

**LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING**

**April 8, 2014**

**Members Present: Makayla Waltzing, Diana Waltzing,  
Darlene Kiehne, Susan Polson, Pastor Kluver, Julie Savoie,  
Council Liason—Terri Elsey**

**Members Absent: Joyce Johnson**

**The meeting opened with devotions by Terri E.**

**Secretary's Minutes—The minutes were approved.**

**Expenses for March**

**Sunday School     \$184.71**

**Confirmation       \$70.56**

**Adult Bible Study   \$48.01**

**Library                 \$81.54**

**Total                     \$384.82**

**Adult Bible Study**

**The study is from Sola Publishing. It is entitled: Of One Mind and Purpose: A bible study on division and unity in Christ by Rev. Steven E. King.**

**First Communion**

**First communion is on track for April 9, 14, and 16<sup>th</sup>. As of right now there are four children participating.**

## Confirmation

We need to be thinking about mentors for these students and contacting them. There are five students to be confirmed this fall.

## Catechism

Pastor is looking ahead to next year and the schedule. We may change it. We will revisit this later.

## Library

\*Received a list of recommended books from Pastor A.J. and Pastor Beem for our library. Dodie Sorbel has purchased some from this list.

\*Purchased an update for the library software program.

## Sunday School

The last day for Sunday school is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>. The pastor is also looking at having a parent meeting that day at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday school attendance has been low and a Wednesday school is being considered from 6:30-7:30 during the school year. On Sunday mornings there will be an activity for 20-25 minutes that is a review of the Wednesday night lesson. Pastor feels this is worth investigating. He wants parental input on this. We will ask all that have attended Sunday school and VBS. We will study this carefully before going forward. We will get more information from other churches

that have this type of program. We will let parents know about the meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup> through the newsletter and email.

### Wednesday School vs. Sunday School

#### **Pros:**

- \*School activities/tournaments are not held on Wednesday evenings.**
- \*Families with older children are already at Living Word for confirmation; younger ones could stay for Wednesday school.**
- \*This has potential for attracting new families with younger children. Something different in the community?**
- \*It could be easier to get additional volunteers to help teach.**
- \*We would be able to have a full hour for instruction allowing for incorporation of additional activities beyond opening, story, and leaflet.**
- \*We would have access to the piano and larger area for openings.**
- \*Christmas program practice could be held on Sundays and Wednesdays, if needed.**
- \*Wednesday school could be held three Wednesdays per month with the fourth Wednesday being Youth Group night. That fourth lesson could be made up by starting earlier in September and going later in May.**

**Cons:**

**\*Would this work as well for families with very young children (PS-K).**

**\*Would families still attend services on Sunday?**

**\*Music groups rehearse on Wednesday evenings.**

**\*Lent would be difficult to work around.**

### **Vacation Bible School**

**The theme is Gangway to Galilee. The dates are August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Brainstorming Ideas**

**Diana brought Walk With Jesus: Easter Event for Families. It is too late to use it this year, but we can use it next Easter season. This is family outreach. We will look for other programs like this throughout the year.**

**We also discussed a bible study for younger people in their late teens and 20's.**

**Next Meeting: May 13, 2014 6:30 p.m.**

**Devotions: Makayla W.**

**There being no further business the meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Julie Savoie, secretary**

