

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL AGENDA

February 12, 2024

6:00 p.m. via zoom

Call to Order/Quorum/Opening Prayer

Approval of Agenda

Devotion: Sue Eifler

Approval of Minutes: January 8, 2024

Finance Reports:

Finance Committee Review

January 2024 Budget Activity Report

January 2024 Fund Balance Report

Pastor's Report

Old Business:

1. Pete's Pantry Task Group
2. Where Are They Now?
3. Determine Fees for Funerals
4. Newsletter
5. Update Constitution/By-Laws

New Business:

1. Approve funding plan for Renovation of the Ladies' Restroom
2. Approve funding plan for Lighting in the Parking Lot
3. Estate Gift Designation
4. Designation of Offering from Midweek Lenten Service

Committee Reports:

Christian Life – met 1/21/24

Finance/Stewardship – met 2/11/24

Outreach - did not meet in Jan

Property – met 2/4/24

Worship & Music – met 1/4/24

Adjourn

Next Meeting will be 3/11/24 at 6:00pm via Zoom - Bill Duggan to chair the meeting in Barb Hefner's absence.



ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2024

Members Present: Pastor Ed Ruble, Harold Bruns, Bill Duggan, Sue Eifler, Kathy Fotheringham, Gary Goodykoontz, Barb Heffner, Linn Kracht, Jan Ludwig, Dave Marquette, Glenn Noffsinger, and Rebekah Seng.

Not Present: Nancy Wozniak

Barb Heffner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. which was held via Zoom. It was determined that a quorum was established.

Pastor Ruble led the opening prayer.

It should be noted that unless otherwise indicated, Pastor Ruble abstained from voting on matters.

Approval of the Agenda: It was moved by Bill Duggan, supported by Dave Marquette to approve the Agenda. Motion approved unanimously.

Devotions:

Rebekah Seng provided the devotions from Hope for your Soul: Meditations to Energize the Soul—God loves no matter what.

Devotion for February—Sue Eifler.

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Linn Kracht, supported by Kathy Fotheringham to approve the December 11, 2023, Church Council Meeting Minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

It was moved by Bill Duggan, supported by Dave Marquette to approve the December 11, 2023, Organizational Meeting Minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

Financial Reports (Subject to Audit):

It was motioned by Harold Bruns, supported by Rebekah Seng to approve the December 2023 Budget Activity Report. Motion approved unanimously.

It was motioned by Linn Kracht, supported by Dave Marquette to approve the December 2023 Fund Balance Report. Motion approved unanimously.

Jan Ludwig reported that John Christ is sending a letter to the Battle Creek Foundation to get more information on the Endowment Fund for Gary Goodykoontz.

Pastor Report:

Pastor Ed Ruble provided a report and oral supplements. He reported that Christmas Services were well attended. He appreciated all the support throughout the services. Barb Marquette worked hard to get all the bulletins put together. He reported that the Alternative Choices midweek service will begin either January 16th or 23rd. There will be an announcement in the bulletin. It's called Songs with St. Pete. There will be singing and a message. He will have to find the right level of the message for the participants. Kathy Millard came up with the name. Worship and Music met. They did some planning for Lent and Pentecost. Boy Scout Sunday will be held on February 2, 2024. There will still be a service at St. Peter that day, but we will also participate in the joint service at Chapel Hill. Ash Wednesday will be February 14, 2024. Holy Week begins on March 24th and Easter Sunday will be March 31, 2024. Theda Plass's Celebration of Life will be on January 20, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. with luncheon to follow. Linn Kracht would like Care for Creation Sunday to be held on April 21, 2024.

It was motioned by Kathy Fotheringham, supported by Bill Duggan to accept the January 2024 Pastor's Report. Motion approved unanimously.

