich were patient with me as I got updated work agreements completed for the 9-10 TK-6 teachers and 30 ECC teachers. I surprised myself and was able to validate health care cost changes before issuing the agreements, which I something I wanted to do, but wasn’t sure I would be able to complete in time. Summer work of offer letters for new team, updating compensation, and starting to tackle handbook updates is underway. I’m excited about the Professional Development time we’ll have as a One Ascension Team in August to bond and get invigorated for the coming academic year. We’ve made great progress on our harassment training compliance, and completed a refresher training related to COBID-19 prevention.

Other Duties as Assigned

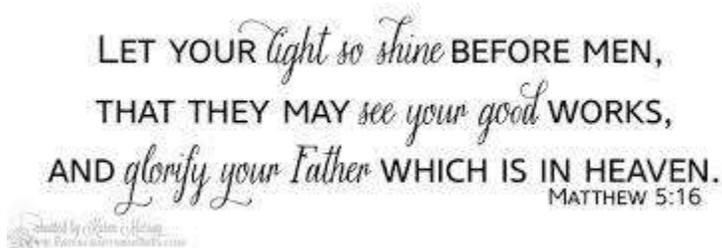
One of the important tasks I’ve tackled this week is telephone system updates! We had a few snags with a day of no internet last week, and a hiccup with Connie’s phone. As the main connection to families interested in our school, this was urgent and important to fix. As of this afternoon the school voice mail is working perfectly, and extensions are updated for fall!

Action Tracker

For this first month of the fiscal year I am including all four pages of the Action Tracker Spreadsheet so you can understand the work flow of it. The first page, or tab 1 of the Excel file, is for open items. We’ll pull items from the recurring list, or add items through our council meeting discussions. The second page is a fundraiser related timetable for you to use when considering new fundraisers. The third page is where I will archive completed items, and the fourth page of recurring items is a good indication of the types of cyclical tasks we will need to work on throughout the year. Most months I will just include the open items.

Kaylee Searway

Director of Administrative Ministries





Pastor Tim's Council Report- July 2022

Grace and Peace to you and I pray your summer is going well.

It is hard for me to believe that I enter my 20th year of being here at Ascension Lutheran. Time flies. This past year is no exception. We concluded it with an excellent congregational meeting which was presided over by Carrie Leonard- I am thankful for her leadership and congratulate her on her many accomplishments over this last year of ministry. One of these accomplishments includes a very well attended and well-run meeting!

At this meeting I took the opportunity to present my priorities for leading the church this coming year. Of the five major actions in my vision, the major action that will be prioritized and focused on this year will be Major Action #4: *Elevate worship to become a central point of the Ascension experience in engaging all age groups.*

The process of making this happen will start with a Worship Vision Team. This team which consists of Susie Smuck, Eric Berg, Gwen Thompson, Mara Hassenbein, Pastor Julie and me, met for the 1st on July 12th. We are working on a vision and a mission statement which so far read as this:

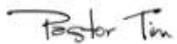
- **Vision** – We strive to create spirit-filled worship opportunities for every person to encounter God, leading to deeper worship and bringing people into the presence of God. We create the space/experience for people in the midst of a culture that distracts us from our deepest identity to remember who and whose we are.
- **Mission** - We will intentionally design worship experiences that glorify God through biblical teaching, spirit-filled leadership, broad participation and gifted creativity, musical and technical excellence, inspiring humble followers of Christ.

Our goal is to refine this vision and mission and to create a framework for getting them out to worship leaders and the congregation by the beginning of September. Please pray that the Holy Spirit guides this process! It is my deepest hope that our efforts will bring joy and growth to our worship services.

Also, this month I will be completing the reviews of those who I supervise (Pastors Steve and Julie, Kaylee, and Rich Gregory). Having already had a few of these conversations I am excited about how aligned we are on our vision of working together. Yes, there is a lot of change and transition happening these days but it feels like through our efforts to communicate and work together we are growing together as a staff. I hope you felt that at as we presented our reports at the congregational meeting.

