

OFLC Pastor's Report – For January 2022

Key Dates for Council:

ELCA Conference Meeting, Feb. 13, 1230pm. (Online; Pastor and 2 lay persons, 1 male and 1 female eligible to attend)

Mpls Area Synod Toolkit Workshops, Tuesdays and Thursdays in March. (Email sent to Council)

Mpls Area Synod Assembly, April 30th, 830am-3pm at Central Lutheran, Minneapolis. Pastor and 2 laypersons, 1 male and 1 female eligible to attend.

Worship & Education

- Tammy Jarvi led worship Jan 2nd, and Kevin Reed led worship Jan. 9th while I recovered from surgery. Much thanks to them!
- Baptism Miles Johnson on January 30th.
- E&C and Sunday School were cancelled for 1 week during Jan due to COVID concerns. Both groups meet, but decided to change protocol to all wearing masks.
- Men's Group is planning a retreat tentatively scheduled for end of March.
- Camp Onamia provided advertising materials for this year's Camp Season, and will be distributed by Lindsay and Tiffany to their families.
- **Plan for Lent and Easter Services (see attached). Ash Wednesday is March 2nd.**
- **Starting in March – proposal for monthly breakfast (see end of report).**

Pastoral Care

- Met with family of Dick Miske, (long time members, but have not been active for awhile) for memorial/funeral planning. Date set for June 24th, with internment at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery 1-2 weeks after.

Outreach

- Attended NH Committee meeting on Jan 26th. Representation from St. Thomas/St. Peter Paul, Cororan and Light of Christ Lutheran, Delano attended.
- WCCA Senior Meal Program discontinued as of end of January. Diane Dorrell will work with Brittni to provide any continued service and support to seniors served by OFLC, as requested.
- OFLC is committed to Rockford Business Expo, April 9th, 9am-12pm. **Brittni will coordinate volunteers, setup for this event.**

Administrative

- New furnaces are installed in the sanctuary. John Gilb working on quotes for A/C install on North end.
- New cleaning person started Jan 3rd. Person is onboarded by Melissa and Amy K.
- Final Committees for OFLC:
 - o 50th Anniversary: Shannon Sand (Council rep), Dan Schiller, (council rep), Amy Field, Jim Strehlow, Wendy Gustafson, Jim Lupino

- Building: Chandler Drummond (council rep), John Gilb, Jesse Smith, Anthony and Denise Wold (desired to split time due to expected birth of new child in April), Gail Swanson.
- **Staff request for consideration on summer hours. Council discussion.**

Info for Council – Pastor Aaron

- Feb 15-16: Travel to NC for Navy Training
- Will request Sunday, March 12th off due to Navy training & attending D-3 National Wrestling Tournament.
- March 13-18: Travel to CA for Navy Training

Proposal for Monthly “Community Sunday”

Vision: Have one Sunday a month where the entire OFLC community is invited to gather.

Details:

- Would be held the first Sunday of the month.
- Families would be encouraged to worship, with kids in service.
- Breakfast provided and served after the service.
- Sunday School already does not meet on the first Sunday of the month.

Objectives:

- An opportunity for interaction across various groups at OFLC each month.
- Families worshipping together once a month as part of faith formation.
- Breakfast re-establishes a known and valued “OFLC tradition”

Considerations:

- Offering childcare for certain ages. (Toddlers?)