

Our Savior Lutheran Church Board of Elders Meeting

January 6, 2018

Members in attendance: Pastor Krueger, Vicar Matt, Nick Dreyer, Jim Potts, Ryan Schaan, Steve Carbno, Lynn Nord, Wayne Johnson, Paul Dockter, Eric Poppinga

Pastor Krueger opened the meeting with a wonderful prayer.

The group went through OSLC Mission Principles. Each member read a verse from four groups of principles and highlighted what struck each person the most. The exercise was a very good one that brought to light the “what and why” of our mission, motives and core values.

Nick Dreyer covered the 7 key areas of responsibility for the Elders. Jim Potts asked questions about Communion procedures and Pastor Krueger went through what is expected and needed from those who are involved with the distribution of Communion.

Nick Dreyer went through personal discipleship growth and talked about how it has helped his own growth leading Bible Study and getting out in front of others to talk openly and upfront about his personal faith. He encouraged others to take a role in leading and help each other learn and grow together.

The contact night of calling was discussed and how successful the calls are along with the very positive feedback that is given. We intend to make it a very successful program again in 2018. We will be gathering again as groups and making the calls to all within the congregational listing.

Nick Dreyer brought up the ultimate importance of Men’s Ministry. We discussed how men need to take a lead in ministry and help both men and women become strong leaders, dads, husbands and friends.

We plan to assemble a project team that gets people together as a team to accomplish tasks, to-do’s and projects within our Church and out into the community. We will seek out someone to lead that effort and assemble the group.

We plan to review and study the importance and necessity of a security team. It was noted that some teachers, volunteers and moms have brought up the need for security during Wednesday evening programs and children’s events. Additionally, we need to assess the need for extra physical security for the building and protection for those who are on the property. We also need to assess security in relation to how to deal with an active shooter incident. Shephard’s Hill was brought up as an example to consider.

Mike McCloud from the Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch is trained in this area and does training for others on the subject. Pastor Krueger and Nick brought up that we should bring him in on a Saturday for a training and information session after Bible Study or before or after an Elders Meeting. We need to discuss this and formulate a training session and plan.

We discussed the importance of communication and the need to keep the congregation informed and to ensure positive and timely communication on the items we are working as a Board.

We discussed the need to possibly switch the Board of Elders meeting to the 3rd Saturday of the month due to the work schedules of a few of the Board members. We will discuss during the upcoming meeting in February

Pastor Krueger closed with the upcoming items happening during the upcoming Sundays and weekly events.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Poppinga