

Christ in Community- Richfield Churches

Collaboration Team Meeting

January 23, 2017

Congregation Updates:

- House of Prayer
 - Congregational meeting last Sunday
 - Took a first step in restructuring leadership team
 - Evangelism team spearheaded by Ben Whalen
 - Working with Richfield Dual Language School- reading tutors and helpers
 - Opening on staff- Administrative assistant
 - Cara filling in in the mean time
 - Anyone know of anyone, please tell them about this position
 - End of the year was strong- weather affected giving during November and December
 - Ended the year financially strong

- Woodlake
 - December leadership meeting- call process started
 - Call committee is leadership board
 - In process of putting together ministry sight profile
 - Building is busy with requests to use the space
 - Advent services- good response
 - Blue Christmas service for those that have had a loss over the year
 - Next year it would be great to do it together as a collaboration
 - Families Moving Forward will move forward with 2 more times this year
 - Would like to collaborate H of P and OG for this program
 - Woodlake cannot do this program again without support from the community
 - Ask Scott about details or he would come to the church and meet with people to explain the program
 - June 4-11 and September 10-17 are the two weeks
 - June 4-11
 - Have commitments for the night of Thursday, June 8th.

- The evenings of Sunday, June 4 through Wednesday 7th; Friday, June 9th, and Saturday June 10th are available.
 - The commitment
 - 1-2 people to cook/prepare a meal for 15-20 (5-7 PM),
 - two dinner hosts (6-8 PM)
 - two evening hosts (7-9 PM).
 - Scott is always willing to talk to individuals or groups about what their duties and our expectations are,
 - an experienced volunteer would be present during the entire evening
 - Woodlake would do the overnight and the leader positions
 - Would like to get a commitment from Oak Grove and House of Prayer by April 1st.
 - Offerings have been good
- Oak Grove
 - Seminary intern program
 - Have talked to H of P and WL about a three point internship. They have expressed interest
 - Talk with the seminary- mostly non-interest- but feel the seminary would like a stronger picture of what it would look like
 - Won't work this coming year- but perhaps in 2018-2019
 - Cost is \$20,000 per year- this would be divided between the three churches
 - Collaboration on Maundy Thursday- should we do it again- would like the group to support this
 - People were in favor of doing this again
 - Pastors did the planning last year
 - This needs to be a collaboration service- planning etc.
 - This year this service will be hosted by Woodlake
 - House of Prayer to host summer service and Oak Grove to host Thanksgiving this year
 - Fundraiser for Olivia and Jenny Nord on February 11 from 4-8 at OG- The Nord's were hit head on by a car going the wrong way on 494 on December 2nd- Will raise \$ for costs including rent, car payment etc. Will include spaghetti dinner (free will offering), bake sale and raffle

Steering Committee

- Mission statement –As Lutheran Churches in Richfield, we are feeling called by God and each other to be a stronger, more vibrant, more relevant presence in our community. By working together, we hope to energize our members to more deeply know God and each other, find new and different ways to grow and share our faith. We also seek to meet people in our community in the places and ways that are most needed and desired.
- Working on continuing effort to increase communication- website- bulletins etc.
- Will do a newsletter summary piece after this meeting
- Liaison people from steering committee to be more involved with their groups
 - Wayne – community listening team
 - Scott- spiritual listening team
 - Mike- congregation listening team
- Send updates for the Facebook page to Leslie, you can also post things
- Send updates for the three churches to Leslie
- Send summary's from meetings to Leslie
- Still need to work on things coming out to everyone on the committee's

Spiritual Listening Team

- Petitions that all three churches use each week
 - Churches, PennFest and individuals offered ideas for prayer requests
 - Then the team write petitions from these ideas- churches can tweak these as they see fit
 - During Lent there is a prayer that all three churches will use every week
- Would like to have a prayer booth/ prayer tent etc. at community events such as the 4th of July-
 - People could ask for prayer, people manning the booth could pray for the person
- Inter-congregational Prayer Partners
 - Guidelines would be set up
 - Might have an initial meal to meet each other
 - May have meetings of all of these groups together 3-4 times a year to touch base
 - Suggestion to include home bound “Prayer Warriors” with the Prayer Partners

- Dan Wolpert (sp?) - works with spiritual learning - (Pastor Brice knows him) - this listening team would like to meet with Dan to talk about ideas and thoughts
- Mission statement - To hear the Spirit of God and share that hearing, and tools for the ability to listen, with our congregations and communities through prayer, meditation, worship, scripture, song and action.
- Meet the second Thursday of each month at 3:00 at House of Prayer
 - You are all welcome to come
- Prayer Boot Camp at House of Prayer - Pastor Ben doing this
 - He will send over information about this and people can come if they would like
- Workshop in February - "Toolkit" - one of the workshops is 3 Great Listeners - Ask pastors about this

Congregational Listening Team

- Surveys went out to parent of families with young kids - these have been reviewed looking for common themes
 - Wondering how to give resources that may be helpful to families
 - Pinterest will have these resources
 - Family Faith and Fun is the Pinterest page name
 - Mention in the bulletins about what things are on Pinterest
 - Get ideas for other things to include
 - Others can "pin" ideas to our page
 - Instructions on how to use Pinterest will be written up
- There is only one member from Woodlake on the Congregational Listening Team - Pastor Plaster is not able to be on the team - looking for someone from Woodlake to take this position
- Congregation Listening Team Mission Statement: To listen to each other (congregations) with the intent to explore similarities and celebrate each other's differences on our journey to worship and serve God.
- Meet the Third Thursday of each month at 6:30 at OG

Community Listening team

- Attend community events to be out and listening to what is happening in the community
- Ben Whalen came to talk to the group at their last meeting
- We want to listen, not present programs

- Make sure people know about events in the community but also listen to people in their neighborhood to make a connection
- Neighborhood Watch Program- Will work with Pastor Ben to expand this program
- Important to know your neighbors
- We are good at inviting members of the other churches to events at our churches- we need to work on collaboration- this is still hard-
- Mission statement- Encourage our congregations to engage our community by listening to the hurts and hopes of the people.
- Meet about every 6 weeks- next meeting is Monday March 6 at 7:00 H of P

Noel Sagness- visitor from H of P-

- Retired Men's Fellowship Group- - Group stopped for about a year- Noel asked a group if they would like to continue- got 6 people that were interested
 - Formed in a team fashion
 - Now Men's Fellowship Group- not just retired
 - Meet at 9:00 in the morning – second Thursday of the month-during the school year at House of Prayer
 - All three churches are invited
 - There will be some times when women are invited
 - Next meeting is February 9th at House of Prayer at 9:00
 - Flyer passed around for each church

Scott's idea

- Ad in the Richfield paper- H of P does one now but other two churches do not
- Proposed that the three churches do a joint ad
- Had a handout about cost
 - Important to support responsible news organizations

Next meeting Date- Monday April 24th, 2017 or possibly April 3, 2017 -- 6:30 at Woodlake