

English Lutheran News

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Our Mission:

Called to be shepherds, doing God's work, daily.

The Future of the Church

“Get the word out. Teach all these things. And don’t let anyone put you down because you’re young. Teach believers with your life: by word, by demeanor, by love, by faith, by integrity.” 1 Timothy 4:11-12 (The Message)

One of my very favorite ministries in the church today is Bible camp. I was never a camp counselor, but I really wanted to be. It didn’t work out for me, but when college was over I took a job as the Director of Youth Ministries at a church and my very first week on the job they sent me with a van full of kids to Bible camp. I got to hang out with the Bible camp staff, build relationships with the kids from my church, sing songs around the evening campfire, and even help with worship. It was like being an honorary camp counselor for a week. I looked forward to those weeks in the summer at Bible camp every year.

As a pastor I still have weeks where I get to be a part of Bible camp ministries. In June staff from Park River Bible Camp and Red Willow Bible Camp came to Jamestown to lead Vacation Bible School for elementary age kids from Atonement, St. John’s, and Trinity. Kids gathered in worship, singing at the top of their lungs about the love of God. Young men and women taught stories from the Bible about the love of God to our kids.

Then in the beginning of July, I took High Schoolers to Park River Bible Camp. These were some of the youth who were supposed to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering this summer. That event was canceled and PRBC stepped up and planned a local event to fill the void. For a week they gathered to hear about the boundless love of God. They gathered in worship. They sang around the campfire. They played and prayed and created art. All week they heard that they are loved by a God whose love has no limits.

The young men and women who give their summers to Bible camp ministries love their kids with everything they have. They answer a call to love as Christ loved. They pour all their energy into their campers and it is breathtaking to behold. By the end of a week at camp or VBS the kids who receive this outpouring of love are changed. Many will return to be leaders one day, still talking about the counselor who helped them believe God loved them.

This is Holy Ground. Here we find the young people of the church gathered to build faith together. Bible camp ministries are where you see the images of the future of the church. It’s joyful and exuberant and honest and LOUD. It gives me hope and I know the future of the church is in good hands. Please hold these ministries in prayer and support them in every way you can. Encourage the kids in your lives to be campers or counselors. This ministry is essential to the church!

Blessings, Pastor Susan Haukaas

*Unapproved minutes and are subject to change.

English Lutheran Church Council Meeting minutes – 07/27/2022

Members Present: Michelle Lytle, Brenda Guthmiller, Karen Heinle, and Pastor Kristi Weber

Members absent: Phillip Hofmann, Kurt Hayes

Pastor Report

-Pastor Kristi summarized where the process is for discernment team. There will be 7 churches participating instead of 8. There are still some decisions to be made and questions to be answered by the team.

-June minutes were read. Brenda moved to approve the minutes. Karen seconded, motion carried.

-Treasure's Report: Not available at this meeting.

Old Business:

-The overflow project is completed.

- 100 year celebration was a success! Thank you to all who helped out.

-The sign is completed and will be put up soon.

-The accounts will transfer to Dakota Heritage when Bryan is able.

-Discernment Process: The goals will be brought to the congregation for further discussion. Brenda moved to appoint Bryan Behm as local coordinator. Karen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

-A formal call committee will consist of 3 English members and 3 St. John's members. English members will consist of Kennedy Behm, Ceph Dockter, and Janine Hofmann (if she is able). Michelle made a motion to accept this team of call committee members. Karen seconded. Motion carried.

-Tammy Reis and Bill Lytle are working on updating the constitution.

New Business:

-There will be themed worship services: Seasons of Creations starting this fall with different preachers each week.

-We are looking for volunteers to put together a float for fall festival. Decorations from VBS can be saved and used if needed.

-Kennedy Behm is going to start playing piano every other Sunday until further notice. Brenda moves to accept Kennedy playing for \$50 per Sunday playing. Michelle seconded. Motion carried.

-Assessment needs to be done on the parsonage on the shingles, siding, replacing screen doors and windows, and possibly carpeting.

-Sharon Otto is wanting to borrow tables and chairs from the basement. Karen moved to allow this. Brenda seconded. Motion carried.

-There has been a request to put handicap parking signs out the east door of the church. This will be researched.

