

Community Lutheran Church
Council Monthly Reports
Attachment to November 2010 Minutes

Staff Reports:

Pastor Greg –

- I have nothing to report having been home from having total knee replacement. I do want to thank Mary Stohlman, Alison Conrad, for stepping in and covering for me in my absence. I also want you to know how much John Wielenga helped from offering his workshop in which to build the windows as well as helping to install them. It feels good to be back at work.
- Just a reminder that on Sunday, November 21 at 3:00 PM, the Interfaith Coalition ³Let Us Sing Thanksgiving² worship service will be held. We will be the host this year. Also on Wednesday, November 24, the night before Thanksgiving we will be having a Thanksgiving Worship and offering pizza ahead of time.
- Action item: None

Mary Stohlman –

- On Reformation Sunday October 31, 8 Third graders and their parents completed their Bible class and received their Bibles.
- This Sunday, November 14 we will have Community Ministry Fair on the patio. 6 organizations will be represented: Canyon Acers, an adoption and foster parent organization represented by Kina Cline, a member; Human Options an abused women's organization represented by Darla Olson, a member; Crean Lutheran High School represented by Cymantha and Bruce Atkinson; Thrivent, the Lutheran Fraternal organization represented by Jessica Colon, who will also be leading a Identity Thief workshop during adult Sunday School time; Corazon represented by James and Holly Elmore; and Linda Roberts will have table for the Adopt-as-Angel children thought the Southwest Community Center in Santa Ana. This is the organization we are collecting Holiday food for also. Cymantha and Atkinson have stepped up to set-up tables and help get everyone set-up on Sunday, if I cannot be here. Thanks Bruce and Cymantha!
- I stated the new members class last Sunday and 3 families participated. The class included an older couple a young family with 3 children and a young couple expecting their first child and his teenage son, who is active at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church. It was fun to meet them and tell them about CLC.
- On Friday I will have my final chemo, in this round. The Dr. is saying I will need to do this every 6 months for the next 2 years. Chemo has a cumulative effect, so each week gets a little tougher, as far as more days to feel better again, and this

past week has been tough. I don't anticipate being at church this Sunday, due to the Friday chemo. So I don't know how next week will go. But I should be better by the Holiday this year! Thanks be to God!

Alison Conrad –

- Working on finding more info from Concordia about an 'intern' situation. I have emails out to a few people; tried to talk to someone in person at the career office, but they weren't in. I'll keep on keeping on them!
- Service Saturday is this coming Saturday at OC Food Bank.
- Golf tournament was good and the kids had a really great time- they really enjoy that event!
- Our "Reformation Wheel-of-Fortune" was a big hit with the kids... they keep talking about it and even some who would never use "fun" and "Sunday school" in the same sentence have described it as "a lot of fun, actually"! I think we should do something like this more often! It's good for the kids and for the adults!
- That also brings up the question of what will happen with HS Sunday school after January 1. I think we need to start brainstorming now about whether someone will volunteer to teach or whether we'll need to come up with another option for them (such as helpers with the younger classes, etc.). As of now, I am lucky to have two kids on a Sunday morning.

Board Reports –

Outreach Committee – Bruce Atkinson – Nothing to Report this Month

Forward Planning – Mike Bisnar

- Staff evaluations in progress:
- Self evaluations to be handed out to the staff on November 16th.
- Self evaluations due back to Pastor Greg on November 23rd.
- Pastor Greg to complete all evaluations and return them to the committee by December 10th.
- Committee to prepare an exit interview for Allison to be conducted by Pastor Greg or Council President.

Stewardship – Pat Elliot

- We currently have 48 pledges turned in for a total of \$163,214. This is more than we had at the budget meeting on 11/2, but still not as much as we need for a bare bones budget. Our committee will commence gentle reminder calls for those who have not submitted a pledge card. I will be unable to attend the meeting on the 9th due to a work conflict, but will update pledge amount up until that date.

Parish Life – Barb Krouse

- Our committee met October 22nd. Members present: Lynn Bisnar, Laura Borgschatz, Cindy Hilburn, Barb Krouse and Paula Timken.
- The committee met to discuss the decorating of the sanctuary on November 27th and tree-decorating on November 28th. We are meeting at 9 am on the 27th to put up the tree and all the decorations in the sanctuary. We will be decorating the tree between services on the 28th since there is no Sunday School on this day. We will be providing egg dishes and drinks. Paula is asking some of the Sunday School teachers to provide baked goods for the event.

Education – Ashley Notthoff

- Committee meeting took place on Thursday, November 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the church conference room.
- In attendance: Ashley Notthoff, Pastor Greg, Julie Draper, Scott Leland, Sonja Krafcik, Paula Timken
- The name of the Sunday school Christmas Program is “Sing a Song of Christmas”.
- Men’s group is advertising the Pancake Breakfast, as well as the Christmas Program in their RSM community advertising.
- Julie has asked if the Confirmation kids can help with some of the craft activities for the program. She will give me a list of items she needs and Pastor Greg will ask for help from the Confirmation class. The Confirmation kids who participate will get service hours for their help.
- We will have a bulletin insert in the Sunday program reminding families of the program and ask for final commitment from those students participating.
- Sunday school for November 28th, the first Sunday of Advent will be to decorate the Advent tree. Parish Life has requested baked goods from all of the Sunday school teachers. After they have completed the tree they will go to music with Julie Draper.
- The CLC website has been updated with a list of Sunday school teachers by grade and the 2010-11 Sunday school calendar.

- Over the next few weeks we will take pictures of the Sunday school classes and post them on Facebook. We will also post pictures of the Christmas Program after the holidays.
- We will do an end-of-the-year teacher recognition on the last day of Sunday school (the last Sunday in May before Memorial Day). We will announce it in church and bring in food/baked goods.
- The Sunday school classes are low on supplies and haven't had their supplies updated in almost two years. We will be asking the teachers for a "supply list" and posting that in the bulletin during Advent. We will be hanging "stockings" in the Sanctuary by grade level so that the congregation can donate any of the requested items.
- No meeting in December. Next meeting will be in January.

Worship – Kevin Peterson – Nothing to Report this Month

Youth – Pat Weber

- Alison and I talked briefly about Sunday School for next year. Plan to meet in the next week.

Action item: Choir would like to do a fund raiser with the youth to earn some money for the Worship Committee and The Youth. We would like to sell Sees Candy by taking orders starting 11-14 thru 12-1-10. Christy Riley is getting all the information re: the fund raiser. The youth have done this in the past, at Easter and Christmas in a few years back. – **See Minutes**

Property – Mark Totman

- Reset timers for fall/winter hours.
- Purchased fluorescent fixture ballasts for preschool classrooms (need to install next Sat. 11/13).

Yet to do this Fall:

- Build 2 table carts for 14 round tables.
- Design wooden literature rack along wall in Narthex.
- Assess rusting preschool fencing that needs to be replaced.
- Repair water-damaged drywall at door jamb in Sacristy.

- Weatherstripping to be replaced on all double doors in conference room, church offices and sanctuary.
- Start assessing what needs to be done around the property. (immediate, short-term, long-term) – one thought we should consider is the parking lot condition and how we could get it repaired sometime in 2011 (fundraising, special donations?)

Next property committee work day scheduled for 8:30am Sat.12/4/10 to address “to do” items listed in the red notebook. Ken Notthoff to fill in for me since I will be out of town.