Old Business:

1. Pete's Pantry Task Group Update. Pastor Ruble reported that there were still cars that showed up on the two Tuesdays that Pantry was closed. There will be at least five days that the Food Bank will be closed in 2024. Glenn Noffsinger wondered what the needs are for the Pantry. Linn Kracht indicated that funds are always needed as well as products such as food and paper products. The volunteers will be doing online civil rights training. Glenn Noffsinger offered to provide his assistance with the training and said that Pantry volunteers who are in contact with recipients should participate.
2. Where are they now? Linn Kracht wondered if we could communicate the passing of a former member such as Gale Mason. Pastor Ruble said that is fine. Unfortunately, St. Peter received last minute notice of Gale Mason's passing and it fell during the holidays. In the future, we would communicate the passing of a former member. Tabled.
3. Renovation of Ladies Bathroom. Discussion occurred during Committee Reports.

New Business:

1. Set date for Annual Meeting/Annual Reports. We must provide the Congregation with at least two weeks' prior notice. A letter must be mailed to members at least 10 days prior to the meeting. The annual report must be provided to members by February 11, 2024. Committee reports are due to Gary Goodykoontz by Wednesday, January 10, 2024. It was motioned by Kathy Fotheringham, supported by Dave Marquette that the Annual Meeting be held on February 18, 2024. Motion approved unanimously.
2. Determine Fee for Funerals. St. Peter does not charge for member funeral services. Council agreed that this practice should continue. Pastor Ruble wanted to know how St. Peter should approach non-member funerals and whether we should charge. Dave Marquette stated that there are expenses involved due to the wear and tear on the building and additional cleaning because of the usage. He also stated that we should review the fee chart for other building usage as well. He said that the cost for cleaning supplies has

gone up and we are using more of it with more building usage. Pastor Ruble will reach out to his support group and see what other churches are charging. The Memorial Fund has generally covered costs for non-member funerals. Tabled.

3. Trinity "FED" Meal Sponsorship (\$250). Trinity holds a Thursday evening meal followed by an informal worship service with the main focus being on the Women's Co-op participants. They are looking for sponsorship. Pastor Ruble requested that St. Peter sponsor the January 18th "FED" Meal. It was motioned by Dave Marquette, supported by Bill Duggan to sponsor the January 18th Trinity "FED" Meal with \$250 from undesignated gifts. Motion approved unanimously.
4. Newsletter. Pastor Ruble wanted feedback whether the newsletter was helpful and useful. He wants it to be more than a calendar and a report from the pastor. He would like committees to submit articles and information about what the committee is up to and what their needs are. Kathy Fotheringham volunteered to help Barb Marquette put the newsletter together. It was suggested that the frequency of the newsletter should be no more than once a quarter. There was discussion that information is provided in different places such as announcements in the bulletin and Facebook. Pastor Ruble would like Council's support to do this. Glenn Noffsinger suggested that it should be more than just a repeat of information that can be gotten elsewhere. It should be telling a story. Tabled.
5. Establish Task Force to Update Constitution/By-Laws. Synod provided an updated model Constitution and By-Laws in 2022. Barb Heffner would like to form a task force to review our Constitution and By-Laws and make recommendations for updates. Barb Heffner, Gary Goodykoontz, Linn Kracht, Bill Duggan, and Pastor Ruble agreed to be on the task force. Barb Heffner will take the lead. She will also announce at church to see if any other members wish to be on the task force.
6. SMFB Partner Agency Agreement. South Michigan Food Bank Partnership is requiring that we sign an agreement every year. Linn has it and is in the process of reviewing it. It is a lengthy document, and information is requested from St. Peter. They want it back by the end of January. There is an application fee, but he is uncertain whether we have already paid it. Dave Marquette suggested that due to the time sensitive nature, this should be moved to the Executive Committee. Tammy Morgan is the point of contact with the Food Bank. It was motioned by Dave Marquette, supported by Linn Kracht to send the SMFB Partner Agency Agreement to the Executive Committee for review and approval.
7. Other.

Committee Reports:

Christian Life – did not meet.

Finance/Stewardship – met 1/7/24.

Outreach –.

Property –1/7/24.

Worship and Music – met 1/4/24.

