

Ministry Coordinator Council Report August 2015

1. The 30th Anniversary Celebration team has met. So far, the Fellowship Team, Outreach Team, Youth & Family Team, and Worship & Music team have been asked to plan pieces of the celebration. Celebration will be November 13-15. Stay tuned for more details.
2. Amy Trunoske (Youth Leader) brought back an idea for an outreach project from the National Youth Gathering. Small wooden boxes that house used books for taking, or for exchange, are placed in parks or near bus stops. Since returning home, Amy has found that there are a few of these little libraries already scattered around Las Vegas. Amy's new job is at the RTC which has oversight of city bus stops. With a request by the HSLC council, the RTC would put a pad and bench at the bus stop in front of HSLC—and Youth/Outreach will place a little "library" at the bus stop. The hope is that this would be a prototype and that this ministry will expand, possibly to other churches with bus stops nearby. **For council consideration:** The placement of a pad and bench will probably entail easement rights of some sort. The Outreach Team had already discussed a desire to place a bench near the bus stop and the team is very supportive of moving forward with this idea. Youth & Family and Outreach are requesting council approval to investigate this ministry opportunity further. It is possible that the city will ask for an easement in the near future to move the bus stop 5' from the street to meet new guidelines.
3. The next Youth & Family Super Saturday will be September 12 from 7am to 6:30pm. A facility usage form was recently submitted.
4. Karen Harris and Amanda Rivera assisted in compilation of the information from the first mission retreat in January and for helped lead the follow up meeting in July. The next step is for council to approve (or not) the purpose statement and guiding principles. and to decide how to bring the drafted purpose and principle statement to the congregation for study, discussion, and adoption. Suggestions from the book Living Lutheran (the resource for the retreat) for next steps are on the back of this report. Based on the conversations from both gatherings, the following is submitted for adoption by the congregation:

Purpose Statement:

Rooted in Christ, we are sent to show and tell God's love.

Guiding principals:

1. Jesus is Lord and Savior
 2. Faith grows through prayer, worship, and study of God's word
 3. We are called and gifted to serve with compassion
 4. Everyone is a minister
 5. We cross barriers to tell God's story
 6. We invite all into a relationship with God and the community of faith
5. FaithWalk #7 Come and See will begin in the fall on Sunday during the education hours and on Monday's at 6:30pm. Come and Explore will begin October 25 from 6 to 8pm on Mondays.
 6. We are still waiting for the approval to move forward with the Senior Lunch Program. Karen Harris has started the process to have the kitchen inspected by the Health department.
 7. Updated rosters and pages for the Ministry Leader Manuals were put in your mail slots.
 8. Classes and small group are returning soon. Joe Hauser will lead a discussion on the Lord's Prayer. A few other offerings are in the works.
 9. The Outreach team requests that one of the upcoming 1st weekend offerings supports World Hunger.

Suggested next steps found in Appendix B of Living Lutheran:

“Bring the material to the congregation, usually going first to the church council and then, after approval, to the congregation as a whole. This will happen differently in each setting. The key is to show how the proposed statements and core values were derived from the biblical work and the vision work done by the congregation. Facilitate small group discussions and process the outcomes in ways appropriate for your congregation. If significant changes are proposed, do not incorporate them at the meeting. Document the changes and bring them back to the leadership team for reflection and editing. 5. When there is a final proposal and clear ownership of the purpose and principles, then approve them. This could be done at a congregational meeting or at church council, whichever seems most appropriate for the congregation. It usually is best to do this at the largest gathering practical—the congregation in a meeting if possible. The goal is to foster ownership. 6. Use the purpose and principles in ways that celebrate what has been done, help members remember them, and begin to move toward applying them. Great job getting this far!”

“Purpose and guiding principles help us to remember who we are, whose we are, and what we are here for while we are out there.”