

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

Council Minutes for

03/17/2019

Council Members Present: Sara Love, Lee Wilson, Robert Evers, Robin Harmon, Rich Ciccarello, Ed Schissel, Bob Jacobson, Debby Morrell, Monica Coburn, Gabbi Carpenter, and Bert Blackwell.

Council Members Absent: Elaine Morgan and Pastor Rachael Powell.

Opening Prayer: Sara opened our meeting with prayer.

Prayer Triads: Council Members broke into groups of three to pray together. Focus Question: Where have you seen God at work in the past week?

Motion concerning Pastor Neal Mather as our Pastor during Pastor Rachael's Sabbatical.

Approve of 403(b) salary reduction agreement for Pastor Neal Mather to contribute his full salary of \$18,750 (\$6,250 per month for July, August and September) to his retirement fund with Portico Benefits. This will eliminate the payment of any other fringe benefit costs or social security allowance saving those amounts. Sara Love, Marie Henkel and Michele Benton are empowered by the council to execute the salary reduction agreement. This motion was moved by Marie Henkel (Co-Treasurer) and seconded by Robert Evers. Council voted to approve this motion on a vote of 11 for, 0 against and 0 abstaining.

Consent Agenda: Includes minutes from the February Council retreat and reports from the Advocacy Team, the Stewardship Committee, the Facility Committee and Pastor Rachael's report. Debby Morrell requested that the minutes of the February Council Retreat be corrected to read that Congregation Committee Meetings are open to all, with the exception that the Personnel Team may hold closed meetings because of the confidential nature of employee information. Motion by Rich and second by Monica to accept the above reports with the correction as requested by Debby Morrell. Vote to approve the motion 11 for, 0 against and 0 abstaining.

Lutheran Family Services Reunification Meals- LFS has requested our help in providing sack lunches and some evening dinners for detainees from the border who are being transported to and through Albuquerque as they are sent to live with family or friends as they wait for adjudication of their case. We will use Local Benevolence Funds for this need for now.

Sabbatical Check In: See copy of Cross light with information from Dan Rader. (attached at end of the minutes.

Next Council Meeting: April 14, 2019.

Closing Prayer: Gabbi Carpenter.

Our agenda having been completed the Congregation Council **adjourned.**

Summer Sabbatical Update

Dan Rader

Pastor Rachael will be away on sabbatical during July, August, and September. She will be reflecting, studying, traveling, spending time with her family, and "lingering in the beauty, joy, hope, promise and grace of life in relationship with God and each other". During this time, we have planned a series of celebrations and events that will provide the congregation with our own glimpse of the sabbatical experience. We are extremely grateful for the kindness of the Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program, which has awarded St. Timothy's a generous grant that will cover many of Pastor and the congregation's sabbatical costs. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Please add these special events to your calendars (more details will follow):

Sunday June 30: God-speed Farewell Service and Bon Voyage Lunch

Come join us for worship as we send Pastor off on sabbatical and entrust her to God's care and guidance. Afterwards, we will celebrate with a catered lunch and fellowship as we wish her well on her exciting new journey.

Saturday July 20: Reconnect at the Norbertine Abbey (10am-4pm)

Come join us for an all-day retreat at the Norbertine Retreat Center, where we will spend some time lingering and reconnecting with each other in this beautiful high-desert retreat center located in Albuquerque's south valley. We will spend the day in prayer, meditation, and interaction as we take time to get to know each other better. A light-lunch will be included, and we will conclude with a joyful worship service.

Friday-Sunday August 16-18: Reflection with Prof. Matthew Skinner

Come join us for a multi-day event with Prof. Matt Skinner, a renowned Luke/Acts scholar and professor at Luther Seminary. We will spend the weekend in study and conversation on the work of the Spirit as recorded in the book of Acts. We will compare the scriptural account with our own experience here at St. Tim's as we seek to answer the question: how did we get here? Prof. Skinner will lead an all-day study on Saturday and on Sunday will preach during worship and lead adult ed.

Friday-Sunday September 13-15: Renewal with Reverend Sarah Ciavarri

Come join us for a multi-day event with Reverend Sarah Ciavarri, renowned theologian and Dr. Brene Brown scholar. We will spend the weekend in study and conversation on courageous leadership, trust, vulnerability, and discerning core values. We seek the Spirit's guidance as we look forward to answer the question: what next for St. Tim's? Rev. Ciavarri will lead an all-day study on Saturday and on Sunday will preach during worship and lead adult ed.

Sunday October 6: Welcome Home Celebration

Come join us for a joyful, rowdy celebration and potluck meal after worship as we welcome Pastor Rachael back! Join in the excitement as we hear about Pastor's experiences and share our own. A main dish will be provided, please bring a side-dish or dessert to share.