The Property Committee provided Council with a list of Capital Projects it has determined needs

attention that they would like to introduce to the Congregation as a Capital Projects campaign. Dave Marquette listed the projects in order of what he considers to be most critical, with the remodel of the women's rest room being the most critical. The top items that are ready for execution pending funding are:

1. the Remodel of the Women's Rest Room as it was promised to be done,
- 2a. Parking Lot Lighting is a major concern for safety and security reasons,
- 2b. Replacement of Flooring Materials throughout the building is also a high priority for the appearance of the building,
3. Upgrade/Remodel of the Kitchen, and
4. Replacement of the Ceiling Tile in the Fellowship Hall and Elsewhere.

Barb Heffner suggested that the Property committee bring one thing to the Congregation during the Annual Meeting. Dave Marquette suggested that there could be a combination of fund raising and use of the Endowment Fund to pay for the projects.

It was motioned by Harold Bruns, supported by Dave Marquette to approve the replacement of the ceiling tiles in the Fellowship Hall and elsewhere. Motion approved unanimously.

It was motioned by Dave Marquette, supported Kathy Fotheringham to include the Women's Restroom Remodel project on the Agenda of the Annual Meeting. Approved unanimously.

The rest of the items will be presented to the Congregation as an informational discussion. Dave Marquette wants to see if there will be any negative feedback from the Congregation.

The parking lot expense has already been approved by the Congregation, but there is an additional annual expense of \$1,800 needed for annual treatment to increase the life of the parking lot. Council could approve the additional \$1,800 expense for 2024, then include it with the budget going forward.

Pastor will send out minutes for the Worship and Music Committee meeting.

It was moved by Bill Duggan, supported by Dave Marquette to accept the Committee Reports. Motion approved unanimously.

It was moved by Dave Marquette, supported by Bill Duggan to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m. and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by Church Council Member,
Sue Eifler

FINANCE/STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 11, 2024

The Finance/Stewardship Committee met after church on Sunday, February 11, 2024. The meeting started at 12:26 p.m., following a choir rehearsal that several committee members attended. In attendance were: Harold Bruns, Bill Duggan, Glenn Noffsinger, Gary Goodykoontz, Jan Ludwig, Pr Ed, Barb Heffner, and guest, John Christ, representing the Endowment Committee.

BUDGET ACTIVITY REPORT:

Expenses exceeded income by \$1,503.12.

We did not give to Synod Benevolence this month because the end of January is the end of the fiscal year for the Synod. Next month will reflect both January and February benevolence giving.

FUND BALANCE REPORT:

At the end of December 2023, our budget reflected a negative balance of \$13,327.74. In order to balance the budget, \$13,327.74 was moved from carryover.

Gary informed us that a 1 year CD under Mission Investment is coming to the maturity date. He recommended rolling over the one year CD into a three year CD. The Finance Committee supported Gary's recommendation.

OTHER:

John Christ presented information regarding Endowment Fund I and II.

Fund I, the Master Church Fund, is owned by the Battle Creek Community Foundation (BCCF). The principle in this fund belongs to the BCCF. Each year we are allotted a spendable amount based on 4% of the average balance for the last 16 quarters. Right now, there is \$21,000 of spendable money available. In June, there should be another \$8-\$10,000 available.

Fund II, the Church Support Fund, is ALL spendable. This is a change from the past. Right now, there is \$243,367 in this fund. The Endowment Committee is looking to set up a formula for our church as to what is spendable and what isn't. These funds all belong to St. Peter. This fund grows from contributions and earnings.

The Finance committee looked at funding options for the Renovation of the Ladies Restroom and Lighting in the Parking Lot.

Renovation of the Ladies Restroom estimated at \$5,000: The Finance Committee is in agreement and is recommending to Church Council that \$2,500 come the Memorial Fund and \$2,500 come from the Building Fund.

