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MINUTES – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Council Meeting Sunday, June 16, 2024

**Present:** Pastor Andrew, David Lucas, Ed Woodward, Janice Haigler, Jason Fowler, Richard Inman, Karen Lucas

Absent: Anna-Marie Plyler, Barbara Nagy, Becky Shealy, Carole Sox, Chris Herrmann, Deb Bodie

**Call to Order:** Vice President David Lucas called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

**Devotion:** Janice Haigler offered a devotion on being intentional in our daily lives.

#### **Motion from Executive Committee:**

Executive Committee moves to appoint Karen Lucas as Council Secretary Pro Tem for the June Council Meeting. A Voice Vote was taken, and the motion was **Unanimously Approved**.

# Adoption of Agenda:

Vice President Lucas asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. Having none, Ed Woodward moved to approve the agenda, Richard Inman provided the second. A voice vote was taken. The agenda was **Unanimously Approved**.

# Adoption of the April 21, 2024 Minutes:

Vice President Lucas asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Having none, Janice Haigler moved to approve the minutes, Richard Inman provided the second. A voice vote was taken. The April 21 Council Minutes were **Unanimously Approved**.

# Attendance and Membership for March 2024

# **April Sundays**

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<u>2024</u>	<u>9:30</u>	<u>ss</u>	<u>YouTube</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>9:30</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>YouTube</u>
4/7/2024	87	28	49	4/2/2023	126	51	43
4/14/2024	107	50	39	4/16/2023	86	35	29
4/21/2024	91	37	34	4/23/2023	109	41	30
4/28/2024	90	33	37	4/30/2023	110	46	28
Average	94	37		Average	108	43	

# **May Sundays**

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<u>2023</u>	<u>9:30</u>	<u>ss</u>	<u>YouTube</u>		<u>2023</u>	9:30	<u>SS</u>	<u>YouTube</u>
5/5/2024	94	37	51		5/7/2023	110	46	51
5/12/2024	98	43	39		5/14/2023	107	42	25
5/19/2024	92	35	46	Graduate Recognition	5/21/2023	110	33	15
5/26/2024	81	25	32	Confirmation	5/28/2023	141	n/a	22
Average	91	35			Average	117	40	28

Total Membership\* as of 12/31/2023: 578

\*Realm Membership Status

Resident Active: 377 / Resident Inactive: 118

Non-Resident Active: 22 / Non-Resident Inactive: 61

Total Active Members 12/31/2023: 399

Current active Realm membership at the time of the April 2024 Council Meeting: 399

Members Added since the April 2024 Council Meeting: 2

Bud and Sally DePriest, Adult: Affirmation of Faith

Members Removed since the April 2024 Council Meeting: 3

Milford Hunter: Adult, Removed - Death

Kevin Strunk: Adult, Removed - to ELCA church Kathy Strunk: Adult, Removed - to ELCA church

Current active Realm membership at the time of the June 2024 Council Meeting: 398

Note: No Council meeting held in May 2024.

# Reports

- 1. Treasurer's Report: Written Report Submitted.
- 2. Realm Financial Report: Written Report Submitted.
- 3. Pastor Andrew's Report: Written Report Submitted. Pastor Andrew mentioned that the Synod Assembly went well as a virtual event. Next year it will be back to in-person to celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Synod and to elect a new Vice President of the Synod Council.

# **Standing Committees:**

- 1. Communication Carole Sox: Written Reports Submitted.
- 2. Evangelism Committee Jason Fowler: Written Reports Submitted. Jason Fowler shared that the Evangelism Committee will help with the Trunk or Treat / Fall Fest again this year. Mr. Fowler also shared that plans are in the works for a Thanksgiving Service and community outreach on November 24<sup>th</sup>.
- 3. Finance Committee David Lucas: Written Report Submitted. David Lucas reported that the copier's lease is up in November. We have requested a formal quote from CBE for either getting a new copier, a refurbished copier or buy-out of our current contract. Becky Shealy and David Lucas will meet with the representative from CBE.
  - a. Technology Subcommittee: No Written Report Submitted.
- 4. Gifts Committee Ed Woodward: No Written Report Submitted. Ed Woodward shared that the Gifts Committee has some funds available that could be shared with the other Committees. Mr. Woodward requests that each committee let him know what needs they have, which are outside of their current budget. The Gifts Committee is also working on Temple Talks and Time and Talent forms.
  - a. Memorials Subcommittee: Written Report Submitted.
- 5. Learning Committee Barbara Nagy: Written Report Submitted.
- 6. Parish Life Committee Deb Bodie: No Written Report Submitted.
- 7. Property Committee Richard Inman: Chair: No Written Report Submitted. Richard Inman shared that the FAB roof replacement is on hold until after VBS. The original date was not met due to difficulty getting parts. Burgin Roofing has asked for a check at the time of the work. Property has requested Burgin Roofing to send an invoice.

