

## Bethel Lutheran Mission Statement

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### BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WAHPETON, ND Planning Council February 13, 2025 – 5:30 PM

- I. **Call to Order:** Cyndy called the meeting to order at 5:30
- II. **Members Present/Absent:** The following members were present: Cyndy Kolle, Ginny Buck, Pastor Eisenmann, Diane Finnie, Brianna Koval, Joyce Johnson, Tracy Peterson, Stephanie Beyer, Glen Enderson. Others Present: Larry Bethel. Members Absent: Stephanie Hoefs
- III. **Devotions:** - Devotions were presented by Joyce
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:** The January 16, 2025 minutes were approved on a motion and second by Tracy/Ginny and passed unanimously.
- V. **Monthly Financials:** Larry Presented the January Financials. January Revenue: \$38,304.00 which is 8.4% of the budget. Expenses: \$36,327.00 which is 7.9% of the budget. Surplus \$1,977.00. No motion to accept was necessary because they were previously approved by the Executive Committee.
- VI. **FFS Report:** Joyce presented the FFS report. Donations to date: \$431,424.13. No action was taken.
- VII. **Insurance Pictures:** Cyndy stated that we need to get an updated inventory with either photos or video of items in the church for insurance purposes. Tracy Peterson offered to organize a group to complete work on this project.
- VIII. **HVAC & Roof Status:** Cyndy explained that the bid for the HVAC and roof projects have been approved by the board of Property and were forwarded to the Executive committee who also approved them. Contracts have been signed and we are now ready to move forward with the HVAC project to be completed first.
- IX. **Pastoral Report:**

Pastor Amy passed out a report outlining her current activities and concerns. The subjects covered included:

- Worship and Pastoral Activities: 11 Services, Baptism and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible presentation
- Pastoral Care: 5 Adult visits, 2 Family Visits
- Education Youth: 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation classes, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade bible class. 3 Adult Bible Classes
- Administration and Youth: Exec & Planning Council, 4 Board meetings, Mutual Ministry meeting, Annual Congregational meeting; Befrienders meeting; 2 Board chair meetings.

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- Staff Administration; 5 meetings with individual staff, meeting with Executive Director, IT position discussion with Board of Property, communion practices meeting, 4 staff meetings
- Outreach: meetings with local clergy, Ministerial meeting, meeting for women's events, continuing courses "Getting it Done" & Leading with Renewed Energy & Joy, Met with Deacon Erin from Synod Office & Seminary Student, attended Scout Pancake feed
- Ministry focus: Personal Focus: Lenten preparations, Administration updating

Board Gathering will be March 29, 2025. More information to come.

#### **X. Board Reports**

A. Board of Outreach – Tracy Peterson reported. Some of the issues of her report included:

- Upcoming Events to be led by the Outreach Committee;
- Early Childhood STEAM event March 15th
- College Outreach: Sept/Oct Bingo night held at Bethel, grocery bingo and cash prizes
- Community Outreach Luncheon to be held April 11, 2025 11:00 – 1:00
- New Member Sunday will be March 30, 2025

B. Board of Lay – Steph Beyer Reported. Some of the issues of his report included:

- Review of Christmas Services: exploring idea of changing to an Epiphany Program
- World Day of Prayer Event: Friday March 7, Prayer stations will be available in sanctuary
- Lent Plans: Lent begins March 5<sup>th</sup> with Services 12:10 with meal to follow and 6:35.
- Easter: Cyndy Kolle will head up the decorating
- Befrienders Ministry will now become Care and Connection Team and will be combined with Befrienders and home communion
- Welcome Booklet for new members will be purchased

C. Board of Education Breann Koval reported. Some of the issues included:

- Itty Bitty Believers Book club going well
- Advent interviews on face book were enjoyed by all
- Advent fair and services with the Grinch was a success
- Ice skating event in February
- Steam event in March

D. Board of Property – Glen Enderson reported. Some of the highlights included:

- Roof Replacement Project & HVAC project are ready to move forward
- Boiler Room Door Replacement has been ordered
- Parking lot repairs and striping will be addressed after HVAC and roofing project are done

XI. With no more business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Diane Finnie Acting Secretary