Lighting in the Parking Lot estimated at around \$20,000: The Finance Committee is in agreement and is recommending to Church Council that we hold a Congregational Campaign that is matched by a portion of the spendable funds from Endowment Fund I. John Christ will

hold a meeting with the Endowment Committee to gain their approval prior to the Annual Meeting on February 18, 2024.

The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 10, 2024, following the church service.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barb Heffner

St. Peter Lutheran Church
Budget Activity Report

January 2024

INCOME	Month	Year to Date		
	Actual	Total	Budget	Actual - Bdgt
Envelopes	10,704.00	10,704.00	14,583.33	(3,879.33)
Loose	51.00	51.00	100.00	(49.00)
Other Special Services	0.00	0.00	25.00	(25.00)
Flowers	138.95	138.95	130.00	8.95
Initial	170.00	170.00	8.33	161.67
Thrivent Choice Giving	0.00	0.00	41.67	(41.67)
Misc. Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	11,063.95	11,063.95	14,888.33	(3,824.38)

Expenses	Month	Year		
	Actual	Total	Budget	Remaining
Christian Life				
Adult Bible Studies	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Confirmation	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Sunday Church School	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Vacation Church School	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Youth Events Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Congregational Life Committee	0.00	0.00	750.00	750.00
TOTAL Christian Education	0.00	0.00	1,350.00	1,350.00
Outreach				
Local Benevolence	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Outreach Committee	0.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
Boy Scout Troop	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
TOTAL Outreach	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Church Council				
Synod Benevolence	0.00	0.00	17,500.00	17,500.00
Advertising	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
Synod Assembly	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Retreat	0.00	0.00	400.00	400.00
Mutual Ministry	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
TOTAL Church Council	0.00	0.00	18,250.00	18,250.00
Stewardship & Finance				
Stewardship	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Envelopes	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Online Giving Expense	45.97	45.97	750.00	704.03
Bank Fees	0.00	0.00	350.00	350.00
TOT Stewardship & Finance	45.97	45.97	1,400.00	1,354.03

**St. Peter Lutheran Church
Budget Activity Report**

January 2024

Expenses	Month	Year		
	Actual	Total	Budget	Remaining
Office Support				
Payroll Expenses	70.00	70.00	1,200.00	1,130.00
Computer & Office Supplies	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Equipment Maintenance	111.77	111.77	1,200.00	1,088.23
Postage	66.00	66.00	300.00	234.00
Telephone	134.78	134.78	1,548.00	1,413.22
Technology	0.00	0.00	900.00	900.00
Subscriptions	196.93	196.93	4,000.00	3,803.07
TOTAL Office Support	579.48	579.48	10,348.00	9,768.52
Property				
Church Grounds	330.60	330.60	5,700.00	5,369.40
Insurance - Building & Liability	0.00	0.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
Maintenance & Supplies	31.79	31.79	4,700.00	4,668.21
Utilities	1,035.94	1,035.94	13,200.00	12,164.06
TOTAL Property	1,398.33	1,398.33	29,100.00	27,701.67
Worship & Music				
Flowers	60.00	60.00	1,560.00	1,500.00
Music Supplies	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
Worship Supplies	19.47	19.47	1,200.00	1,180.53
Organ-Piano Maintenance	216.00	216.00	1,000.00	784.00
Sound System Maintenance	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Pulpit Supply	0.00	0.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
TOTAL Worship & Music	295.47	295.47	5,310.00	5,014.53
Payroll				
Pastor				
Salary	2,848.52	2,848.52	34,201.00	31,352.48
Housing Allowance	2,000.00	2,000.00	24,000.00	22,000.00
FICA Allowance	371.00	371.00	4,452.00	4,081.00
Pension	522.11	522.11	6,265.00	5,742.89
Insurance	2,682.22	2,682.22	32,187.00	29,504.78
Phone Allowance	100.00	100.00	1,200.00	1,100.00
Continuing Education	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
First Call Theological Ed.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expense Account	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Meetings & Publications	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Travel	100.00	100.00	1,200.00	1,100.00
TOTAL Pastor	8,623.85	8,623.85	104,905.00	96,281.15

