

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH
YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 17, 2018

Members present: Pastor AJ, Dan Engebretson, Jan Ferguson, Susan Polson, Cassie Baas and Angie Anderson.

The meeting was opened with devotions and prayer by Jan Ferguson.

The Minutes from the April 19, 2018, meeting were approved as written.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

April 2018 expenses were \$54. This was for sandwiches from Elden's served at our March youth group.

CONFIRMATION/CATECHISM:

Pastor AJ and the Confirmation students had their traditional year end meal at Pizza Ranch May 16. It was a great year. Combining Confirmation and Catechism worked very well.

Pastor Jeremy will be gone for one year beginning September 2018. There is discussion that Living Word may work with the Nelson Churches for Confirmation and Catechism while he is gone. Pastor AJ will keep the Committee updated.

YOUTH GROUP:

May 23rd the youth will be meeting at Living Word from 6:00-7:30 for a cook out, bonfire and outside games/activities. The meal will be hamburgers/brats, beans, oven potatoes, chips and s'mores.

SENIOR SUNDAY:

Senior Sunday will be held at Living Word on June 10 instead of June 3, per request of our senior families. The quilts are ready, Pastor AJ will put together the display of Nicole Waltzing and Austyn Griesert and Angie will order the cake and flowers.

GOALS:

The Committee held discussion on the upcoming car wash. Potential dates continue to be July 28 or 29 as this is the weekend prior to VBS. We would have "outreach" opportunities two consecutive weekends! The Committee likes the idea of handing out water bottles during the event. Cassie will contact Cami at Raapers to see what the cost of personalized stickers on the water bottles would be. The car wash would satisfy our Goal #4, "Plan an outreach event for the community".

YOUTH CONNECTIONS:

The Committee continued discussion on connecting with our youth via social media. It was decided that the first week of each month our youth will receive an email with a short devotion and Bible Verse and the third week of each month they would receive a text using a "GIF" with a Bible Verse.

The Committee moved ahead with the concept of intentional prayers for our youth, specifically having a photograph and short "biography" of two youth appear in the newsletter monthly. This new feature would be called "Connect with our Crew". Jan gave Committee members a list of all Living Word youth

and the Committee then drew names of youth that will appear in the July, August and September newsletters. We will feature our two graduating seniors in June. These youth photographs and “biographies” will also be posted on the youth bulletin board.

VBS:

VBS camp will be held August 3 and 4. The crafts have arrived. An email has been sent to potential VBS volunteers and information will be in the newsletter and bulletin.

FALL RETREAT:

The LWLC Fall Retreat will be held Saturday, October 27, at Mount Carmel. Jan and Angie will be having another committee meeting in June.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, June 21, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned with The Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Anderson, Secretary