



St. Peter's Lutheran Church 2018 Newsletter

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living and sharing
God's grace with all.*

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:15 & 10:45am

Sunday School—9:30am



Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

6th Annual

“God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday October 14, 2018

This is our 6th Annual Event. “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) - one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Since 2013, thousands of ELCA congregations have participated in this opportunity, and have dedicated one day to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all people.

Who can participate? EVERYONE!! There will be projects onsite and offsite. We’ll have projects for young children, youth, and adults.

Please join us on October 14th for one *Together* service, at **9:00am**.
Wear any St. Peter’s or Lutheran shirt you have!



**Watch your weekly inserts and the
October Newsletter for more
information.**

A list of some projects can be found on page 8.



Upcoming Events

- Sept 10th Property Committee Meeting
- Sept 11th Pastor's Deanery, Altar Guild, Snip-its, Stewardship, & Safety Task Force
- Sept 14th Meals on Wheels Cookies Due
- Sept 16th **Farewell & Godspeed to Pastor Casey**
- Sept 17th Book Club, Faith Formation Committee, & BYOBible Men's Bible Study
- Sept 18th Church Council Meeting
- Sept 20th Women of St. Peter's Deborah Bible Study
- Sept 21st Citywide Youth Lock-in—through Sept 23rd
- Sept 24th Gals' Night In
- Sept 25th Women of St. Peter's Agape Bible Study
- Sept 27th Retiree Roundup
- Sept 30th Helping Center Sunday
- Oct 1st Fellowship Committee Meeting
- Oct 3rd Worship Committee Meeting
- Oct 7th Flu Shot Clinic, Mission Trip Info Meeting, & Animal Blessing
- Oct 14th **“God’s Work. Our Hands. Sunday”**
(Together Sunday one service at 9:00am)
- Oct 21st Endowment Committee Meeting & Congregational Best Practices
with Deacon John Dellis of Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest
- Oct 27th Churchwide Workday
- Oct 28th **Reformation Sunday, Pastor Vaniceks' Sabbatical Sharing** (with catered brunch), & New Members' Class
- Nov 4th **All Saints' Sunday**

Pastor Casey's
Farewell &
Godspeed
Sunday,
September 16th

A Word from the Pastors

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In a matter of weeks I will conclude my call at St. Peter's after serving as Seminary Intern, Associate Pastor, and Senior Pastor. As I pondered a Scripture passage that might encapsulate my feelings, I settled on Ephesians 3:20-21: **"Now to God, who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."**

It has been an honor to serve St. Peter's these fifteen years. This time has been filled with baptisms and funerals, weddings and blessings, grace and joy. I have been blessed to experience the holy moments of your lives, and I am thankful that you have shared in ours as well.

I thank Eric, Brecken, and Bolton for their continued support and patience with my busy schedule and being away from home in the evening, **and I thank each of you** for the ways you have supported us as we have grown as a family in our own faith.

I am especially thankful for Pastor Vanicek, our church and school staff, Council, Advisory Team, Building to Bless leaders, and Building Committee. I am confident that it is because we have worked together that we were able to grow the ministries of St. Peter's and impact our community so greatly. **Because you have shared your varied gifts so generously, we have "accomplished abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine."**

I plan to "take a deep breath" for a few weeks to transition to Triumphant Love Lutheran Church. **I hope you will also "take a deep breath" for a few months of transition** as you collectively consider the great future God has in store for St. Peter's. Pastor Vanicek, an Interim Pastor, Bishop's Associate Judith Spindt, and the Congregation Council are ready to help you take that breath and then faithfully discern the future leaders - lay and clergy - needed for this Kairos moment. **I will remember them and you in my daily prayers.**

I am grateful to you and for you! In the midst of this transition many of you have asked, **"How are you?" Well, I am sad and excited, nervous and hopeful... but more than anything, I am grateful!**

Yours in Christ, Pastor Casey

"First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world. For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you — or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith." - Romans 1:8,11-12