- 8. Social Ministry Committee Cathy Milejczak and Rod Kent: Written Report Submitted. Janice Haigler shared that the Foundation approved a grant for the Ramp Ministry, to help with materials. Ms. Haigler also said that the MORE Justice network was discussed at the Social Ministry meeting, as well as the Synod Assembly this year.
- 9. Worship Life Committee Becky Shealy: Written Report Submitted. David Lucas shared that the Memorials Committee has appropriated funds for new choir robes.
- 10. Youth & Children Committee Chris Herrmann: No Written Report Submitted.

#### **Old Business**

1. N/A

#### **New Business**

- 1. Carol Mayfield Memorial Account
  - The Property Committee needs a decision concerning expenditure of the left-over amount in this account. The amount remaining is \$111.96. A motion was made by Janice Haigler that the \$111.96 remain part of the Property Committee's funds. Richard Inman seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, and the motion was **Unanimously Approved.**
- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Steering Committee
   Motion from Executive Committee to appoint the following to the Good Shepherd Lutheran 75<sup>th</sup>
   Steering Committee: Nancy Hyatt, Don Caughman, Stacy Gross, Neil Inman, Anna-Marie Plyler, Bruce
   Shealy, Kappy Steck and Jim Johnson.
  - After discussion, a voice vote was taken, and the motion was Unanimously Approved.

### **Petitions and Communications**

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#### **Executive Session**

N/A

# Adjourn

Vice President Lucas declared the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m. Pastor offered prayer followed by the Council joining him in The Lord's Prayer.

Respectively Submitted: Karen Lucas

# Pastor's Report Rev. Andrew Isenhower June 14-August 16, 2024

# **Pastoral Acts**

- -Funerals for Margaret Hill, David Hill, Toby Pedersen, and Joanna Carpenter.
- -No baptisms
- -No weddings

# **Worship and Music**

- -I preached, presided, and led worship for 8 Sunday worship services.
- -I participated in worship planning.

# Education

- -I have continued leading the mid-week bible study via Zoom.
- -I have provided Faith 5 resources each week for members and families.
- -I have continued teaching in-person Bible study.
- -I taught Sunday school each week.

# **Pastoral Care**

- -I made 7 in-home visits and 13 hospital/facility visits.
- -I have followed up with bereaved members and families.
- -I made 27 Pastoral Care phone calls.

# Social/Fellowship/Community Events

- -I attended VBS
- -I communicated with the social worker at AC Flora to discuss our continued partnerships within the community.
- -I set up and hosted a meeting with the director of MORE Justice.

### **Church Business**

- -l attended the following committee meetings:
  - Learning
  - Shepherd's Visitors
  - Finance
  - Worship Life
  - Executive (x2)

# **Synodical Business**

-None this month.

### **Continuing Education**

- None this month.

# Self-Care

- -Our family had a great vacation at Edisto in July!
- -I took time each day for devotional reading and prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Andrew Isenhower

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# MINUTES – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Communication Committee

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Meeting Date: August 8, 2024

Present: Carole Sox (Chair), Susan Sturkie, Steve Bowden and Don Caughman

Call to Order: The meeting was called to Order at 6:02 pm and opened with a prayer from Carole Sox.

#### Item 1:

**Thanksgiving Community Service** – We were hoping Jason Fowler could join us to discuss promotional opportunities for the Thanksgiving Community Service currently being planned. He was unable to attend so we will table this for the next meeting. Carole will speak with Jason after his committee meeting and update the committee via email if needed.