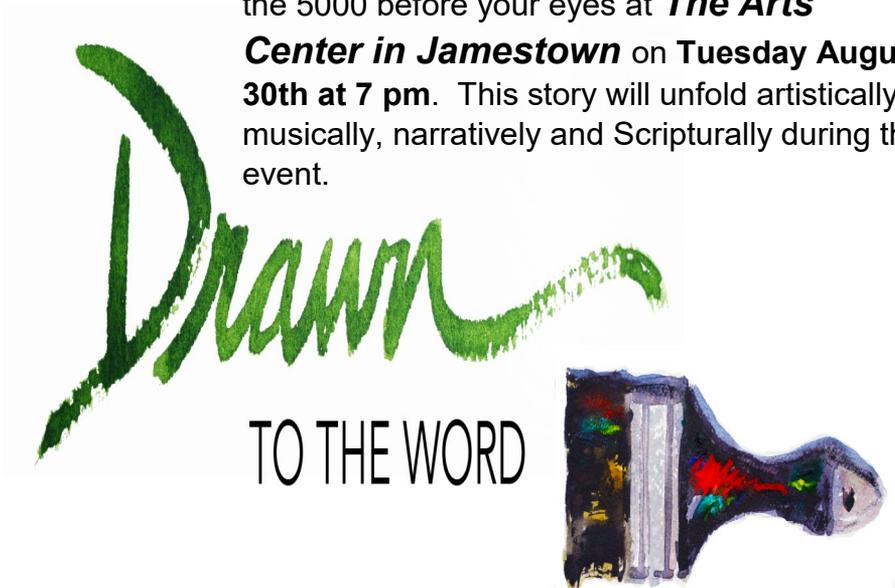
-Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Lytle

FREE Public Art Event!

All are welcome. Come and See!

Experience a *Drawn to the Word* artistic experience where Artist and Pastor Paul Oman will paint a large scale canvas of the Feeding of the 5000 before your eyes at **The Arts Center in Jamestown** on **Tuesday August 30th at 7 pm**. This story will unfold artistically, musically, narratively and Scripturally during the event.



Learn more at www.JamestownPlace4U.org

A similar event, expecting children to participate, will be Wednesday, August 31 at 6:30 pm at Zion Lutheran in Kulm.

People are invited to attend either or both events. These are free to the public.

This is with the same artist who led an event in May that several of the confirmation students attended.

Discernment Process Update

Each of the eight ELCA congregation councils discussed the Goals for Building Ministry Teams in our areas. Information in newsletters or in person has shared these goals with the congregations.

By July 15 seven of the original eight congregations decided to participate in this first set of goals. Participating congregations and local coordinators are as follows:

Atonement, Jamestown	LeAnn Fuchs
Christ the King, Ellendale	Dianne Billey
Emmanuel, Gackle	Warren Zenker
English, Medina	Bryan Behm
St. John's, Jamestown	Char Freeberg
Trinity, Jamestown	Joni Zink
Zion, Kulm	Dylan Schnabel

Pastor Kristi Weber will serve as the pastoral coordinator on this team.

The local coordinators are responsible for beginning implementation steps toward the common goals.

Three of their early tasks will be

- 1) to choose a name for this ministry partnership
- 2) to revise the way the goals will be implemented in light of having 7 participating congregations instead of 8 (see below for more detail), and
- 3) to prepare a budget for the first 6 months, and a 2023 calendar year budget proposal in time for review at October congregation council meetings and January 2023 congregation annual meetings

Other groups that are beginning their work are the call committees (for two pastors) and search team (for a Director of Youth and Family Ministries). Pastor Erik Weber is taking the lead in coordinating the call processes. English and St. John's will each select 3 members to serve on a joint call committee. An organizational meeting was scheduled for late July.

What is happening with Immanuel in Jamestown? Although Immanuel in Jamestown is interested in participating in some of the events (such as the Season of Creation worship series in September, and the Castaway Youth event on September 23-25) they are not ready to say yes to all the goals and participation with the local coordinators at this time. They will be invited to events, but not be part of the coordination team.

BIRTHDAYS

August

Boden Yunck	Aug 1
Briar Yunck	Aug 1
Sourey Schmidt	Aug 3
Shirley Judin	Aug 4
Emma Kramlich	Aug 12
Easton Liebold	Aug 13
Michael Kapp	Aug 14
Matthew Kapp	Aug 14
Corey Kapp	Aug 14
Jared Opp	Aug 17
Karrisa Yunck	Aug 21
Lisa Olson	Aug 21
Karson Schmidt	Aug 21
Janet Well	Aug 25
Dallas Opp	Aug 26
Genevieve Opp	Aug 27
John Dong	Aug 30
Wayne Reardon	Aug 31
Rob Ruff	Aug 31

September

Mabel Cowell	Sept 3
Aubree Lachenmeier	Sept 4
Ava Hofmann	Sept 4
Taylor Dockter	Sept 5
Ron Koble	Sept 5
Ryker Liebold	Sept 5
Kenasyn Dockter	Sept 6
Jim Cowell	Sept 18
Brittney Dockter	Sept 20
Sherry Everding	Sept 23
Bence Yunck	Sept 25

Celebrating August/September Anniversaries

Darin & Jodi Dockter	Aug 1, 1986
Matt & Jenny (Hieb) Opsahl	Aug 4, 2018
Bruce & Jaranah Liebold	Sept 1, 2012
Jacob & Bonnie Hofmann	Sept 8, 2012
Maynard & Darlene Dockter	Sept 23, 1962
Gene & Brenda Guthmiller	Sept 24, 1971
Xuejun & Chunyan Dong	Sept 29, 1994