**St. Peter Lutheran Church
Budget Activity Report**

January 2024

Expenses	Month	Year		
	Actual	Total	Budget	Remaining
Secretary				
TOTAL Secretary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Director of Music				
Salary	1,021.36	1,021.36	12,296.00	11,274.64
FICA	77.61	77.61	941.00	863.39
TOTAL Choir Director	1,098.97	1,098.97	13,237.00	12,138.03
Musicians				
Salary	525.00	525.00	7,700.00	7,175.00
FICA	0.00	0.00	589.00	589.00
TOTAL Musicians	525.00	525.00	8,289.00	7,764.00
Custodian				
Total Custodian	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL Payroll	10,247.82	10,247.82	126,431.00	116,183.18
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	12,567.07	12,567.07	195,189.00	182,621.93
OPERATING INCOME - EXPENSES	(1,503.12)	(1,503.12)		

Notes:



St Peter Lutheran Church Fund Balance Report

	Checking Account				Savings Account				Mission Investment Accounts				Total Fund Balance	
	Beginning Balance	Deposit	Transfer	Withdrawal	End Balance	Beginning Balance	Deposit	Transfer	End Balance	Beginning Balance	Deposit	Transfer		End Balance
Restricted Funds														
Building Fund	-	-	-	-	7,195.17	7,095.17	100.00	-	-	7,195.17	-	-	-	7,195.17
Capital Improvement	-	-	-	-	25.00	1.00	-	-	-	1.00	-	-	-	26.00
Building Usage	-	25.00	-	(1,553.86)	(1,553.86)	11,343.92	4,840.00	-	-	16,183.92	-	-	-	14,630.06
Memorials	-	-	-	-	2,452.94	2,452.94	-	-	-	2,452.94	-	-	-	7,759.15
Opportunity Fund †	1,169.55	117.28	-	(1,302.28)	(15.45)	1,308.71	-	-	-	1,308.71	2.69	-	5,306.21	1,293.26
Miscellaneous Projects	-	-	-	(100.00)	(100.00)	4,226.30	-	-	-	4,226.30	-	-	-	4,126.30
Kairos	-	-	-	(129.72)	(129.72)	651.29	-	-	-	651.29	-	-	-	521.57
Outreach	-	-	-	-	-	57.88	-	-	-	57.88	-	-	-	-
Soup Kitchen	-	-	-	-	-	3,020.84	-	-	-	3,020.84	-	-	-	57.88
Holiday Baskets	993.73	725.00	-	(1,228.38)	490.35	3,020.84	-	-	-	3,020.84	-	-	-	3,511.19
Pete's Pantry	-	500.00	-	-	500.00	441.19	-	-	-	441.19	-	-	-	941.19
Pete's Pantry Admin	-	-	-	-	1,100.00	1,100.00	-	-	-	1,100.00	-	-	-	1,100.00
Quilters	-	-	-	-	213.62	213.62	-	-	-	213.62	-	-	-	213.62
SPEK	-	-	-	-	801.09	801.09	-	-	-	801.09	0.55	-	1,612.57	2,413.66
Youth	-	-	-	-	1,025.00	1,025.00	-	-	-	1,025.00	-	-	-	1,025.00
Seminarian Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salary Support Fund †	236.47	-	-	(15.89)	220.58	-	-	-	-	19,713.07	10.01	-	19,723.08	19,723.08
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	220.58
Gen. Funds	12,537.62	-	(13,327.74)	-	(790.12)	11,630.31	-	1,295.69	12,926.00	2,581.50	1.31	-	2,582.81	14,718.69
Cash Flow Loan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unbudgeted Activity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Budgeted Activity	(13,327.74)	11,063.95	12,944.77	(12,184.10)	(1,503.12)	1,295.69	167.56	(1,295.69)	167.56	-	(14.01)	-	-	167.56
Liab. Accts	4,588.00	90.00	382.97	(537.38)	4,678.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,678.00
Payroll Withholding	545.70	-	-	(250.00)	391.29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	391.29
Undesignated Gifts	2,257.00	-	-	-	2,007.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,007.00
Summary	2,399.75	1,367.28	(382.97)	(4,330.13)	(563.10)	33,738.95	4,940.00	-	38,678.95	26,628.61	0.55	12.70	26,641.86	64,757.71
Total Restricted Funds	(790.12)	11,063.95	(382.97)	(12,184.10)	(2,293.24)	12,926.00	167.56	-	13,093.56	2,581.50	14.01	(12.70)	2,582.81	13,383.13
General Fund	7,390.70	90.00	382.97	(787.38)	7,076.29	-	-	-	-	60,999.52	-	-	60,999.52	7,076.29
Total Liability	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Invested Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	9,000.33	12,521.23	0.00	(17,301.61)	4,219.95	46,664.95	5,107.56	-	51,772.51	90,209.63	14.56	-	90,224.19	146,216.65

