

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH  
YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
MARCH 15, 2018

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

The meeting was opened with devotions and prayer by Jan.

The Minutes from the February 15, 2018, meeting were approved as written.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

February 2018 expenses were \$550.00 for the Augustana District confirmation retreat and \$82.44 for fleece fabric for youth group. The youth made fleece blankets for Love INC. in January.

February income was \$1232.50 which is Lent offerings designated for the July youth convention trip.

**CONFIRMATION/CATECHISM:**

Pastor AJ gave a report on the Augustana District confirmation retreat held March 2-4 at Luther Crest. Living Word had 5 students and 2 adults attend. Our students were well behaved and had a fun time. The teaching and substance was great as it was focused on Martin Luther and the Reformation.

**YOUTH GROUP:**

March 21<sup>st</sup> the youth will be meeting at LWLC from 6:00-6:45. Pastor AJ will be working with Pastor Jeremy on the activity. Students will attend Lenten Service following youth group. The meal will be torpedo sandwiches, chips, halos, carrots and dessert.

**SENIOR SUNDAY:**

LWLC will be honoring 2 graduating seniors, Nicole Waltzing and Austyn Griesert. The Committee tentatively set Sunday, June 3, as Senior Sunday. We will check with the families to see if that date works for them. The Committee will continue to work on details at the April and May meetings.

**GOALS:**

The Committee reviewed the 2018 Goals, specifically Goal #4, "Plan an outreach event for the community". After discussing various ideas, it was decided that our LWLC youth would host a summer car wash which would be available to anyone in the community. As this would be an "outreach", there would be no charge and no donations would be accepted. We would use this opportunity to hand out information on VBS camp and LWLC.

**YOUTH CONNECTIONS:**

The Committee held a discussion concerning the youth devotions that are written by Pastor AJ and sent to LWLC youth via text message by Jan. The consensus was that this should be continued.

The Committee continued to have discussion concerning Goal #3, "Provide opportunities to connect with post Confirmation youth via social media". Cassie educated the Committee on how Snapchat,

Instagram and Gif Text would be great ways to reach our youth. Pastor AJ will be looking into this and possibly trying it out.

Jan shared the Connections magazine with the Committee, specifically an article about teaching youth. Included in the article was the importance of praying for the youth within the community of faith.

Would this be something that the Committee would be interested in doing? A discussion was held and some good ideas were shared such as putting together short “biographies” on each youth so that the Committee members could pray more specifically for each youth, have their “biographies” put up at Church so that other congregation members could get to know them better and pray for them and start a new feature in the monthly newsletter (as an example, “Meet Our Youth”). Each month one youth would be highlighted with the request that the congregation pray for that particular youth that month. The Committee will continue to work on these ideas.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

VBS – August 3 and 4, October 27

Fall Retreat – October 27

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, April 19, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned with The Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Anderson, Secretary