Finally, just a note about pastoral care. It has been a difficult month in pastoral care. We have experienced some tragic loss. Howie Wennes, Marty Spadaro, both passed away in the week that I am writing this and Nancy Coffman is in her last hours. These were faithful people who brought strength to our community. It has been hard to lose them. Please pray for their families as they grieve and rejoice in the hope of eternal life. I am grateful for the shared work of accompanying these families through their grief. There is no better comfort for people in times like this than the faith that we share. It is a reminder that everything we do to build the Kingdom of God is worth it.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Tim". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Church Council Report – Pastor Steve Herder – July 10, 2022

As we finish our fiscal year and begin a new one, I join you in thanking our elected church leaders for their strong service to our congregation, school, and foundation! To those completing their terms of service, many thanks! And to those who are new, welcome! Much credit to Pastor Tim and the Nominating Committee, with year after year, securing for us a great team of leaders! Year after year, it is one of Ascension's greatest blessings. The Spirit indeed blesses us in these ways.

This past month has felt like more than its normal share of pastoral care needs, both with friends hospitalized and with families dealing with other very serious issues. We have been praying fervently for two dear ones on ventilators. Another was in ICU in Fountain Valley. There, the nurse brought in the phone of the daughter to her father in ICU, and over the phone I prayed a prayer at the end of his life. Later, I emailed the family a copy of the shared prayer as we commended their loved one to God's eternal care in our Savior Jesus.

Pastoral care also involves listening to the needs of our neighbors who come to the church office, sharing with the pastors the heartaches of their lives. For your pastors, it seems like this kind of ministry has also increased over the last month. The stories are gut-wrenching and, in the midst of broken lives, we seek to share God's love and the gift of hope.

Thanks to the ministry leaders of Senior Adult Ministries, prayer ministries, Global Ministries Team, Green Faith Team, and our Community Concerns Committee. And to all who contributed to our food drive on June 26th, and to the Lutheran World Relief kits project, a huge thanks to you! In June we had an outstanding Sunday morning class on our work of advocacy that was led by Eloise Cohen. www.elca.org/advocacy.
www.bread.org www.lirs.org www.jubileeusa.org www.lwr.org

Here were some of the unique experiences of this past month: We received the gift of 150 table settings from the Baird family and these now can be used in Pederson Hall. I saw many of you at the Scandinavian Festival at Cal Lutheran and that's always a fun event. My wife Julie and I enjoyed the Carillon's retirement party for Christy Labrenz. Julie and I also

attended the event at Cal Lutheran celebrating Pastor Mark Holmerud for his year as interim campus pastor. For the first time Ascension's Bethlehem Room was a voting center for Ventura County and I enjoyed visiting with the workers. They greatly appreciated Ascension's hospitality and would like to come again. Our synod assembly was held on June 11th and Bishop Bos did a super job leading it. That weekend I preached on Rom. 5:1-5.

All of you know by now that beginning September 1st my work as one of your pastors will go to about half-time. I won't repeat much of what was in that letter that you received, but I will say this. I am extremely grateful to the Church Council, to Pastor Tim, and our congregation, for allowing me to work less time, with less responsibilities, and to be able to have a flexible work schedule that will allow some occasional trips to visit family in WI, IL, and NY. My half-time work will mostly be on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and occasionally helping with weekend worship, though not preaching. This modified call is hours per month and not hours per week. My focus areas of work will be Senior Adult Ministries, pastoral care, Global Ministries Team, and Community Concerns Committee. I'll work with Linda Morrow and the email prayer group, continue to daily lead our Facebook outreach, and sing with the ECC children and staff on Fridays.

My last two sermons then will be the weekends of July 30-31 and August 6-7. I will still be preaching, as needed, for memorial services.

On August 3rd I'll lead my second-to-last Jubilee board meeting via Zoom. My twelve years on the board finishes this calendar year. The work is now even more important, especially through the pandemic and global economic crises. www.jubileeusa.org

For August 15-19 I'm on the local committee for the 14th International Congress for Luther Research, at Cal Lutheran. About 150 Luther scholars from around the world will be on campus for worship and lectures. My parts are helping plan each morning worship and helping with airport transportation for the dozen keynote speakers. If you are one who doesn't mind traveling to LAX, and would be willing to be a driver, let me know.

Julie, Natalie and I already had our summer vacation, June 14-27, in Wisconsin and Illinois, celebrating my mom's 90th birthday, our great niece's first birthday, and Father's Day. God bless each of you and your families this summer. Thank you for your prayers. You are in ours.

Prayers for One Ascension Leadership

“Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving.”

Colossians 4:2

“In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love that you have for all the saints.”