As I reorient and refamiliarize myself from being away on sabbatical, Paul's words to the church in Rome reflect much of what I am feeling and experiencing, but these words also remind me why our life together is so vital and important. Paul begins his letter in GRATITUDE, and I have experienced gratitude being thick in the air around here...in reconnecting with you on Sunday morning and at HEB...in hearing about the summer youth trips, VBS, and your involvement in Back to School Blast...in hearing your summer stories revealing how your faith has proclaimed God's love throughout the world...and in hearing your reflections on the time Pastor Casey has been part of St. Peter's. GRATITUDE ABOUND in community, it heals, gives life, and fills us with anticipation for what God is inviting us to consider next.

I look forward to sharing my sabbatical journey on October 28th (Reformation Sunday) during Sunday School. Mark your calendar! And, like Paul, I long to share my journey...but I also long to hear how God has formed and walked with you this summer...through our special speakers...through your life's changes. Maybe Paul was getting ready for his own sabbatical sharing with those in Rome when he said, "rather so that [when we share] we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith." In Paul's words, I wonder if he was inviting folks to consider how they have indeed been on a sabbatical journey together...one worth sharing because we all have had the gift of three more months of grace under our belt.

+ Pastor Vanicek

Parish News



For Kathryn Graeber in the loss of her sister, Paula Wagner
 For the friends and family of Shirley Waters
 For the Pyle families in the loss of EJ Pyle
 For the friends and family of Maxine Woodside
 For the friends and family of Pastor Ricky Leaphart
 For Don Trapp in the loss of his mother, Elsie Trapp

In Our Prayers

Elroy Schorn
 Diana Collins
 Carolyn Selman
 Pat Magerkurth
 Fritze Rhoades
 Doris Tate
 Vondean Schmidt
 Shanna Murrell
 Marci Wilde
 Chris Grazier
 Linda Williams
 Jerry Braeutigam
 Mary Posey
 Harold Brueckner
 Elna Wendler
 Mary Langehennig
 Bobby Norred
 Walter Molder
 Rachel Hall
 Ann Huebner
 Sarah Holmes
 Megan McLoughlin
 Mae Watson
 Greg Chapman
 Gary Smith
 Ron Burke
 Lisa Williams
 Jamey Davis
 Cliff Jordan
 Judy Hegg
 Ken Litt
 Brad Collins
 Greg Butler
 Courtney Hjaltman

Thank you to St. Peter's

We really appreciate all the Church has done for Mother & Dad in the past and continue to do. The luncheon was wonderful and we are thankful Mother & Dad have this anchor in their lives.
Love in Christ, Jan & Steve Olafson (Don & Dottie Burke's family)

Thank you for being so loving and caring so much for our parents Don & Dottie (Burke). We are truly grateful.
Blessings, Sissy & Tim McKaban (Don & Dottie Burke's family)

Thank you for the special time to honor Dad & for the luncheon on August 8th. Even more, thank you for being a spiritual blessing to our parents and us when we visit.
Blessings, Karen & Paul Farrell (Don & Dottie Burke's family)

We are thankful to YOU for your generosity and continued prayer and support. We thank you for your prayers for students, faculty, and staff who are experiencing and serving Christ's church throughout the country and the world. Our work at The Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest (LSPS), here in Texas, is enriched by the many people of God who are cherished partners through prayers and gifts in this ministry. I thank you for your recent gift of \$500.00 to the LSPS Annual Fund.
In Mission for the Life of the World, Rev. Herbert Palmer, Executive Director, LSPS



To Linda Burling & Mike Williams for their help in the Church Office during the month of August.

To Coach Orton and all of the youth for a wonderful for "Youth Sunday" service.

To Pat Erickson for leading our two new children's choirs on "Youth Sunday."

To Deborah Vanicek for leading our youth musicians on "Youth Sunday."

To Cal Clausen & Ashley Crouse for organizing the blessings pantry.

Please join us in a Farewell Celebration for Pastor Casey on September 16th during the Sunday School Hour in the Fellowship Hall.

