

**Roseau Evangelical Covenant Church
Quarterly Congregational Meeting
24 September 2024**

Call to order & Declaration of Quorum: Tony Fichter- Leadership Council
Motion to Approve the Agenda by Jan Carr-Herseth
Seconded by Glen Johnson
Motion Passed

Devotional & Opening Prayer: Pastor Nate Johnson

Darrin Smedsmo- Deacon Board Chair

- **New Member Recommendations**
 - C.J. & Tiffany Otto
 - Brennan Lang
 - Lars & Sara Aarhus
 - Josh Tangen

Motion to Approve the New Member Recommendations by Darrin Smedsmo
Seconded by Dave Anderson
Motion Passed

Sarah Johnson- Leadership Council Secretary

- April 2024 Quarterly Congregational Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve the Minutes as Read by Milly Prachar
Seconded by Sheldon Espe
Motion Passed

Nate Johnson- Senior Pastor

- There are so many great things going on in our church! There have been a ton of people involved in our small groups, Bible studies, Sunday school, and both men's and women's Bluewater Bible Camp retreats. There have been many people who have been baptized, serving in various ways, we have a new playground, and a new kitchen. Thank you to everyone who has been involved. People's lives are being changed! There will be 8 or 9

kids in confirmation class this year. We also have invited Chad Persons from Bluewater to speak at Fall Fest.

Chris Shortreed- Youth Ministry Director

- This past summer Chris was at Bluewater for several weeks. We sent Aubrie Lee and Luke Billingsley to Adventures in Leadership. We hope to be able to hear from them soon during a Sunday service. We went to UNITE in July. There were some major hiccups in transportation, but we made it! Chris also brought a large group of kids to M.U.U.U.C.E. in August.
- Youth group is back in full swing as of last week! There were about 30 total students. We will be going to the corn maze next week. Our Bluewater fall retreat is in October. Due to low numbers last year, we will not be hosting released time this year. We will be holding a few fun events geared for 3rd-5th graders this year, though!

Rob Stroot for Kelsey Didrikson- Christian Formation Board Chair

- We are on the home stretch for finishing the new playground! Thank you to all of the trustees for your hard work.
- Sunday School had a great start. We are still in need of substitute teachers. Please remember to register your children for Sunday School on the app! Cindy Tangen suggested that it would be great to have another option for registering, or even have someone from the CF board present during drop off and pick up to help those who aren't registered yet. It can be intimidating for some people to sign up with an app.

Darrin Smedsmo- Deacon Board Chair

- There are a bunch of small groups going on, a grief share group, and adult Sunday School has started. If you aren't involved in a small group yet, please join one!

Colleen Klamar- Missions & Outreach Board Chair

- We will be going to the corn maze as a church on Sunday, October 6th. The M&O board will be covering the cost for the children that day.
- The kick-off for the shoebox donations also starts on Sunday, October 6th.

- The Pregnancy Center Fundraiser will be on Thursday, October 3rd at the Baptist Church. Please RSVP if possible so they know how much food to prepare.
- Fall Fest at our church will be Sunday, October 27th. The money that we raise from that will be going toward the Bluewater scholarship fund as well as the new kitchen and playground.
- The carnival workers potluck was a huge success again! We even had to quickly get more action Bibles for them. They were so excited for the wonderful food as well.

Todd Peterson- Treasurer

- 2024 YTD Financials: through August we are tracking with our budget. We are on track to be about \$21,000 negative for the year. Offerings are ahead of budget, but so are expenses, especially insurance. Another large expenditure is the Bluewater bus. We had to fix the brakes for about \$4,000.
- As of August, we have spent about \$140,000 and have taken in about \$90,000 for the kitchen and playground projects. Thank you to the kitchen committee and the trustees! Also, if you haven't been trained yet, please see a trustee to be trained before using the coffee maker or dishwasher.

Mary Huglen made a motion to give Heather Enright's sister, Kallie Taylor, a gift card for \$250 for her professional help in some of the design aspects with the kitchen project

Traci Fichter Seconded

Motion Passed

Tony Fichter- Leadership Council Chair

- Sam Gray is our new office administrator at our church. Thank you, Marisa Shortreed, for your awesome work over the past few years. Thank you, Sam, for stepping into this position!
- The nominating committee will be reconvening in October.
- Anika Olson and her family have been taking care of the custodial duties lately. Thank you!

Next Meeting: Quarterly Congregational Meeting- Tuesday, Nov 26, 2024

Motion to Adjourn & Closing Prayer

