

**EZEKIEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL
ROOM 190**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19th, 2023 6:30 – 8:30 PM

ALL MEETING ITEMS ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS EXCEPT ITEMS DESIGNATED AS CLOSED

1. CALL TO ORDER (6:30) – Jim
2. DWELLING IN THE WORD/DEVOTIONS/PRAYER (6:30-6:40) - ?
3. APPROVE THE AGENDA (6:40-6:45) - Jim
Amend to add outdoor service.
Vicki, 2nd Ellie - Unanimous
4. SECRETARY'S REPORT - approve minutes (6:45 - 6:50) – Teri *Scot, 2nd Doug - Unanimous*
5. TREASURER'S REPORT - (6:50-7:00) – Scot/Steve DJ
6. PASTOR'S REPORT - (7:00) - P. Steve
7. STAFF REPORT - (7:05) - Steve DJ
8. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Discuss/Approve Youth Gathering fund raising in February -(7:05-7:10) - Vicki
Vicki, 2nd Doug - Unanimous
 - b. Discuss Annual Report submission date - (7:10-7:15) - Jim *Due Dec 15th*
 - b. Discuss Team reports being submitted - (7:15-7:30) - Jim
 - c. Discuss TTF organizational chart - (7:30-7:45) - Jim *Need to create flow chart*
 - d. Discuss need for E3 coordinator - (7:45-7:55) Jim
 - e. Discuss wood wall and need for scrap lumber - (7:55-8:05) Jim/Doug *Not a good idea at this time. Need to review entire sanctuary appearance as a whole.*
 - f. Discuss/Approve outdoor service - Teri, 2nd Scot - Unanimous
9. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Update on implementation team - If there is time or items to discuss
10. TEAMS REPORTS (read and responded to via email)
 - A. Faith Ministry Team
 - a. Grow - Received
 - b. Worship - Received
 - B. Generosity Ministry Team
 - a. Stewardship
 - C. Discipleship Ministry Team
 - a. Service & Mission - Received
 - b. Connect
 - D. Resources
 - a. Property
 - b. Personnel - No meeting this month
10. CLOSING PRAYER (8:05) - P Steve
11. MOTION TO ADJOURN -
NEXT MONTHS COUNCIL MEETING: January 16th @ 6:30 pm

Following Jesus, while growing in Faith, Generosity, and Discipleship

EZEKIEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

GROW MEETING Minutes

Dec. 6th, 2023 @ 7:30 PM Room 190 or via virtual Google Link

1. Call To Order, Welcome to our new members: Colleen Graham and Amy Nelson!
2. Opening Devotion: Our Children...
3. Old Business
 - Beignet Sale- November 19th How did it go? Changes in anything for next time? Went well, was fairly easy, made good money, couple bigger donations, one change in the future would be to buy a couple fryers to use in the future.
 - November 26th: Deck the Halls- Gingerbread House making? How did it go? Deck the Halls went well, enjoyed having the Gingerbread Houses out in the gathering space, A lot of people were there to decorate.
4. New Business
 - a. HS Youth Gathering Fundraiser: Now 18 kids are signed up to go on the trip in July! Date of gathering July 16-20, looking for 2-3 more adult chaperones
 - Parent's Night Out - December 15th from 5:30-8:30pm 3 kids are signed up,
 - Proceeds to National Youth Gathering
 - Toilet Trained Children through 4th grade.
 - Free Will Donation: Suggested donation of \$10 per child.
 - Sign Up is out.
 - Snack/Craft/Fun have been planned.
 - An overnight is planned for the HS Youth Gathering participants after the Parent's Night Out. Allison and Vicki will be staying overnight.
 - b. Christmas Program 12/17/23
 - During Church: Practiced last week, plan to practice in the church next week, ornaments ordered for children, plan to have children arrive at 9:15, plan to have cookies after the service,
 - Should we have Christmas cookies or cupcakes for the children after the service on December 17?
 - Anything else needed? How can we help support that day?
 - c. Temple Talk? Should we do one about welcoming, accepting, and participating in youth and family programming in our church? If no one else volunteers to do the Temple Talk, Vicki will, no problem. Table temple talk for now, do not feel strong need at this time
 - d. Pool Party: Feb 3rd 5-7, Ellsworth Pool
 - e. Upcoming Dates:
 - 12/15/23 High School Parents Night Fundraiser

- 12/17/23 Christmas Program
- 12/24/23-1/2/23 No Youth Programming
- January 14 - Beignet Sale between services
- Marci and Allison are going to New Orleans, Jan 18-21 for ELCA educational retreat, will need volunteers to lead 56 club, and/or Children's message
- Holy Communion classes Feb/March
- Marci plans on doing milestones for each grade level once Xmas is over

f. 5. Council item:

- Fat Tuesday Dinner (or Mardi Gras Dinner)
- Line item specifically for the National Youth Gathering so the money will have a place to go. [Is this already in the works?](#)
- Temple Talk [No temple talk on 2nd thought, may be a good idea for a video or to promote acceptance of new members, giving grace to new members, children](#)

8. Next Meeting: 1/3/24? Meeting 7:30-8:30 pm in Room 190 or via Zoom Link [possibly plan on 330/415 meeting d/t no confirmation that date](#)

10. Adjournment

Worship Committee Meeting Minutes
December 3rd, 2023 @ 5:30

CORRECTION – Please note the BOLD changes

Attendees: Dot Seebach, Ellie Richards, Rich Kuss, Matthew Mitchell (phone)

Absent: Vicki Olsen, Joyce Breen, Pastor Steve

Our meeting was short, basically, we reviewed Dec the Halls:

Pro's-congregation involvement was good and enthusiastic.

Con's-announce group leaders at end of service (before leaving the sanctuary) so people can choose what they would like to do. The areas would be: tree decorating, roping, wreaths, inside and outside lighting, and assisting the youth with gingerbread houses. Additionally, have a sign-up sheet for pot-luck set-up and clean-up people a week or two before the event.

Christmas Services:

December 24th (the 4th Sunday of Advent) at 9:30 AM - **NO COMMUNION**

December 24th (Christmas Eve) services at 4PM and 6PM – communion and candles

December 25th (Christmas) one service at 9:30 AM – **COMMUNION**

December 31st (New Year's Eve day) one service at 9:30 – no communion, this is a healing service

Undecorate the Sanctuary:

January 7th at 11:30, this is typically an inter-generational event and the youth do the trees.
Pastor Steve, if there is a problem with this date, please let us know.

Also, perhaps it is time to recruit one or two new members to the worship committee. Keep our eyes and ears open!

Next meeting January 8th at 5:30 room 190.

Respectfully submitted, Dot Seebach

Monday December 4, 2023

Service and Mission Committee notes

Present: Terri Falkner, Leah Gavin, Randi Walen, Tom Anderson

- Opening Prayer call to order by Terri Falkner
- Approval of November 13, 2023 minutes L/R p
- Thank you card from Wileys wardrobe for donation received and will be forwarded to Leslie for inclusion in eBlast and or newsletter.
- Volunteer of the year discussion will conclude at January meeting at this point two people have been identified for recognition.
- Mission project for January is the Free Clinic \$500 request to council T/T p
- Sharing caring hands donations are scheduled to travel on December 9th. Tom can not be there this Saturday. Will ask Curt if he can make the trip. Alternate plans are for delivery next Monday or Tuesday.
- Devotions for January meeting by Terri
- Motion to adjourn L/R p

Submitted by Tom Anderson