We're going to give her the gift of relaxation for her many years of service to our congregation. If you'd like to contribute financially to the gift of a spa day, please deliver cash or a check to Marietta Williams in the church office or leave it in the offering plate on Sunday with "PC Gift" in the memo line.

Worship & Bible Studies

***This Is My Story, This Is My Song* began Sunday, September 2nd**

Many of us know this familiar and beloved chorus from “Blessed Assurance.” It speaks of a deeply held truth that “this story” that is the Bible is also our story and our song. “Blessed Assurance” has been called “the archetypal gospel song” because it belongs to a certain genre in church music but also because it shares the gospel – the good news – of Jesus Christ.

The Narrative Lectionary is a 4-year cycle of texts for Sunday morning worship. It was designed by professors at Luther Seminary so that each school year we will **hear the entire biblical story** from Creation in Genesis to the Coming of the Holy Spirit in Acts. We hope that as our preaching sweeps across the whole of the Bible, **our stories might be better centered in God’s story.**

Their Story Is Our Story (September 2nd – October 28th)

During the Fall we will hear stories of our Biblical ancestors: God’s promise to Noah, God’s blessing of all people through Abraham & Sarah, and God’s forgiveness of David & Bathsheba. As we hear their ancient stories perhaps we will recognize ourselves in them because their story is indeed our story and their God is indeed our God.

MID-WEEK/Monthly Bible Studies:

PARENTS’ MORNING BIBLE STUDY: We will resume in late September.

MEN’S BYOBIBLE STUDY: All men are invited. We meet the third Monday of the month at 7:00pm at Double Horn Brewing Company. Come to the next meeting on **September 17th.**

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Meets one Saturday a month at 9:00am in room 215. The next meeting will be **September 8th.**

WOMEN OF ST. PETER’S BIBLE STUDIES: Meet monthly during the school year. The Bible study is taken from the *Gather* magazine, which can be found on the current publication table in the narthex. Please consider a donation to cover the cost of the magazine.

Deborah Bible Study: Meets at **10:00am** on the third Thursday of the month.

Meets next on **September 20th** at the home of Pam Wettstein.

Agape Bible Study: Meets at **1:00pm** on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Meets next on **September 25th** at the home of Ellen Doffing.

Stewardship & Building to Bless

Many have generously pledged to the Building to Bless endeavor undertaken to provide many improvements to accessibility and modernizations to our church allowing us to “boldly share God’s grace with all”. This stage of the process can be difficult because much of the actions being taken at this point are not visible changes. Progress is however being made and will be shared throughout the transformation. We have much to look forward to as we continue to fulfill the mission to which we are called.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our congregation, to each other, to our community and to the world. That commitment is evident through Blessings in a Backpack, the Helping Center, “God’s Work. Our Hand’s” Simdau, the Prayer Shawl ministry, the quilts that are sent worldwide and to our seniors each year, and the many other ways we share God’s love.

I pray that God helps us continue to be good and faithful stewards, knowing all that we are and all that we have is a gift from God, making stewardship not just something we discuss in the fall but a way of living that includes God in everything we do and say. Stewardship is about our whole self being in relationship with God!

- Coiece Pyle, Stewardship Committee & Building to Bless Follow Up Leader

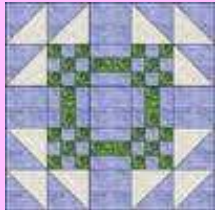
Service Groups

Snip-its

Please join us on **September 11th, at 12pm**. Do you have a sewing machine at home collecting dust? Or, maybe you just need a change of pace with a quick, easy project. We're in need of "at home sewing." You can choose to sew squares together, bind quilts to produce a finished project, or both. Anything you can do would be a great help.

Needed ---- Needed ---- Needed!

"SNIP-ITS" Quilters are in great NEED of construction materials for making LWR Mission Quilts. Please think about donating any of the following: Used Sheets: for making quilt backs, Used Blankets and Mattress Pads: for use as quilt liners (centers), & Cotton, Cotton/Blend Yardage goods: used to cut 11" squares.