Notes: † The Fund Balance for these accounts does not include the portion in Invested Funds (split 1/3 to each)
 • In the General Fund, the Beginning Balances for Budgeted and Unbudgeted activity were transferred to Carryover
 • The Beginning Balance of Memorials: Savings was corrected from the December report to include an extra \$25.00



February 2024 Council Report

January highlights:

- Resumed the Thursday evening Bible Study following a break for Advent and Christmas
- Celebration of the Epiphany on Sunday January 7th
- Participated in the MLK Jr. Prayer Brunch on Saturday January 13th and the UCMA Ecumenical service honoring Dr. King on Sunday January 14th
- Attended the Kalamazoo Conference of Pastors meeting on January 16th (via Zoom)
- Presided over a service celebrating the life of Theda Plass
- Held our first Songs with St. Peter service in cooperation with Alternative Choices
- Participated in my uncle's celebration of life service in Cleveland Ohio
- Presided over a service celebrating the life of Pr Dan Seng

Visits: The Seng Family (multiple visits as Dan died), Joan Galli (phone), Carolyn & Zack Boyle

Worship & Music:

- I appreciate all the support from both staff and volunteers to pull together two funeral services and luncheons in 10 days.
- St. Peter began hosting a service in cooperation with Alternative Choices on 1/24. The service was an amazing success. 60 people from AC and 6 from St. Peter attended the service of song and prayer. George and I led the music while Tresa Garver offered a message of God's love. It was truly and amazing experience and I encourage everyone in the St. Peter community who can to come out and experience this service for themselves. This service will continue on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month moving forward.
- Peter Fotheringham was guest preacher on 1/28.
- The Worship and Music Committee met in early Jan to discuss plans for Lent and Easter. Please see the report for all of the details. In summary:
 - Ash Wednesday is 2/14 – Ecumenical service at 1st UMC at noon, 7:00pm at St. Peter
 - The theme for Lent will be “On Earth As In Heaven” and focus on the Lord's Prayer
 - there will be Thursday evening suppers and Holden Evening Prayer (w/ Holy Communion) beginning on 2/22 – Pr Kjersten will be participating and Trinity has been invited
 - We will be doing the Three Days Feast in cooperation with TLC, BC
 - Maundy Thursday service will be at Trinity, Pr Ed preaching
 - Good Friday service will be at St. Peter, Pr Kjersten preaching
 - Easter Vigil at St. Peter
 - One service on Easter Sunday followed by brunch

Misc:

- Vacation remaining for 2024: 25 of 26 days (including 5 Sunday).
- Vacation planned for Sunday 2/25 - Tuesday 2/27; Pr Cheri to supply on 2/25

Looking ahead:

- The season of Lent begins on Wed 2/14!
- Annual Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday 2/18
- Completion of my Rostered Minister Report and the Congregational Report



Sunday, January 21, 2024

Christian Life Minutes

Present: Sue Eifler, Barb Heffner, Joyce Jackson, Kathy Fotheringham, Becky Noffsinger, Pastor Ed, and Karla Kopp

The committee will meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month as needed.