### Item 2:

**Event Planning Article** - It was decided that the Event Planning article from the last meeting will be presented to council at the next council meeting. If the council agrees, it will also be sent to Deborah for distribution to others in the church who plan events.

#### Item 3:

**Bulletin Board Update** - Deborah let us know that no bulletin board was available for us to place in the Fab. Susan Sturkie checked on one across from Room 1, but it appeared to be in use. Once the space is measured, Carole Sox will purchase one for church use – requesting the use of memorial funds as suggested by Don Caughman.

#### Item 4:

**Back-up for Wade Wingard** – Steve Bowden reported that conversations are moving forward and a zoom meeting is in the near future.

#### Item 5:

**2024 Outlook** - We discussed the remaining events for 2024 and the committee's possible contributions. Carole Sox will remind members to share information at the next Council Meeting. We would like to pursue promotional opportunities for the following events as more information is made available:

- Thanksgiving Community Service
- Christmas Events
- 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Don Caughman is attending the meeting for this and will update committee).
- Trunk or Treat

The meeting concluded at 6:31 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for September 12 at 6:00 pm.

# Planning a Church Event? Communication is Key!

The Communications Committee is ready to help you spread the word about your church event. Here are some steps and guidelines to consider during the planning phase to maximize your event's impact:

#### Pre-Event:

During the planning phase of your event, we encourage you to:

- 1. Identify your target audience (church members, local community, age groups...)
- 2. Determine if your event should be advertised to the community.
- 3. Outline a reasonable timeline for advertising and promotional opportunities (which should include contacting the Communication Committee at least 2 3 months prior to the event.)
- 3. Create some engaging content including graphics, visuals, and wording that the Communication Committee can use in promotional materials.
- 4. Create a message that is clear, concise and compelling highlighting the event's purpose, date, time and location.
- 5. Send your event information to the Communications Committee Chair.
- 6. The Communications Committee will review the information and work with you if there are questions or changes.
- 7. The Committee will ensure your information is distributed on the following channels as applicable: church website, social media platforms, church newsletter, community communication platforms, flyer on bulletin board in the FAB, and the info will be sent to local media.

#### **Post-Event:**

Once the event is over, we encourage you to:

- 1. Send photos and success stories of the event to the Communication Committee for distribution as applicable.
- 2. Gather feedback, review, and evaluate your event and note the successes and possible changes for upcoming years.
- 3. Create an Event Report that includes your assessment and a timeline for future planning and advertising.
- 4. Send the Event Report to the Parish Administrator for archiving, future use, and distribution to the next Committee Chair.
- 5.. Write thank-you's to those who assisted, especially if they are outside of the Church.

By following these steps, the church can effectively wrap up the event, sustain positive relationships with all involved, and gather valuable insights for future events. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Communications Committee Chair.

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# MINUTES- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Evangelism Committee Meeting

Date: Aug 12, 2024

Present: Jason Fowler, Pat Quattlebaum, Verna Sawyer, Marion Eargle, Don Caughman

Absent: N/A

Call to Order and Devotion: 5:00 pm.

# Notes:

# **Meeting Date Proposal-**

-Second Monday of the Month at 5:00pm during or 4:00pm dependent upon Daylight Savings Time-

Monday, Sep 9, 2024- 5pm- Classroom 2

Monday, Oct 14, 2024- 4pm- Classroom 2

Monday, Nov 11, 2024- 4pm- Classroom 2

# Fall Festival-

- Discussed a need for a Date and Initial Meeting to offer support
- Evangelism Committee can provide Hot Dogs, Chips, and Drinks- WILL NOT CHARGE guests this year
- Pat noted that we should ty to avoid a date that other big churches host events and if we are to have a balloon artist that needs to be locked in
- Oct 27<sup>th</sup> mentioned as possible date but Youth & Children Committee is lead committee, we are ready to support- will note at Council

# Thanksgiving with the Community

- Date: TENTATIVELY Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024- early evening
- -Concept- A Service of Thanksgiving that may or may not include: \* denotes agreed upon
- \*advertising to the community to come and see us (Work with Communications Committee- Carole has said she will support this endeavor)
- -local leaders speaking include: (Forest Acres Police, Fort Jackson Representative, Beth Shalom, Big Red Barn, ?????)
  - -Music and service (Discuss with Parish Life)
  - \*bringing a canned item or food item not for our food bank but partnering with other organizations (ie Harvest Hope, AC Flora Food Bank)
  - -Refreshments in courtyard- maybe baked goods and Cider- (Discuss with Parish Life)
- -Intent- Invite the community much like Don Caughman stated that GSLC did after the Floods in 2015. Pastor Andrew stated that it will be to give thanks and be a community welcoming all. The focus is opening our doors to the surrounding community- all people and faiths.

