

Our Savior Lutheran Church Board of Elders Meeting

8:00 am Saturday, April 21, 2018

Members in attendance: Pastor Rick Jones, Vicar Matt, Nick Dreyer, Jim Potts, Ryan Schaan, Paul Dockter, Wayne Johnson, Eric Poppinga

Pastor Rick opened with prayer and a lesson from 1 Timothy tying scripture to help us make sure we're in the right place and understand our role. It was a wonderful lesson that gave us a real vision and purpose for what we have been called to do and what our mission should entail.

Pres. Nick brought up discussion about visitation and the need to make sure that we are fulfilling that role as Matt's presence is lessening. Vicar Matt went through visitation and Nick asked for Elders to step up and help out along the list and divide things up amongst the few volunteers. Wayne, Lynn, and Eric volunteered to do visitations with Vicar Matt. Pastor Rick also briefly discussed the process for calling an IIM candidate and the congregational study, how it works and what we should really be looking for in the study.

Pres. Nick brought up discussion about some challenges staff has been having with Confirmation, how seriously some of the students are and are not taking it, and what we can do as Elders to take a more proactive role. Nick stated we need to step in and help out where we can so the kids understand the importance of the classes and their future.

We discussed the Pastoral care for Vicar Matt along with the need for congregational care. It was brought up by Pres. Nick that we as a congregation are planning to put a nice going away package together for Vicar Matt. The Governing Board will be discussing the contents, the bonus amount, and how the package will be structured.

Steve, Lynn, & Jim covered the safety and security team topic. Jim covered the need for a policy that covers legal bases especially since it's a Class B misdemeanor to carry a gun (weapon) in Church. Jim discussed the need to have a written policy for who is able to carry and also who is on the team and committee and how it's done. Jim stated we need to have a leader who is chosen and the leader should chose the members of the team. Pres. Nick stated that the next step should be to take something to the Governing Board so a draft or formal security policy can be written, reviewed by an attorney, and approved. It would need to be added into the bylaws of the Church. Jim Potts is willing to lead the team, however the item needs to go to the Governing Board in draft form first.

The topic of Divine Service was introduced by Pres. Nick. It was stated that every other Sunday for that type of worship has been requested by a few members who attend the 8:15 service. Wayne also brought up communion and was asking how everyone felt about having two communions per month at the 9:30 and 11 services. We decided that these items need to be discussed further and that we will need to decide how best to move forward in the short term especially in the interest of giving everyone the best worship opportunity.

Pres. Nick brought up the Mercy Care trailer, the Hope Village items, and some of the other things that are being stored/left at the Church and in storage. Pres. Nick asked if there was anyone who could help out with some of those items. Since Steve Carbno was the primary Elder who knew the most about many of the items, he volunteered (was suggested) to try and sort out some of the items such as trailers, tools, misc items both in the garage and in storage.

With no further business being brought forward, Pastor Rick closed us in prayer. Some members joined the Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Poppinga