Donations can be delivered to the quilting "frame" room off the kitchen. Questions: Call Judy Martin: (830)598-4249



Can you crochet or knit? Would you like to learn?

If so, then, **we need you** for **St. Peter's Prayer Shawl Ministry**. Come meet with us on **Saturday, September 8th at 9am**, in Room 212. Bring your yarn along with knitting needles, crochet hooks, or loom. For more information call the Church Office. ****Everyone is invited****



Meals on Wheels Cookie Project

Each month we will need . . .

17 dozen cookies by **Friday before the 3rd Saturday** of this month (September 14th)
You can bring the cookies throughout the month, and put them in the kitchen freezer marked "Meals on Wheels."

The Helping Center needs your help! Let's fill the basket!!

Please bring non-perishable and canned foods to the church throughout the month and leave in the grocery basket located in the Narthex. The last Sunday of each month (09/30) they will be collected and delivered to the Helping Center for distribution.



St. Peter's has been asked to provide the following items in September:
Toilet Paper & Hand Soap

Arbor House Worship—September 9th

St. Peter's leads the worship at Arbor House Assisted Living on the second Sunday of each month at 11am. All are welcome to join in this special time of sharing our faith in worship.

St. Peter's Children And Youth

Children's Choirs Debut

On Sunday, August 26th St. Peter's youth led worship for "Youth Sunday".



SPLAT Life

St. Peter's Lutheran Active Teens Gathering Schedule

Check your weekly SPLAT+family email for any special details for the month.

Let Coach Orton know if you are not receiving this weekly email.

Sunday Mornings Sunday School- High school aged kids will meet in the **The Fellowship Hall for Sunday Morning Coffee House at 9:30 am.** We will head to Sunday School from there. Coach Orton or Aaron Pyle will lead the discussion, activity, or game for the day.

Monday Morning Ministries- High school aged kids will meet at **Numinous Coffee at 7:15 am** to start their week off with a Bible study lesson. Please bring a friend.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study- High school aged kids will meet in the **The Fellowship Hall from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.** We have some time for games, snacks, and Bible study. Please bring a friend.

Confirmation



Confirmation is what we call an intentional two year process of faith formation guided by the pastors, adults mentors, and special speakers. We dig into the small catechism (The Lord's Prayer, 10 Commandments, Apostles' Creed, Baptism, Communion). We will also learn some faith practices, field trips, and service projects.

~ Mark Your Calendars ~

September 12th	Class: Introduction - Group Building/Confirmation Intro/Spiritual Practice
September 19th	Class: Where Is That? - Books of the Bible/Bible Geography
September 26th	Class: 10 Commandments - I Am Who I Am
October 3rd	Class: 10 Commandments - The Lord's Name
October 10th	Class: 10 Commandments - Sabbath Day
October 17th	Class: Luther and the Reformation - Luther who? Reform what? Martin Luther Movie
October 31st	No Class: All Hallowed Eve (Halloween)

Pre-Confirmation Jumpstart

Tuesday Pre-Confirmation (Jumpstart) - 5th & 6th grade students will meet after school for a class to get a "jumpstart" on Confirmation by learning more about the stories of the people of the Bible and getting to visit some of our local ELCA congregations. Class begins on Tuesday, September 11th.

School NEWS



St. Peter's Lutheran School

St. Peter's Lutheran School is FULL for the 2018-19 school years in all classes. We have a waiting list for openings that arise this year and kids on the list already for 2019 and 2020. We are excited to start the year and have been prepping already! The teachers are working on plans, schedules, and ways to improve the school!

We have to say Thank You to our outgoing School Board Members who have faithfully served us . . . Belva Latshaw and John Burns! We also want to welcome two new School Board Members this August - Pat Erickson and Aimee Evans. We simply couldn't do our ministry without the continued efforts of our excellent School Board, energy of our AMAZING teachers, and support from our wonderful congregation!

