

Deacon Board Minutes

Sunday, April 13, 2025

In attendance: Jason Felten, Lynda Schaumburg, Kathy Matson & Matt Lorenz

Old Business

Worship Committee The next meeting is April 23 @ 8:30 pm (after Choir practice. - Lynda to attend and report back.

Inform the committee of plans for a summer service in Lagoon Park ("Hope in the Park")

Church Council Report – Discussed the council meeting.

Deacon Financial Report – Reviewed and in good standing. Next review in June/July.

Food Share Month: \$1,207.00 in donations.

Lenten Soup and Sandwich Dinners before the Wednesday services.

Each Deacon signs up to be in charge on a Wednesday:

March 12—Attendance: 120 / \$187 cash donations.

March 19—Attendance: 115 / \$247 cash donations.

March 26—Attendance: 79 / \$176 cash donations. (Spring Break)

April 2—Attendance: 75 / \$175 cash donations

April 9—Attendance: 81 / \$221 Donation (check included)

Overall attendance is up even on the slower weeks! Years prior we had an average of 60-65 people attending!

New Business

Celebrate Jordan April 13 from 1-4 PM at the CERC. – Matt Cordes, Molly Warmka, Lanae McClellan and Kari Schmitt attending helping in the booth. Giveaway is lip balm with Hopes logo.

Mother's Day on May 11. We should have 100 carnations to handout. (Kathy to check with Angie about ordering)

Checked in with Erik Aamlid about kids handing the carnations after church. Erik will report back.

Father's Day on June 15.

Erik Aamlid was also asked about 2-4 kids helping with making root beer floats for Father's Day. Will report back.

3 buckets of vanilla ice cream

3 – 2 liters and a 6 pack of RB (Dad's Root Beer?)

1 – 2 liter and a 12 pack of orange soda

Who's Coming to Dinner Event – Matt Lorenz will assist.

Summer Outdoor Service – Date – Sarah is checking with the City of Jordan about reservations.

Deacon appointee - Lynda Schaumburg

Boyem appointee – Jo Nelson

To be a pot luck

Hope Garage Sale – July 16-19

Signs for where to store donation will be put on storage closet in the basement of Hope. Need help with setting up tables in early May & bringing donations to Hope from expired garage sales.

Things needed: Clothes, jackets, toys (no missing parts), sporting goods, dishes/dish sets.

Church Council: April 22nd – Matt Lorenz to attend.

May 19th – Matt Lorenz to attend

June 16th – Matt Lorenz to attend / Jason Felten as back up.

Next Deacon Meeting Dates and Times:

May 12th 5 pm

June 9th – 5pm

July 13th – after church service

July 31, Aug 1, or Aug 10th? TBD

Hope Lutheran Church

BOYEM Meeting

April 7, 2025

5:00 pm

MINUTES

1. Program Reports

a. Council (Jess)

- i. Finalizing membership forms and working on values and core beliefs.
- ii. Boyem and Deacons will work together on the summer service at Lagoon Park. Jo Nelson will be the Boyem contact for this event.

b. Written report attached for youth program updates.

i. KOK / VBS (Danielle / Bethany)

1. Bethany, Hope and Chris will work with Danielle to prepare for Easter egg hunt on Palm Sunday.

ii. H2H (Erik & Leah / Chris)

iii. HSM / Mission-Adventure Trip (Erik & Leah / Chris)

1. Need clarification on the donation coverage for the trip. What is the breakdown from the camp budget/stipend fund vs family responsibility?
2. Discussion on growing HSM and including 7-8th grade in some events. Goal is to help members find the value in their faith community. Chris will work with Erik and Leah on reaching out to the current high school members to see what we can do to bring them in. Building will take some trial and error to find the right balance and fit.

iv. Camp (Danielle, Erik, & Leah / Hope)

1. **Council Recommendation:** Present Stipend Form final approval

v. CYF Events (Danielle, Erik & Leah / Bethany-Chris)

1. March event went well. Additional clarification moving forward if/when these are whole congregation events.
2. **Council Recommendation:** Youth Program Fees: CYF Staff Recommends keeping the program fees. BOYEM agrees with this recommendation. Request for Council approval.

vi. Adult Ed (Pastor Matt / Jo)

1. Looking into starting "Who's Coming to Dinner" type events again.
 - a. Sarah will assist in getting the info out and gathering a list of potential hosts.
2. Jo will look into pricing for bowling as a potential Life Group event.
3. Revitalizing the "Circle of Friends" group to assist Hope community members during hard times and visits to homebound.