Colossians 1:3-4

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Updated 7-11-22

Pastor Julie July Council Report 2022

Vacation Bible School is underway as I write this. We have 45 kids who are enthusiastically involved and learning about God's Monumental Love. It has so far been a huge success, though a challenge to coordinate. Initially, of course, I was planning for our children's ministry director to lead and plan vbs. When she left abruptly (mid-planning), we hired a coordinator for VBS, who has basically been my assistant for VBS. However, she got very sick 2 weeks prior to VBS. We have had many people come down with covid and so had to recruit a new Storyteller (which requires lots of prep!) on the Thursday before VBS, and that person was the fourth storyteller I recruited. But, with all of the challenges, I worked hard to find solutions, and the VBS children will be none the wiser and are having a great week.

My favorite part has been having the VBS students remind me often of the daily Bible points: Pastor Julie, don't you know that God is with you everywhere!? AWESOME GOD! (That's how we respond when someone says that). I have spent the days of VBS mostly just enjoying time in our various stations and getting to know our kids. We have awesome volunteers who have worked very hard, and our VBS is a great success, as a result. I will also have a volunteer lunch on the last day to say thank you to all of our volunteers.

One fun addition is that I was able at the last minute to pivot and include the ~8 K students who are on our campus throughout the summer.

45 is the same number as last year, and I am aware of many families who would've attended but the partial day did not work for them due to work schedules. I am already pondering what next year will look like: an evening vbs, to include more families, a weekend vbs, having camp lead it, so that it can be a full day; because I know that a half day of VBS is not viable for many parents who work, I want to find an option that would allow more students to participate, and will be exploring that for next year. We already know that the theme is space!

Sunday School

We have now started Summer Sunday School, designed by Michele McDonald (a curriculum expert) and based on the Fruits of the Spirit, with a focus on hands-on activities, to ensure that kids have lots of fun. We are already starting to see results! Last week we had 12-14 students, which is the second most we have in the entire school year, and this is the middle of the summer—when we would traditionally expect much lower attendance.

Here are two stories that relate to how I got our numbers to increase. One family joined us for worship for the first time last weekend. I had been playing all year with her daughter at the ECC, and her daughter introduced her to me at Mom's night, this spring. She went to the principal and said she was interested in the church, so I took her out to coffee. She said she has been interested but didn't know where to start and isn't Lutheran. I gave her a buddy family who met her at church and showed her the ropes, and made friends with her child. I also gifted her a simple book of easy prayers, because she loves to pray at home with her child, but wanted some help in that department. Today I talked with her and she said she loves the book, felt very welcome at church, and that her daughter said Sunday School was the best part of her day on Sunday. She said they are committing to attend church every week this summer that they are in town.

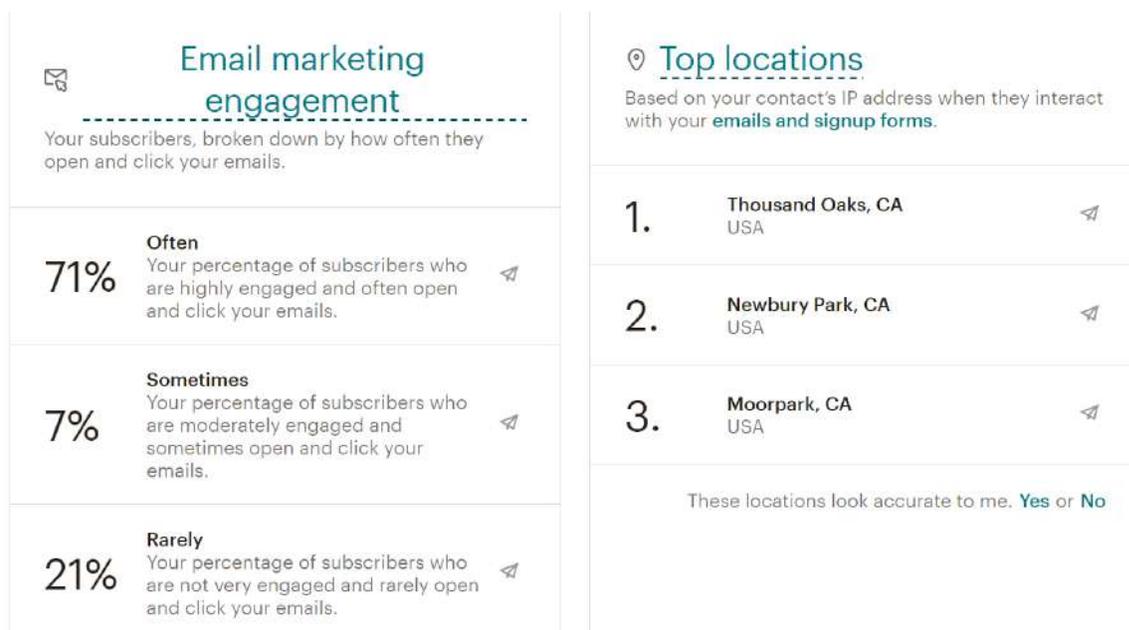
At the same time, on Saturday, we were decorating for VBS. One family came who has a daughter at the school. We spent much of the day just hanging out as we tape and painted and glued. Then, her daughter wanted to know what the baptismal font is, and it turned into a conversation that led to them also attending worship on Sunday (and connecting with the above family!), and her daughter also going to Sunday School and having a blast. I am working hard to build the One Ascension bridge, on family and one relationship at a time.