We ask that the congregation continue to pray for the school board, teachers, students, and families, as the year begins! We installed the School Board and teachers during both services on August 26.

The new school year began on August 28! We have met some new friends and continuing our relationship with others! Our school is truly blessed with some of the best parents and children! We are thankful to get to serve these families through our ministry and are also thankful that so many of our families are a part of the St. Peter's congregation.

-Tracy Knight, St. Peter's School Director

Retiree Roundup, September 27th at 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall

The speaker will be Willie Reinders from Highland Lakes Habitat for Humanity.

A salad bar buffet will follow the program. Please bring a salad ingredient to add to the salad greens, or a dessert, if you can.

Please sign the attendance sheet in the narthex or respond to Betty Matejowsky by Sunday, September 23rd.



In and Around St. Peter's

“God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday

Look for signup sheets starting on September 23rd.

OFFSITE

Helping Center: *Let’s go to the Helping Center to learn about what they do and also to either help stock shelves inside or work in the Helping Center Garden.*

Nursing Home Singing: *Always a favorite! Be part of the impromptu choir that will sing at some of our local nursing homes. You will be a ray of light and a blessing in the lives of the homebound residents.*

NEW - SPCA: *We travel to our local Highland Lakes SPCA to learn about their ministry of care and dog adoptions, visit with the furry residents who will be so happy to have visitors, and there will be a chance to read children’s books to the dogs as a way of caring for creation! NOTE: our Blessing of the Animal donation from Oct 7 @ 4pm will be delivered by this group. Donation details will be in coming bulletins and Sunday announcements.*

NEW - Fire Site Visit: *Join a couple of our firefighter members as they lead a tour of one of the local summer fire burn sites. See and learn about the damage the fire did, but also how in the midst of fire, new life is able to spring up. Walk on this Holy Ground. The group is also planning to do a tree planting as a sign of our commitment to partnering with God in renewing all creation.*

ONSITE

St. Peter’s Blessings (formerly Blessings in a Backpack): *Come learn all about some of the changes to our outreach ministry to feed children and families in our community. Help us pack two weeks in lunches!*

Snip-Its: *Join our quilting ladies as they work on tying quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Learn where quilts have gone in the past, and be a part of quilts that will be sent to bring comfort and support to others around the world.*

Hands of Grace: *We will again be tying fleece blankets that will be given to local cancer patients at Scott and White. If you can tie a knot, you will love this meditative task that can be done either sitting or standing.*

NEW: Sewing Ministry: *Come learn how to use a sewing machine and make a simple sewing project (a pillow to be given to those recovering from illness or surgery). No experience required!*

NEW: Cookies in the Kitchen (for Meals on Wheels): *We have been providing cookies for Meals on Wheels for years! Be part of making the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen area smell sweet and full of grace. You will learn about Meals on Wheels and help pack the fresh cookies for this ministry.*

Flu Shot Clinic

October 7th

9:00am to 11:00am

In the Fellowship Hall



**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 15TH
9AM TO 5PM**

2018

LUTHERAN FALL

FESTIVAL

AT FREDERICKSBURG MARKTPLATZ

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

5K—STARTS AT 9AM	FOOD VENDORS
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Building Committee

MEET YOUR BUILDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The following have been elected by the Council to serve as the Building Committee for our Building to Bless Project:

STEVE REITZ



JOHN BURNS



CATHERINE HICKS



CAROL JONES



MIKE STRUCHEN



DON TRAPP



Along with:

CHUCK WETTSTEIN

Church Council President

DAVE LEIGHTON

Treasurer

PASTOR VANICEK

Pastor

Building Committee

August 7, 2018

Dave Leighton gave a financial briefing to the building committee.

SKT Architects AIA (American Institute of Architects) contract document was reviewed. Motion was made and vote taken to approve AIA document. This document lays out the architects hourly rates along with “not to exceed” clause. The pricing in architecture document does not include cost for landscaping, irrigation and civil engineering.