- 2. Old Business**
 - a. Volunteer Appreciation on April 27th
 - i. Hope will prepare a Thank You to the congregation.
 - ii. Magnets are on order. One per household.
 - iii. We will serve yogurt and fruit that morning along with normal treats.
 - b. Saints Game on Friday, June 6th
 - i. Jess is looking at ticket info and getting a block for members to purchase tickets directly.
 - ii. Sarah is going to look into bussing and getting a Save the Date into the weekly e-news.
 - c. Summer service at Lagoon Park
 - i. Group is being formed to organize this event.
- 3. New Business**
 - a. Save the Date for Welcome Sunday - scheduled for September 7
- 4. Review YTD Budget**
 - a. Requested the purchase of Baptism books to move to the Milestone budget line.
- 5. Next Meeting: 5/5/25 at 5pm**

Respectfully submitted by Jess Felten, BOYEM Secretary

CYF APRIL UPDATE

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- **KOK**

- **March Big Idea - Face My Giants, With Confidence!**
 - It was a fun and impactful month focusing on how God helps us face our giants with confidence. The kids did a great job sharing what giants they face in their own lives and how God can help them in those situations.
 - Key Verse - we have been discussing how memorizing Bible verses is writing scripture on our hearts for when we need it. The children have enjoyed using upbeat songs to help memorize the key verse.
 - Children created placemats that were used at the Ash Wednesday Baked Potato Supper
- **April/May Big Idea - Let's Celebrate, Jesus is Risen!**
 - We will focus on learning about Holy Week and also how we are called to tell others about Jesus. We will celebrate that Jesus rose from the grave so we may have forever life with Him.
 - Last day of KOK is May 4th
- **Family Easter Celebration - April 13th, 10:15-11am**
 - Service Project - creating cards for Pastor Diane to deliver during homebound visits.
 - Families will learn about and celebrate Holy Week through a game, craft, and an egg hunt.
 - Preparations
 - Wednesday, April 9th: 5-6pm
 - Please let Danielle know if you are interested in helping prepare items for the celebration. We will meet in the Education Area downstairs. Thank you!
 - Sunday, April 13th
 - How many BOYEM members are available to hide eggs before worship?
 - In case of inclement weather eggs will be hidden in the Sanctuary after worship. How many BOYEM members would be available to help (should take 10-15 minutes)

- **Winter VBS Extravaganza**

- 21 children attended
- The morning consisted of music, small group Bible story, craft, theme activity, snack, and whole group games.
- This was a fun-filled, high energy morning! It was wonderful to see the kids remember the Big Idea and songs. Activities referenced back to August VBS, and throughout the different activities children were able to share ways they have been shining Jesus' light and also discuss ways they want to continue to shine Jesus' light.
- The VBS team will meet in April to review the event.

- **Summer VBS: Scuba ~ Diving Into Friendship With God**

- August 4th-7th, 9am-noon
- VBS team will have their first planning meeting in April

YOUTH MINISTRY

- **H2H**

- **March**

- The 8th grade mentor program has been going great! Discussion amongst mentors and 8th graders has been fruitful. There has been some great feedback from mentors about how much they have enjoyed their conversations with their mentees. Pastor Matt has provided a list of 4-5 questions each Wednesday to help prompt discussion around the Lenten focus.
- Youth grades 5-8 are expected to attend at least 4 Lenten services throughout the Lenten season. They are also able to take sermon notes at this time.

- **April**

- Regular H2H Confirmation will resume after the Lenten season on April 23. We will have one additional H2H evening to wrap up the school year on April 30. The final two H2H dates will be filled with a review game on the life of Jesus, music with John Tieben and Megan Pivec, and fellowship activities (team building games). Pastor Matt will also be having the youth complete a reflection about the H2H year and their H2H Confirmation Checklists.
- 5th graders will take part in the First Communion Keeping the Promise Retreat on Wednesday, April 16 from 6:45-7:45pm. Pastor Matt will lead the retreat with assistance from Leah and Erik. 5th graders will then receive their First Communion on Thursday, April 17 at the Maundy Thursday service.

- **HSM**

- Information about the Holy Week event on Sunday, April 13 from 5:00-7:30pm was sent out to families grades 7-12. We will be having a small craft, pizza dinner, escape room focusing on Holy Week, and prayer around the cross.
- Information will be going out to families soon about May opportunities for grades 7-12. The events are listed below:
 - May 4: Ice Cream Social at the Jordan City Hall Creamery 6:15-7:45pm
 - Youth will meet at Hope at 6:15pm and walk down to the Creamery together (or have the option to meet there). We will eat ice cream, enjoy fellowship, and walk back to Hope.
 - May 18: Shakopee Bowl Wiffle Ball 4:00-5:30pm
 - Youth will meet at the Shakopee Bowl to enjoy some wiffle ball and pizza! The field is rented for 1.5 hours.
 - If youth need a ride, we will help coordinate carpooling.