Spiritual Direction

Last month, I spend part of a week in South Carolina to complete my 2 year certification in Spiritual Direction. It was a rich and challenging week, together with a diverse set of colleagues. One night, they had us try out “the Great Silence”—modeled after monks who stay silent after dinner until breaking the silence with morning worship. We were even asked to turn off cell phones and computers and to spend the time just open and waiting for God to speak. We had rich speakers who spoke about many types of spiritual practices, and I am still process and learning to practice many of them. A resource that I recommend to all of you is a book called *Soul Feast: An Invitation into the Christian Spiritual Life*, that very approachably invites the reader to go deeper in spiritual practices, no matter their starting point. For me, my time in this class has consistently been a Thin Place, where God’s Spirit is readily available to me and I am refreshed and renewed. I am grateful for the time away and for the deepening of my own spiritual practices; this work also deeply informs my preaching. It has really changed the way I think about most of my work as a Pastor; now, I approach a sermon text asking Jesus to direct me and then a sermon as letting you all in on my process and trying to equip you in how you might also have a similar process and encounter Jesus’ direction through our text.

As summer marches on, it's interesting to note some shifts in how our communications are being received. Our church Instagram account has gained a handful of new followers (364) and impressions are up 70.3 per cent (due partly to ads). Ascensionlutheranschool on Instagram has 540 followers. Our Facebook church account, with Pastor Steve's carefully built audience, currently stands at 2,112 followers.

We have seen some drop-off on our newsletter email list, with a dozen unsubscribes in the last 4-5 weeks. Currently we have a total of 1,029 contacts/911 subscribers receiving This Week at Ascension and occasional additional emails. Here is how the engagement looks:



Readers access This Week at Ascension through email, social media or website. Newsletter views this past three months remained fairly consistent: April, 2432; May, 2256; June 2,473.

On the ALCTO.org website, outside of the home page and newsletter, this past month's top most viewed pages were the direct Livestream page, Member Documents, Meet the Pastors, Worship and Calendar.

Website visits were down about 300 comparing May to June, consistent with a general summer lull.

I'll revisit these metrics next quarter.

Grateful for your service,

Stacy Bosco

Ascension Lutheran Church-Global Ministries Team
Wednesday July 6, 2022
Global Ministries Team
7:00 p.m. VIA Zoom call in

REPORT

Mission Statement: With our congregation we are “called to create opportunities for all people to become devoted followers of Christ”. Together we “invite, grow, serve.”

The Global Ministries Team will do this as we pray, work, partner and participate in God’s mission around the world, using our ELCA global mission model of accompaniment. (God’s work. Our hands.”) The scope of current ministries as well as those ministries we would like to better serve and support is reflected in our new name. Inspired by the Biblical mandates to preach the Gospel and remember the poor, the Global Ministries Team will respond to God’s love by sharing the good news of God’s saving grace in Christ; preserving and restoring creation; and serving others through care, advocacy, education, reconciliation, solidarity with those in need, and interfaith work.

Report: **Welcome and Opening Prayer**

Eloise opened the meeting, and we all expressed our gratitude to Pastor Steve for his ministry and continuing shepherding of our GMT as his call is modified to ½ time. Pastor Steve shared prayers for Mary, Howie and the Wennes family.

Report: **Pastor Steve’s Report**

Care 4 Creation/Green Team

Pastor Steve updated us on the current focus which is ALCTO first and then broader goals. He reminded us of the Becoming Conference in Chicago for the most Generous ELCA congregations and asked if anyone was interested in attending. Eloise, Carol Bjelland and Pastor Steve have expressed interest so far. The deadline for early registration is July 15.