Committee decided to interview contractors so a contractor can be involved in the design process early.

Committee decided to look for other civil engineering groups to compare bids.

Suggestion was made to mandate that subcontractors carry the same insurance levels that are listed in the Architects AIA document section 2.5.

There was some discussion about the Choice Medical building lease and how the building may be used during the remodeling project.

Next step is schedule a meeting with architect.

Fellowship



In **September the Book Club** will read *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman, a novel about the importance of friendship and human connection. It is being made into a major motion picture.

Discussion will be on **Monday, September 17, at 1:30pm, in room 212**. Come join us for good discussion and fellowship!

Gals' Night In

Soup Supper & Cookbook Swap

Monday, September 24th at 6:00pm

Hostess is Valerie Lanford, 342 Olympia Fields, Meadowlakes, (512) 293-9043
Our hostess will provide the soup. You may bring an appetizer, finger food or drink.
Please bring an old cookbook to swap or donate. Friends are always welcome. **As a reminder: If it is your birthday month you are encouraged to bring a dessert to share.**



Financial & Attendance Information

Financial Results 2018

Avg. Attendance/Sunday

Item	July	YTD
Income (All)	\$ 40,224	\$ 286,230
Budget Income	\$ 42,669	\$ 315,042
Diff. \$ Over/Under(-)	(\$2,445)	(\$28,812)
%	94%	91%
Expenses	\$ (42,385)	\$ (313,277)
Budget Expenses	\$ (46,125)	\$ (321,786)
Diff. \$ Over/Under(-)	(\$3,740)	(\$8,509)
%	92%	97%
Net	(\$2,161)	(\$27,047)

	July	YTD
Attendance - 2018	156	202
Attendance - 2017	176	209
Diff.	(20)	(7)

We have now completed the first half of our 2018 budget year.

	2018 YTD	2018 Actual	2018 Budget	Diff.	% of Budget
Income	\$246,007	\$246,007	\$272,373	\$26,366-	90.32%
General Fund	\$188,298	\$188,298	\$211,568	\$23,270-	89.00%
Building In Faith	\$ 18,681	\$ 18,681	\$ 18,660	\$ 21	100.11%
Expenses	\$270,892	\$270,892	\$275,660	\$ 4,768-	98.27%
Net	\$ 24,885-	\$ 24,885-	\$ 3,288-	\$21,598-	

After completing the first half of the year, we are **significantly under budget on income** and **slightly under budget on expenses**. That leaves us with a **large negative Net**, and a **weak and declining General Fund balance of \$9,084**. We are well behind budget on our **general offering**. We have had two consecutive months of ~\$9,000- negative Nets, which has brought us to a low balance in our General Fund. One more month of a similar negative Net will leave us with a defunct General Fund. **We need your help to stave off that outcome!**

We have had a mixed first half, starting well then faltering once past Easter. I ask you to continue your faithful giving to support our operating budget even as you are **also supporting our Building to Bless capital/building campaign**. It is important that we don't let current operating giving decline in favor of support for building renovation – that would be counterproductive. While any General Fund gift would be welcome, what we need is improved regular giving to prevent further declines – a modest shared response from all.

Green Team



Did you know the average school-age child discards 67 pounds of lunch packaging materials per school year? Multiply 67 by the number of students in your child's school, and imagine the mountain of trash. And adults who pack lunches are probably just as wasteful.

Individually pre-packaged snacks, plastic bags, juice boxes, disposable bottles, paper napkins, and throw-away cutlery are all convenient, but they add up quickly in the garbage can. Stop to think if there might be ways to cut back a bit on the waste. While it definitely takes more time and investment up front, packing a litterless lunch is possible. Consider the following:

- buy an easy to clean re-usable lunch bag or box instead of throw-away bags
- use washable individual food containers instead of plastic zip bags
- invest in a reusable drink bottle or thermos and say goodbye to juice boxes and plastic water bottles
- buy snacks in large bags rather than pre-packaged individual servings, and divide them among individual reusable containers
- opt for cloth napkins and reusable cutlery that you can wash and reuse
- pack whole fruits that need no containers

Challenge yourself to cut back on lunchtime litter. See what you can do to reduce your trash mountain!

