

Sunne Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Minutes
March 20, 2019

ATTENDEES

Pastor Paul Schauer, Lester Vollan, Marcus Hall, Eric Schill, Jesse Rust, Lyndsey Cleveland, Bridget Tarpley, and Patty Schock

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES – MSC to approve the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT - February general offerings were up 23% over February 2018. Year to date, general offerings are up 8% over 2018. Overall giving is up 6% over February 2018. Year to date, overall giving is down 2%.

PASTOR'S REPORT

February worship attendance average: 64 (compares to 98 in 2018 which is a 35% decrease).

Baptisms: Shane Howell on 2/13

Funerals: Tim Field on 2/18; Rosalia Dewald on 2/25 & 2/26

Transfers in: Allen and Bev Vollmer from Bethlehem, Wing

Released: Heather Pearson to Church of St. Anne

Pastor Paul Schauer has been continuing to visit with members of Sunne Lutheran Church to discuss his or her status with the church. Visits are going well.

Pastor Paul Schauer presented "a day in the life" to the council so members could get an idea of what might occur in a normal day as pastor. He started with a 4:30am call from Sweden regarding relatives buried at Sunne progressing to a call from the highway patrol, dealing with a scam artist wanting money from local churches, lunch with several of the high school students, a funeral, calls ranging from assistance with a domestic issue to a pastoral conference call to the ambulance.

OLD BUSINESS

MSLCC Board Member nominee: Marcus Hall has volunteered to be the MSLCC Board Member and will let them know of his interest.

Stained Glass Windows: Pastor Paul picked up the stained-glass windows at the end of February. Arlan Helm has found a way to hang the windows without obstructing the blinds or the ability to open the window.

NEW BUSINESS

MSLCC Meeting: Marcus Hall attended the MSLCC meeting. The MSLCC is building a north campus at the old north Good Shepherd campus. Plans include breaking ground this year for the multi-use center. Discussion also included sharing information to help spread event information in newsletters, on websites and in discussions.

Co-Sponsor the Wilton Mentor Program: Sunne Lutheran has co-sponsored, at no cost, the Wilton Mentor Program trip in past years. This year it is scheduled for August 25-30, 2019. MSC to co-sponsor the Wilton Mentor Program trip in 2019.

Letter to Congregation: Discussed whether to send a letter to the congregation regarding the need to increase our general fund status for continuing expenses. The council noted that a similar letter was sent last year and wondered if this would reoccur. Pastor Paul is hopeful that it will not be necessary again as the cold and unsafe travel conditions of the past couple of months have affected attendance and, in turn, giving. MSC to send a letter to the congregation.

Website: Linda Mees, who has graciously been handling the Sunne Lutheran website for a number of years, has elected not to continue. Council questioned who could take over this task. Patty Schock volunteered to attempt working with the website.

MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS

No Reports: Church/Parsonage Property; Stewardship; Education; Evangelism; WELCA; Endowment Team

Wilton Food Pantry: BHG is holding a Fill the Shelves food drive that will benefit the Wilton food pantry. Awarded the \$1500 grant from Capital Electric.

Worship – Discussing moving from two worship services to one.

Cemetery – Committee should be meeting soon for the spring.

Youth – Bowling scheduled for March 10, 2019 was cancelled due to weather. It has not yet been rescheduled and may be cancelled in favor of another activity.

APRIL DEACONS AND TELLERS

Date	Time	Deacon	Tellers
4/7/2019	8:30 AM	Bridget Tarpley	
	10:30 AM	Eric Schill	Eric Schill/Lyndsey Cleveland
4/14/2019	8:30 AM	Eric Schill	
	10:30 AM	Patty Schock	Patty Schock/Bridget Tarpley
4/18/2019	7:30 PM	Eric Schill	Eric Schill/Lyndsey Cleveland
4/19/2019	7:30 PM		Bridget Tarpley/Pastor Paul
4/21/2019	7:00 AM	Bridget Tarpley	Bridget Tarpley/Patty Schock
	9:30 AM	Lester Vollan	Jesse Rust/Lester Vollan
4/28/2019	10:30 AM	Marcus Hall	Patty Schock/Marcus Hall

FUTURE MEETING DATES

Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 7:30pm

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 7:30 pm

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully Submitted,
Patty Schock