Lenten Bible Study will be four weeks. The four-week bible school will be on March 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th. The format will be the same as last year. Children will have lessons, crafts, and lunch will be served. The theme will be "Growing Faith". Karla will make a sign-up for both attendees and helpers.

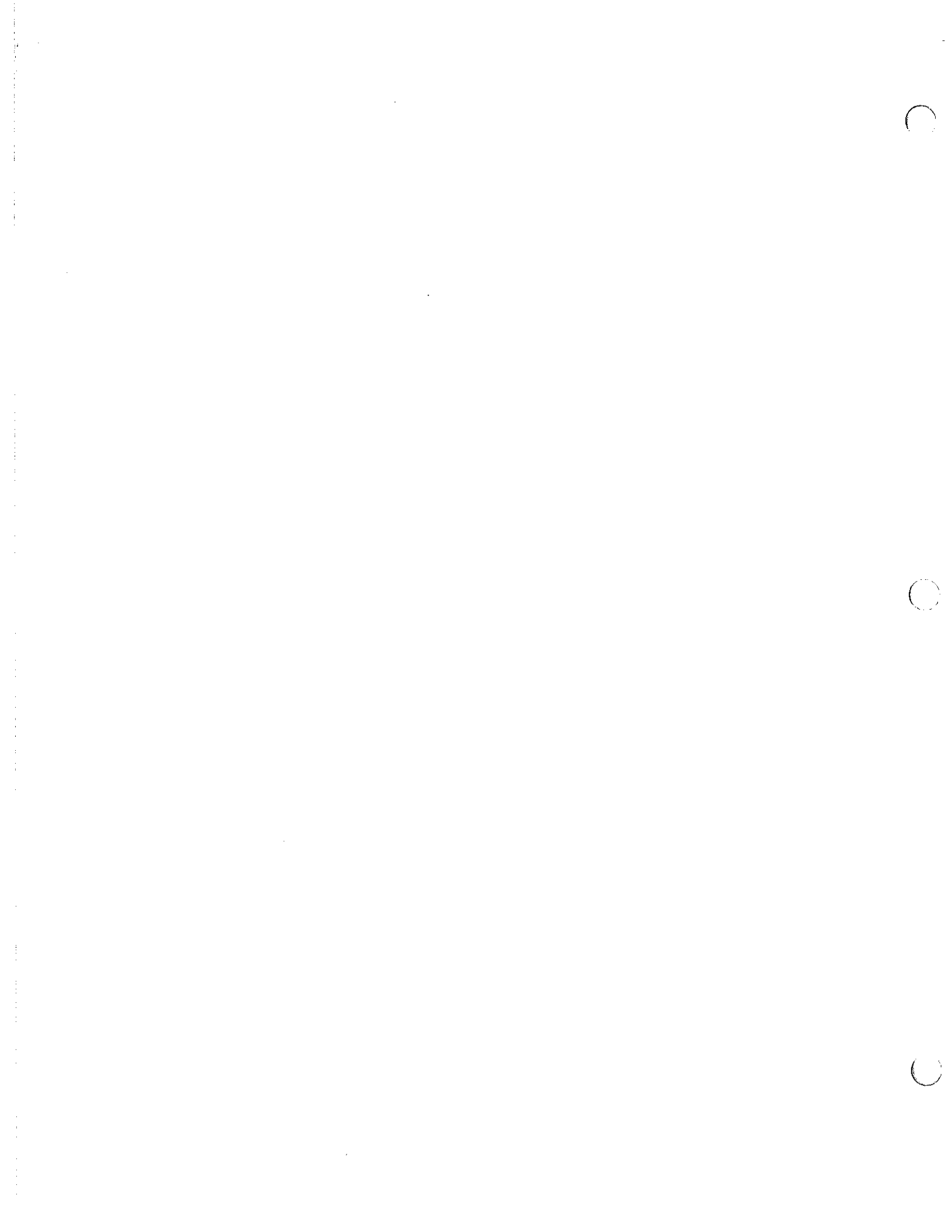
Thursday Night Lenten Dinners

The Thursdays for this will be February 22nd, 29th, March 7th, and March 14th. A sign-up will have individuals or groups sign up to provide the meal, set up, and clean up. The meals will be at 6:00 PM followed by service. Karla will make a sign-up. Sue will check on paper products. This will be a donation of the meal by the person signing up.