# Other business/ Suggestions from the Committee

\*Next Evangelism Committee Council meeting will be September 9, 2024, at 5:00pm in Classroom #2.

# Adjourn:

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:10 pm.

# **Respectfully Submitted:**

Jason M. Fowler

Committee Chairperson

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# Finance Committee Meeting - MINUTES Good Shepherd Lutheran Church August 6, 2024

**PRESENT:** Deb Embrey, Janice Haigler, Rod Kent, David Lucas, Janet Lockhart, Becky Shealy, Pastor Andrew, Cathy Milejczak.

ABSENT: Karen Lucas.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:34 PM, by David Lucas, chairperson of the Finance Committee. Janice Haigler moved to adopt the agenda sent by e-mail prior to meeting. The motion was seconded by Deb Embrey and approved.

**DEVOTIONAL:** David read a devotional written by The Rev. John Wurtz, Virginia Synod, and based on Matthew 2: 1-12. The gifts we have to offer God are our faith, our worship, and our lives.

**MINUTES:** The minutes from May 7, 2024 were emailed to all members. Becky Shealy motioned and Janice Haigler seconded that the minutes be approved as emailed. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT: Deb Embrey provided statement of offerings for June and July. Regular offerings were about of budget requirement in June and in July. She compared year-to-date offerings for 2024 with same time period in 2023. Regular offerings are down slightly ( ) but other giving has increased. The number of donor units has decreased since 2023 due to deaths and to some who have stopped giving regularly. Deb has followed up with some of the latter group. The committee discussed possible reasons for decline in giving. Deb will submit an article on giving for the September newsletter.

Deb distributed 134 semi-annual giving statements in July.

**TABULATORS REPORT:** Becky Shealy said tabulation is going well. We are short on tabulators, and she will contact some possible volunteers. She will also look for one or two calculators to replace the old ones in the tabulator room.

**TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT:** Becky reported that Eric Kemp has converted the operating system for office computers and trained staff.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Committee reviewed Statements of Financial Position and Activities at end of July. David reported the QuickBooks subscription was cancelled after Deborah Mitchell and Rebecca Richardson downloaded files required for permanent records.

David and Becky researched options for copier lease. They have identified a good alternative to the present lease and will present recommendation to Finance at September meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Pitney-Bowes, the postage meter account provider, is changing its Reserve Account requirements which will increase our monthly service fees. David and Becky are researching other options for postage meter equipment lease and account management.

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David prepared committee budget request forms for 2025. Committee reviewed and suggested including space for information on income received to reduce expenditures. Excel forms and year-to-date expenditure figures will be given to Committee Chairs by August 18 Council meeting. Committee budget requests are due to Finance chair by September 30.

Rod Kent reported utility costs are higher than budgeted despite the closing of Day School. Property may require a budget increase.

**NEXT MEETING:** The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 10, at 5:00 PM, starting earlier due to Social Ministry meeting at 5:30 PM.

**ADJOURN:** Becky moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM. Motion was seconded by Janice and approved. Pastor Andrew offered the closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted: Janet Lockhart

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# Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Learning Committee Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order with a devotion by Barbara Nagy. Present: Barbara Nagy, Don Caughman, and Pastor Isenhower.

Adult classes continue: two weekly Bible studies with pastor, one on Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room and one online via zoom at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesdays.

Faith 5 also continues

VBS finished. Began June 17 and ended June 20, 2024. Eleven children attended.

The volunteer board, which was up for two Sundays only had 3 names on it. Thankfully Leigh Ann Tollison and Cathy Milejczak stayed and helped out. There were a couple more folks that stayed and assisted as needed.

Tamar Circle provided a meal the first day. Cici's Pizza was ordered for day two, day three's meal was provided by Dorcus Circle and the last day was "left overs."