Report: **Hunger and Health -Mt. 25:43-45**

LWR Kits Planning (see attached)

Louise shared an update on the LWR Personal Care Kits project. Team members are requesting Thrivent Action Team Grants. A letter was distributed electronically to the TWAA list and response will be evaluated. Conversations with youth directors and Pr. Julie for their involvement have been initiated.

LWR Bible Study

Louise, Carol Bartell and Eloise and Deb have offered to lead this series. We will see about getting on the Adult Ed. Schedule for fall.

Advocacy 101/Bread for the World Offering of Letters

The Adult Ed class on June 12 was led by Eloise and over 25 people attended and wrote letters to their representatives. Some were hand delivered the following week. We would like to make this an annual event. Kim Overton is interested in starting an Offering of Letters at Cal Lutheran.

Report: **Global Missions- Act 1:8**

Gifts of Hope (GOH)

The Planning team has begun meeting on Zoom. Sharon Magnuson from ELCA is helping us connect to our global project, St. ARS in Cairo, Egypt. Gift categories and needs are being determined. Local focus will be Harbor House and Friends of Fieldworkers. Anyone is welcome to join our planning team.

Report: **Justice & Advocacy-Ps. 33:5**

Fair Trade- Fall Gift Fair

There is a possibility of a 2nd Fair Trade Gift Fair in the fall. The group discussed and suggested If there were a gift fair in the fall it would make sense to have it tied to Gifts of Hope. The consensus was positive overall for having a fall Gift Fair.

Conejo Interfaith Refugee Team

Eloise reported that this group is meeting weekly and working with 3 resettlement agencies in the greater LA area. Furniture collection is challenging for storage between deliveries. We also discussed the possibility of working more with LIRS (they are not in California however) and learned that their CEO Krish will be visiting Cal Lutheran next year. We would like to invite her to ALCTO.

Report: Peacemaking- Mt. 5:9

Women's Interfaith Network -WIN

Their current project is back packs for homeless students in our district. Info has been shared on Facebook for anyone interested in contributing.

Global Engagement Cal Lutheran

Christina reported that the new campus pastor will be arriving this month. We expressed interest in helping to welcome Pastor Scott Hamilton Adams. Sept. 21 is International Day of Peace. There may be ways to connect with this event and also more with Fair Trade ministry.

Report: Prayer and Education- Mt. 28:18-20

GMT has set up the VBS Offering for NELM (Navajo Lutheran Mission). Each \$10 donation will go to purchase reusable water bottles for the students at the Mission School.

Other Items:

24 YAGM students will be sent out for Global Mission work! We will look for ways to connect with them, via Zoom. Pastor Steve will follow up with Rev. Mytch Dorvilleir.

Next Meeting:

August 3, 2022

Closing Meditation and Prayer

Eloise read a closing prayer (see attached)

LWR KITS PROJECT, 2022

UPDATE to Global Ministries Team of May/June activities

1. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Ordered and received 750 LWR offering envelopes.
- b. Received and shared with Stacy Smith, Tamara Nowlin congregational resources and pictures to use for our publicity for personal care kits.
- c. Worked with Tamara Nowlin to draft letter to congregation asking for their financial support of the kits project.
- d. Coordinated with church office staff and Stacy to send offering letter to the This Week at Ascension (TWAA) email list (about 1,000 addresses) the week of June 27.
- e. Offering letter to congregation was included in the TWAA on June 30th.

2. FINANCIAL

- a. Sent instructions to Thrivent members who have volunteered to apply for Thrivent Action Team grants. (Eloise (1), Tamara (1), Pastor Steve (1), Mary (1), Howie (1), Paul (2), and Louise (2).
- b. So far, Pr Steve, Paul and Louise have received their grants.
- c. See (d) and (e) above for congregation offering letter distribution.
- d. Pr Chamie said chapel offerings in September will be designated for shipping kits.

3. ASSEMBLY

- a. Communicated with Diane Kusnierek about storage of Kits materials from Aug-Oct.
 - i. Likely in a closet in Founders' Hall, rather than nursery.
- b. Modified Kits in a Box option for small groups, Bible Study groups, families.
- c. Met with Pr Julie regarding the participation of confirmation class, Senior Luther League and Sunday School (grades 3-6) assembling personal care kits in October.
- d. Met with Pr Chamie regarding Grades 3-6 from the day school assembling kits in September/October. Also discussed Kits in a Box to involve families from the day school to share with their family why we make kits, how they are made and who may be a recipient.
- e. Sara Wallace will coordinate the assembly of personal care kits for the school children with other parents.

