

## OFLC Pastor's Report – For January 2023

**Attendees:** Aaron, Jodi, Dan, Wendy, Chandler,

### Worship & Education

- Plan for Lent/Holy Week:
  - o Ash Wednesday Service: February 22nd, 7pm.
  - o Mid-Week (Wednesdays): Soup/Sandwich Supper, 5:30-6:30pm. Faithful Conversations during supper.
  - o Palm Sunday: 9am (regular worship time)
  - o Maundy Thursday/Easter Cantata, 7pm.
  - o Good Friday, 7pm.
  - o Easter: Sunrise, 7am. Regular worship, 9am.
- Bell Choir & Singing Choir practice time will be adjusted accordingly. Confirmation will continue at regular time.
- **Soup and Sandwich Suppers resuming. Asking ministry groups to sponsor one of the five Wednesdays in Lent. Confirmation will be taking one of the weeks.**
- Sunday School kids will be leading parts of worship on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Wes Kimball will be preaching and I will be presiding in worship that day.

### Pastoral Care

- Memorial service for Jeffrey Blodgett: February 18<sup>th</sup>. (Son of John Blodgett)
- Memorial service for Derek Nielson: March 11<sup>th</sup>. (Son of Myron and Shirley Nielson)

### Outreach

- Confirmation class made blankets for pets at local shelter during E&C.
- Started "3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday hangouts" on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Had 4 folks join me at Billy's Bar Wednesday evening.
- **Would like to hold a meeting with NH Committee this month. Looking for proposed dates/times to present to the Committee.**

### Administrative

- No reply from La Iglesia Roca Fuerte since last month's meeting.
- Conducted two listening sessions on the budget on January 8 and 15 after worship. Both had about 15 persons at each session.
- Membership rolls updated in database. Created the following lists: voting members, active/non-voting, inactive.
  - o Active/non-voting persons have received communication to inquire about status.
  - o Inactive will be removed from database after 6 months.
  - o Non-members who are family/spouses of active (non-voting/voting) will be retained for communication purposes.
- Updated position description for Coordinator of Community Outreach has been reviewed with Brittni.
- Approved Constitution has been sent to the Synod for final approval.

- Some voiced displeasure that no online options was offered for the Annual Meeting this year, and thus were not able to participate.
- **Need representatives (2) for Conference (February 12) and Synod (April 28 and 29) Assemblies.**

Info for Council – Pastor Aaron

- Completed Navy Training January 19-22 and February 3-5.
  - o Wes Kimball, Seminary Intern, led worship on 1/22.
- Served on Synod Candidacy Committee on February 2.
- **Requesting vacation March 8-12. I will arrange for coverage in worship that Sunday.**
- Upcoming Pastor Aaron events:
  - o Presenting at workshop on February 11<sup>th</sup>, part of Synod Toolkit Event.
  - o Preaching in chapel at Augsburg University on March 7 as part of Mental Health Symposium.
  - o March 22-24: in New Orleans to complete my Navy Physical Fitness exam.