Thanks to Heather Gilbert, Amanda and Wes Snodgrass, and Joey Allison for donating their time and talents to make VBS a success this year.

Would like to be proactive and start planning for Rally Day and getting people to volunteer for Sunday School this fall. Was thinking of a volunteer doing a month at a time if possible.

Rally Day will be September 8, 2024. Will plan for this within next two months.

Sunday School will restart September 15, 2024. Have asked specific people to help but will need volunteers, maybe a month at a time, because two people need to

be in the classrooms. Will need K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade assistant as well as one for the high schoolers. There will be a Confirmation Class led by Pastor Andrew and an assistant. Don's class will study Women of the Bible and Bruce has plans as well. Will provide email he sent to me with particulars.

Also want to start thinking about the Christmas program which I understand is done in conjunction with the Youth & Children committee.

Will Advent devotionals be done this year?

Volunteers continue to be needed. May I remind council that these children are the future of this church. We need to support them.

Hopefully can have volunteers on a monthly basis. This could work well for the children as well as the primary teachers.

VBS was attended by 11 children. My question to you is, would you consider holding VBS with another church as volunteers seem to be hard to come by.

This committee has been working with the families by asking their input as to dates to hold this function. Perhaps we should just set a date and hold the event or decide not to have VBS at all. This a difficult choice, but just being involved with VBS this year was a bit disappointing as to the lack of volunteers. We were fortunate to have some people stay and help without officially volunteering. For that I am grateful.

Next meeting: July 25, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Conference Room

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Nagy

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# **Social Ministry**

Meeting July 16, 2024

Attendees:

Steve Steck, Janet Lockhart, Susan Uehling, Don Caughman, Anne Rush, Jan Haigler, Rod Kent,

Pastor Andrew, Cathy Milejczak

Welcome:

Cathy Milejczak Welcomed the group at 5:35

Devotion:

Don Caughman read the devotion

Approval of Minutes- May 14, 2024 minutes were approved.

# **Committee Projects:**

- Food Pantry- Anne Rush noted that the cost of the groceries has increased tremendously. The committee is managing thanks to the monetary donations. The food pantry is in good shape now despite inflation hitting hard.
- Meals on Wheels- Don Caughman- working with the same group of volunteers. A couple of new customers. Organization funding has been restored but they could still use some financial help.
- Fun Friday- Susan Sturkie- Don reported that there were 18 participants at the last event.
- Ramp Ministry- Rod Kent / Mike Weaver- the ramp crew just finished a ramp.
- Family Promise- Jim Johnson- no report available

### **Old Business:**

• More Justice- Pastor Andrew met with the director. He is organizing a meeting for interested parties to hear more about the organization and how GSLC could fit into the More Justice Organization.

#### **New Business:**

- Monthly Emphasis 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter: see table below
- A.C. Flora Ministry- Pastor Andrew- See notes below. Pastor Andrew has talked to the social worker at A.C. Flora High School. There is an interest in the committee to participate in the activities that Pastor Andrew noted. Pastor Andrew will call a multi-committee meeting do organize a meal for the Multi-Language Learner Families.

Next Meeting: September 10, CL2, 5:30

**Devotion for September**: Pastor Andrew

**Adjourn with Prayer**: Pastor Andrew closed the group with prayer. The committed adjourned at 6:23.

**Monthly Gift Report 2024** 

Month	Emphasis	Amount	Noisy Offering	Amount	Food pantry
January	Woodyard fund				33 families/
			1		114 individuals
<b>February</b>					38 families/
					146 individuals
March	Lenten Self Denial		A.C Flora		41 families/
	<ul> <li>Homeless No more</li> <li>Providence Home</li> <li>Women's Shelter</li> </ul>				119 individuals
April	TZ Farm Project	9/2			36 families/
					125 individuals
May	Big Red Barn	data a sala			31 families /
					104 individuals
June	Project Hope		Camp Cole		35 families/
					123 individuals
July	Back Pack Programs  • Forest Lake				
	<ul><li>Conder</li><li>Bradley</li></ul>		1		
	School Supplies				
	Forest Lake				
	• Bradley				
August	Free Medical Clinic				
September	Senior Resources		Epworth		
	(Andrew Boozer)		Children's'		
			Home		
October	Lutheran Disaster Relief				
November	Ray & Ruth Anne Sipe Veterans				
December			C:tcf		
December	Angel Tree ELCA Good Gifts		City of		
	ELCA GOOD GITTS		Columbia		
			Animal Shelter		

Pastor Andrew provided information on the MORE Justice Organization as old business at our meeting. Don Hyatt sent the following link that appeared in the Synod e-news for committee to review. The Video would provide important info to explain MORE Justice to committee.

