

Pastor's Report – Arthur Murray

June 20, 2016

Transfiguration Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Youth Minister Hire

Committee did good work (Sandy Stooke, Renee Jefferson, Becky Olson, Karen Wenge, Eme Stenbeck, Alex Hoppe, Steve Jorschumb, Margaret Mattson, Linnea Anderson, Arthur Murray). Unanimous positive vote from committee and youth. Contingent on Council approval and background check. Made a generous offer based on qualifications and the desire to retain employee.

Pastoral Care Coverage

Very grateful for Karen Treat and Pat McMullen. Feeling confident that we are not just maintaining but will be increasing our effectiveness in this area given Pat's ongoing commitment. Conversation about transportation for seniors – "Transportation Ministers." Feedback?

Mission Trip

Wonderful feedback. Good organization (Next Step Ministries – Methodist roots). Impactful experience. Theological differences generated healthy conversation and deep discussion. Have already heard requests to return to Pine Ridge. Many thanks to Ben Gieseke for his leadership from start to finish.

VBS

Good enrollment and spirit. Thanks to Renee, Rob and multiple lay volunteers.

Upcoming Missions/Trips

Mission Camp at Luther Dell – June 25-July 2

Boundary Waters – July 10-16

LSS August. Aug 7 – Philip Nushann and Yusuf Abdi. Aug 21 – Mons Teig

Center for Changing Lives – Liberia – fall events in the works

Farewells

Irene Amon – June 26

Ben Gieseke – July 24

Welcome

Ben Cherland – July 31

Pastoral Acts – May-June

Baptisms – 3 (Wannigman x2, Klement)

Funerals – 2 (Haraldson, Madison)

Weddings – 1 – August?

Graduation Sunday

Some mixed reviews, though an improvement on last year. Feedback welcome.

Summer Worship

Wednesday Night “Oasis” filling a need. Continuing throughout summer.

Outdoor Blessing of Animals on August 14 and 17

No Neighborhood Night Out this year – feedback?

Fall Notes

Rally Day – 2 services only, September 11. 3 services resume September 18.

Repeating Peer Minister retreat Sept 9-10.

Adding Oasis Worship band retreat Aug 26-27.

Fall Education Curriculum – “Connect the Drops” – partnership with Mpls Synod

Addiction Awareness Sunday – September 25th, Karen Casey guest speaker

Guest stewardship preacher – Nov. 6th – Deb Stehlin – Director for Evangelical Mission, Mpls Synod

2017 Anniversaries – 500th Reformation – 60th TLC.

Combined celebration – Reformation Sunday 2017