TO DO in July:

Follow up with Thrivent members about Thrivent Action Team Grant applications.

Follow up with church office about offerings for the project to determine if a paper mailing is necessary.

Reserve Founders' Hall for assembly in Sept/Oct.

Prepared by Louise Evenson, Kits Project Coordinator, July 4, 2022

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Prayer For Our Community

God, Lord of all creation, lover of life and of everything, please help us to love in our very small way what You love infinitely and everywhere. We thank You that we can offer just this one prayer and that will be more than enough, because in reality everything and everyone is connected, and nothing stands alone. To pray for one part is really to pray for the whole, and so we do. Help us each day to stand for love, for healing, for the good, for the diverse unity of the Body of Christ and all creation, because we know this is what You desire: as Jesus prayed, that all may be one. We offer our prayer together with all the holy names of God, we offer our prayer together with Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Ascension Lutheran School Board Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2022

The Early Childhood Center is dedicated to providing a nurturing, safe environment where the staff facilitates learning and reflects the unconditional love of God.

Ascension Lutheran School is dedicated to nurturing each student, providing academic excellence, and creating bold, compassionate leaders who inspire and serve others in their walk with Jesus Christ.

ONE ASCENSION - COMMUNICATION, COLLABORATION, COMMUNITY- called to create opportunities for all people to become devoted followers for Christ.

Attendees: Pastor Julie, Connie Angress, Rich Gregory, Jennifer Farrell, Carrie Leonard, Jenni McCoy, Steve Smuck, Paul Hoffmeier, Ron Rudrud, Kathleen Rudrud, Ashlee Steere, Rick Pfeiffer, Scott Bean, Naomi Little, Anna Woodward

Steve Smuck opened the meeting at 6:50 pm

A. Devotions – Paul Hoffmeier opened the meeting with devotion from Romans 8:28 and Proverbs 19:21 and an opening prayer.

B. Approval of Agenda & Consent Agenda

- Admissions Report
- ECC Report
- Principal's Report
- Finance Reports (to be made available as soon as possible)
- Church Council Rep Report
- Pastor's Report

Admissions Report ECC Report and Principals Report were pulled for clarification.

A motion was made to approve the agenda and consent agenda as amended. The motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the May minutes, the motion carried.

C. Old Business

1. Scott Bean reported on our new Microsoft Team storage. He will send out the Team information again for the board members who have not signed in yet. Our current school board information will be posted on Microsoft Teams.

D. New Business

1. Scott Bean reported for the PPP Allocation Sub-committee (see report on Microsoft Teams, School Board). After much discussion it was moved that

- the ALS board accept the PPP Allocation Sub-committee's proposed distribution of the funds, the motion carried.
2. Scott Bean reported that there needs to be a School Board Retreat, with the idea it would focus on long term planning. He also reported that there will be a School Board luncheon after the congregation's general meeting on June 26th, this will be a "getting to know you" opportunity for both past and present board members.
 3. It was reported that 4 of the 5 open board positions have been filled. They are Anna Woodward – Treasurer, Kyle Jones, Jocelyn Meyers, and Nellie Trumbo.
 4. The handbooks for the ECC, Elementary School, Employee, Parent/Student and PALS handbooks will be reviewed this summer. The review sub-committee will be Principal Gregory, Jenni McCoy, Pastor Julie, Kaylee Searway and Naomi Little.
 5. Campus safety has become a growing concern for parents. The board will form a Sub-committee to investigate and explore ways to add to the safety of our campus. Currently Principal Gregory and Ashlee Steere are on the sub-committee with openings for new board members.
 6. The board requests that new board member send pictures and biographies to Connie as soon as possible for posting. Ron Rudrud suggested that the board use some of the PPP monies to have a more attractive display cabinet made.
 7. Jenni Mc Coy will make a presentation on the ECC and Elementary school at the congregation general meeting.
 8. Carrie Leonard thanked Paul Hoffmeier and Rick Pfeiffer for their years of service on the school board, and for staying the course in tough times. She also thanked Ashlee Steere and Naomi Little for their continued service even through the challenging times. Carrie went on to thank Steve Smuck, Scott Bean, Ron Rudrud, and Kathleen Rudrud for stepping and sharing leadership when it was needed.

E. Executive Session - The school board meeting moved into executive session at 8:40 pm. Guests were excused.

Pastor Julie closed the meeting with prayer.
The meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm

The next meeting will be on Monday, August 8th at 6:30 pm in the church library. Scott Bean will lead devotions.

Respectfully submitted by



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