> https://scsynod.com/our-story/more-justice-is-the-goal/

# Notes from Pastor Andrew concerning a possible ministry with AC Flora High School that we will discuss under old business:

I have been in touch with the Social Worker at AC Flora. Aside from her gratitude for our support of their food pantry over the last couple of years, she passed along (at my request) some ideas of ways we could be more involved with the community there. Below are her three suggestions. I'd like us to discuss these and make some plans to move forward with some or all of these ideas. I think we have the interest and the support to pull them all off. I'm especially excited about number 2 below, considering how many of our members are gifted cooks and how many gifts we have for hospitality here. This fits well into our "DNA" as a congregation and I think would be well-supported. It would also be a good "replacement" ministry for Transitions Meals and would be a nice tie-in with Fun Fridays as a similar type of outreach ministry. See below from the Social Worker:

- 1. Mentors/Tutors: We may be able to use a few volunteers (2-3) during the year who would like to come meet with students during the Flight Time (which is like homeroom and is from 9:35am 10:00am). This would be one-on-one, spending time maybe playing a game, encouraging, just chatting with them. This would not necessarily have to be weekly, maybe sometime bi-weekly or monthly, depending upon the relationship between the adult and the student. Anyone who wants to be a volunteer with students has to go through a background check with Richland One. I can help with this if you think this may be of interest to any of your parishioners.
- 2. Support for our Multi-Language Learner Families (MLL): We have a large number of students from other countries, many of whom have parents who do not speak English. Some of these students are refugees, some are immigrants, some are children of visiting USC professors- it's a lot of variety. We are working on creating a better sense of community and involvement for these families. One idea we had is for your church to host a dinner for these families a few times a year. We could invite the families to have a meal in your fellowship hall (assuming you have one that could accommodate about 75 people or so!) and just spend some time conversing and getting to know each other better. It would be great if your church was interested in providing the meal, but we could also work on that as long as we had the space to create a welcoming environment for our families!
- 3. We do not have a resource for backpacks for our students. Most of the options I can find online for bulk backpacks are smaller, like for elementary or middle school aged kids, or are too expensive for us to purchase. If your church would have interest in collecting backpacks large enough for our students (gently used is ok too!), we would welcome the donation!

Let me know your thoughts and let's work together and with the Council to explore these ideas further and come up with some plans soon.

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# Worship Life Committee Meeting Minutes August 14,2024

Attendees: Pastor Andrew, Nancy Hyatt, Becky Shealy, Susan Sturkie, Marcia Woodward, Kerry Stubbs, and Cathy Milejczak.

The meeting opened with a devotion given by Susan Sturkie.

The Minutes of the May meeting were approved as written.

#### **New Business:**

It was decided that Advent services would be held at noon and at 6:30 P.M. There will be a meal offered following the noon service each Wednesday. One of the meals will be the POGS Christmas luncheon, reservations required for POGS. The services will be held in the FAB as we did during Lent.

Reminder that Christmas Eve services will be at 5:00 P.M and 10:00 P.M. There will be strings for both services.

The committee discussed the 2025 budget and came up with numbers for Finance.

#### Old Business:

Nancy Hyatt reported that the Homecoming Committee has its first meeting scheduled. The committee members were asked to brain storm and bring ideas to the meeting.

There has been a request for a Thanksgiving service for the community. Evangelism has put forth a plan for a service. It is tentatively scheduled for November 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 P.M. Other churches and synagogues in the area as well as the community will be invited to participate. Light refreshments will be served following the service. The service will have an ecumenical tone so all will feel welcome.

Reformation Sunday is coming up on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Susan reported that we will have trumpets for that service.

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 9th at 5:30 P.M. in Class Room 2. Nancy Hyatt will have the devotion.

Pastor Andrew closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Shealy, Chair of Worship Life Committee