Easter Brunch- March 31st – Joyce recommended having an Easter breakfast. Karla will make a sign-up will be made for Easter breakfast. Breakfast will be after the service.

The Green Ice hockey game will be on March 16th. Barb will make a sign-up.

The next meeting will be on February 18th after service.



Worship and Music Meeting Agenda
January 4, 2024

Called to order at 4:30pm

Attendees: Pr Ed Ruble, George Pendill, Barb Heffner, Kathy Fotheringham, Rebekah Seng, Sue Towell

Not Present: Barb Marquette

Prayer: Pr Ed led a Litany for Worship Leaders

- Debrief on Advent and Christmas worship
 - Positives: Thursday evening worship w/ Pr Kjersten, streaming the pre-service music on Christmas Eve, Christmas Eve service in general
 - Opportunities: Thursday evening potlucks were not well attended leaving set up and clean up to a small number of people, need to assign service hosts for Thursday evening services, the shepherd song (from ACS) during Lessons and Carols was not well received.
- Boy Scout Sunday 2/4/24 – joint worship @ Chapel Hill 9:00am
 - St. Peter will still have a service at 10:00am on 2/24/24
 - Pr Ed and whoever wishes to attend may participate
 - Pr Ed will arrange coverage for the beginning of the service at St. Peter and plan to be back in time to preside at the table.
- Review notes from Lent/Easter 2023
 - Pr Ed brought the minutes from the 4/27/23 W&M Committee meeting to review
- Lent/Easter Theme
 - The theme in 2023 was being fed at Christ's table with an educational focus on the Sacrament of Holy Communion.
 - Ideas for 2024: growing our faith, recognizing when God does awesome deeds that we do not expect (ELCA World Hunger), bring other ideas to Pr Ed's attention asap
- Ash Wednesday 2/14/24 – Service at 7:00pm
 - Pr Ed will be participating in an ecumenical service at First UMC at 12:00pm as well
- Thursday evening services during Lent (2/22, 2/29, 3/7, 3/14) – at 7:00pm (Holden Evening Prayer w/ Holy Communion)
 - work with Barb ~~M~~ to find service hosts
 - Pr Kjersten will participate and invite the folks at Trinity
 - Pre-service meals at 6:00pm - Pr Ed will discuss having “hosted” suppers, rather than potlucks, with the Christian Life Committee
 - No service at St. Peter on 3/21 - we will participate in “Fed” @ Trinity instead (5:30 service, 6:30 meal)
- Holy Week (3/28, 3/29, 3/30):
 - Maundy Thursday (3/28) 6:30pm at Trinity – dinner will be served as part of the service

- Good Friday (3/29) 7:00pm at St. Peter – format TBD
- Easter Vigil (3/30) time and location TBD – the service will be shared between both congregations, not sure if we will travel between or do everything at one church

- Easter Sunday (3/31) – single service at 10:00
 - Pr Ed to discuss brunch with the Christian Life committee

- Pentecost (5/19) – service at 10:00 w/ a New Member Welcome
 - the color of the day is red, include reminder for people to wear red in the bulletin
 - geranium sales went ok in 2023, let's try again in 2024 perhaps with more lead time
 - There are handful of perspective new members that Pr Ed is in conversation with

- Misc
 - It would be nice to have a decorative arrangement on the chancel during the Lenten season, think palms, grains, grasses, etc (nothing blooming)
 - Easter flowers did not sell well in 2023, not sure why; the idea to switch to a special offering for easter flowers was brought up but no decision was made, will defer to Barb M. who manages flowers

Next Meeting – April 4, 2024 at 4:30pm