

RESURRECTION & LIFE

Evangelical Lutheran Church



mid-month update | August 2019



Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort,
 who comforts us in all our troubles,
 so that we can comfort
 those in any trouble
 with the comfort
 we ourselves receive
 from God.
 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Church Council Update *(from meeting on August 20, 2019)*

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Our church family announces the following membership updates:

Transfers In: Jeff & Brooke Larson (Mckenzie & Noah) COR, Rochester, MN
 Don Garlock, Petra Lutheran, Sauk Rapids, MN
 Adam & Tiffany Mateske (Adrianna, Allison, Evelyn), Mount Olive, Appeton, WI
 Cody & Elizabeth Tiedemann (Olivia), Abiding Peace, Simpsonville, SC
 Justin Siewert, Trinity Lutheran-Lincoln, Lake City, MN
 Tim Schmidt from St. Paul's of Arlington, MN
 Harvey Schrupp from St. Timothy of Lombard, IL (ELS)

Profession of Faith: Richard Anderson from Good Shepherd, Burnsville, MN

Child Baptisms: Eli Bruender (Dan & Breanna Bruender) (7/21/19)
 Adaline Hoye (Ryan & Kayla Hoye) (7/28/19)
 Bowen Emmerson Bassett (Alex & Amy Bassett) (8/8/19)

Transfers Out: Phil & Cori Berg (Christian & Collin) Victory Lutheran, Jacksonville, FL

Death: Don Rademacher (died 8/6/19, funeral 8/17/19)

Current Membership - 939 Communicate Members - 695

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Weekend	Resurrection Campus (8am + 10:30am + Mon)	Life Campus	Total	Same Week in 2018
7/7/19	119 + 73 + 36	97	325	387
7/14/19	123 + 116 + 38	119	396	299
7/21/19	151 + 99 + 37	142	429	340
7/28/19	115 + 163 + 43	94	415	372
		Average	391	350

Church Council Discussion Summary *(from meeting August 20, 2019)*

- Call for 3rd Pastor:** On August 11th, the Voters approved to call a 3rd pastor. A Call Meeting will be held August 29th at 6:30pm at the Resurrection Campus.
- Pastoral Responsibilities:** Council discussed the pastoral responsibilities for the three pastors. This helped clarify what we are looking for in our 3rd pastor. We decided to not have one pastor fully focusing on administration but will assign each pastor a specific area of ministry which will be aligned to our core values: Worship, Study, Serve, and Share. Based on the input from the July congregation ministry meetings, two key goals emerged: better unity between our two campuses and having a "face" of each campus. To accomplish these goals, we would have a rotation on Sunday mornings that would look something like this:
 - Week 1** - Resurrection Liturgy: *Pastor Koelpin*, Life Liturgy: *Pastor Meyer*, Preacher both sites: *New Pastor*.
 - Week 2** - Resurrection Liturgy: *New Pastor*, Life Liturgy: *Pastor Meyer*, Preacher both sites: *Pastor Koelpin*.
 - Week 3** - Resurrection Liturgy: *Pastor Koelpin*, Life Liturgy: *New Pastor*, Preacher both sites: *Pastor Meyer*
- The Peter Plan – “WELCOME HOME”:** Our Synod has developed a special “WELCOME HOME” program to reach out to inactive members to welcome them back to the congregation. The Elders will be reaching out to members who have not attended worship in the past 6 months. This will lead up to a special Sunday set for October 27th. We pray that ALL members attend worship!
- Fall Programs and Meetings:** The council reviewed the plans for our special up coming Fall programs. We will be focusing on Stewardship starting in early September. In October, we will be focusing on the “Peter Plan – Welcome Home” as outlined in the prior bullet. We had planned to have cottage meetings in the Fall; however, with the focus on Stewardship and the Welcome Home programs, we will be pushing the Cottage meeting after those programs complete. An official timeframe will be announced in the coming month.
- Summer Care Program:** Recently, the Early Childhood Ministries Committee meet to discuss the current plans for the Learning Center. Even though we do not yet have a full time Learning Center Director, we want to continue looking at implementing our Phase 1 of our plans. Phase 1 includes launching a Summer program for preschool through 4th Graders. By introducing a Summer program, our interest in having a preschool option year round greatly increases the interest across the Rochester community. We are also blessed to have interested members in helping staff the program!

Financial Information – Fiscal Year End Results

Date Range 7/1/2019 – 7/31/2019	Budget	Actuals	Difference
Unified Budget Income:			
Church Offerings	\$76,044	\$77,253	\$1,209
Grants/Special Donations	\$0	\$0	\$0
School Tuition & Affiliate Support	\$0	\$4,899	\$4,899
Total Income	\$76,044	\$82,152	\$6,108
Unified Budget Expenses:			
Compensation	\$91,977	\$19,960	\$72,017
WELS Mission	\$7,604	\$0	(\$7,604)
Operating Expenses	\$21,721	\$31,144	(\$9,423)
Total Expenses	\$121,302	\$51,104	\$70,198
Net Income/(Loss)		\$31,048	
Additional Fund Offerings:			
Debt Reduction & Capital Imp		\$4,836	
Reserve Account		\$1,526	
Line of Credit Loan		\$55,000	

- ✓ Start of new fiscal year on July 1, 2019
- ✓ First month of new fiscal year is a bit slower for initial expenses to show in actuals, as well as tuition income starts coming in August.
- ✓ Positive sign that our actual giving for July came in just slightly above what we had budgeted.
- ✓ Our Life mortgage payments are now included in the Unified Budget.
- ✓ School enrollment is lower than we had planned for in our Unified Budget. The Leadership team is working to how to address the tuition income gap.