Betty Matejowsky, Green Team Member

Church Council Highlights

St. Peter's Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 21, 2018

The Council continues its book discussion presented by Pastor Casey on *The In-Between Church*.

Committee Highlights –

Congregational Care – preparing for New Members' Class in October and Winter Texan event in January/February

Faith Formation – planning for Family Retreat at Camp Chrysalis in February. Mission Trip Meeting in October.

Discussed Adult Faith Formation. New member: Allen Collins

Fellowship – Rally Day, Farewell Party for Pastor Casey, and God's Work Sunday preparations underway. Cmte is unavailable on 10/14 for God's Work Sunday.

Property – Painted school entrance doors. Fall work day planned for 10/27. Janitorial contract reviewed. Site Management planning continues.

Stewardship – Discussed drawing in new members. Will meet with Congregational Care on this in October.

Worship – Working on a Music Director job description continues. End of summer and fall worship planning includes Youth Sunday, Favorite Hymn Sunday, Reformation, and All Saints'.

Social Outreach – Blessings in a Backpack is meeting on changes and will bring board members and bylaws for approval at September meeting. Back to School Blast shared 1600 socks and 500 shoes. God's Work Our Hands Sunday will be October 14th

Old Business –

Capital Campaign Updates – received a one-time gift of \$5000 from SPLSchool; money is coming in steadily; we have collected \$246,000 to date; Press Release – we should start to prepare one for October

St. Peter's Blessings transition – Board is being formed, Bylaws have been customized and tailored, and Bryan Hicks is reviewing. Sept 20 will be first delivery to schools. Cost per child \$120/year because menu has been reworked.

Ongoing Updates –

Building Committee – SKT Architect contract – not approved yet; Architect meeting - August 29; fees for engineering service is over our budget and will be discussed; Fellowship Hall expansion – they will begin discussing next week; Chuck- if scope of project changes, we will need congregational approval

New Business –

Financial Report presented by Dave Leighton. Income is well-below budget. Net is also behind. Hoping situation will improve in fall. Attendance per Sunday is also down.

Staff Reports - Pastor Casey mentioned funeral for Shirley Waters. Guest preachers and speakers during sabbatical have been wonderful. Discussed Rally Day. Craig mentioned upcoming CityWide Youth Lock-In (Sept 21-23) and his new plan to spend time with kids at MFMS during lunch on Mon/Wed. Pam Walton's report highlighted a review of VBS & Fall plans.

Property Committee Site Task Force – working on plans for usable space during the building project

Begin Budget Discussions – Dave – We expect a 4.5% increase on health care and the added expense of a music director.

Transition – Pastor Casey has taken a call at Triumphant Love Lutheran Church and her Letter of Resignation was received tonight on August 21, 2018. Her last day will be Sept 30, and her last worship will be Sept 16. Letter of Agreement was received tonight and will be completed and signed after this meeting. Chuck has composed a letter to the congregation which was received tonight. All three letters will be sent to the congregation and Chuck will also contact the synod tomorrow. A verbal announcement will be made on the 26th in the form of two temple talks. An exit interview will be scheduled. Kelly and PC will meet to complete the Red Book update and release. Last service will be on September 16 with a farewell gathering that day during the Sunday school hour (plans discussed). Interim Plans discussed - executive committee met on 8/19 and is meeting with PV on 8/23 to discuss a 45-60 day plan. Motion by Dale to accept PC's letter of resignation. Seconded by Joan. Approved unanimously.

Property Insurance & 2018-19 Janitorial Contract – Updates were made and approved unanimously.

Council Resignation received from Clay Fancher – Nominating committee already in place (Dale, Joan, Cindy, Aaron, Anna). At our September meeting, they will bring forward a name (or more than one) as a recommendation.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 18th.

SPLC DIRECTORY

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