- **H2H/HSM Lenten Youth Encouragement**

- Youth/families were invited to join an optional GroupMe group (through the app or email) where they have been receiving one verse, message, and/or Christian song per day during the Lenten season to encourage youth to pause, connect with God, and reflect on how we can all continue to grow in our faith journey.
- Erik and Leah collaborated with Pastor Diane on the verses/reflection questions. Pastor Diane was an incredible resource for this.
- 15 individuals joined the group to receive daily messages!

- **HSM Adventure Trip (June 20-23)**
 - 6 youth registered
 - Pastor Matt, Leah, Erik, and Danielle will chaperone
 - No van rental is needed; the chaperones will drive.
 - An extremely generous donation has been made to cover the stipend cost of all 6 youth, as well as a meal on the drive up to Brimson.

- **Senior Gifts**
 - Erik and Leah will work with Angie to order a gift for this year's seniors and will communicate with senior families on a recognition date.

CYF

- **Summer Bible Camp**
 - 12 Youth are registered for July 13-17 week through GLLM
 - At this time we will not look to rent a vehicle to transport youth. We will help parents coordinate carpooling if needed.
 - 2 Youth registered at another Summer Bible Camp,
 - 2 youth who attended another camp last summer are hopeful to attend again this summer
 - Ash Wednesday Meal:
 - All youth attending camp participated, except two who couldn't attend due to illness and the winter storm preventing travel.
 - Easter Bake Sale:
 - Communication has been sent out to KOK and H2H families. The bake sale will be on April 20th from 8:30-9:00am and 10:00-10:30am.
 - Stipend Form: Final copy is complete and can be submitted to council for approval.

- **March CYF Family Fellowship Event - Hot Cocoa and Board Games**
 - This was a wonderful time held during the Fellowship Hour after worship. It was a joy to see families spending this extra time together. Many adults without youth also played games and enjoyed extended fellowship time together.

- **Summer Opportunities**
 - More information will be shared at the May meeting for children and youth ministry opportunities.

- **Youth Program Fees**
 - CYF staff recommends we keep the program registration fees.
 - Provides a commitment from families
 - Ensures online forms are completed
 - Eliminates the need for fees for events during the program year
 - This provides a way for families to contribute to the programs if it is within their financial means.
 - We don't believe families need to be contacted if the registration fee is not paid.
 - We recommend keeping VBS, KOK, H2H registration at \$25.
 - We recommend that the family maximum of \$60 for registration fees pertain to all school year programming (KOK and H2H).
 - We recommend that HSM continue to not have a registration fee at this time.

- **Monthly Meeting of Hope Lutheran Trustees** - Sunday, April 13, 2025
Convened - 10:15 AM
Present: Brad Warmka, Steve McClellan, John Tieben Sr., Rod Lieske, Doug Hvidsten, Clint Mack
Absent: None
Proposed Agenda:

- Insurance. Do we change providers?
- Facility use contract update
- Painting of the wall in the fellowship room. What budget line would pay for it?
- Tinting windows of the fellowship room. Yes/ No
- Update tasks complete/need to complete.
- Other concerns/ideas

Approval Process Discussion led by Clint Mack:

Trustees were asked to continue communicating with Council if there is any concern over whether or not a project needs additional approval or if funding is a question.

Trustees will work on assembling a list of large projects to be considered, and the time frame.

Insurance:

There are significant price differences on quotes for commercial property, liability, workers comp and employee crime insurance. GuideOne quoted \$15,161 while Grinnell quoted \$20,792 for comparable coverage. Our current policies are with Grinnell and Karl Johnson reps for both. Trustees recommend that Council accept the GuideOne proposal.

Facility Use Contract Update:

Doug will use the current policy guide from 2014 as a template for an updated document.

Fellowship Hall Enhancements:

Trustees recommend that Council approve spending approximately \$540 for 25% tint on upper windows above the dish collection area. That will cut the glare and minimize wall imperfections above entrance to kitchen. Molly W has an artist rendering of how the wall will look with darker paint. That is a Council decision.

Security Cameras:

4 cameras have been installed. Trustees recommend purchasing cloud-based data storage for \$100/year that includes up to 5 cameras with 15-day retention.

Front Lawn:

Brad will seed the front lawn (and cover with straw) once it's warm enough for seed to germinate

Attic Insulation and Leaks:

Steve will do a final inspection within the next couple weeks.

Completed Actions:

Main beam on playground set has been replaced and unit has been leveled.

Roof-top fan unit has been repaired by Greg Lambrecht of Dual Air.

Unfinished projects, issues:

We are monitoring the automatic doors to see if the latest fixes will hold up.

Sarah's computer seems to be functioning as it should. We will follow up with her later.

Other:

We briefly discussed potential improvements to the sound system. John and Doug will talk with Kyle Narum as to what can and should be considered.

Adjourned at 11:30 AM

Prepared by Doug Hvidsten