

Pastoral Care Committee Meeting

Tues, July 9, 2016 Bob's notes

**** In case we worship in the Lounge any hot Sunday this summer we will email the group to get help setting up chairs, etc.**

Recent Events Wrap up

Taste of Times Square

- More meetings and planning next year.
- Re-design the table layout to create a better “invitation to participate in crafts” flow
- Plan for strong winds – secure items that can blow over/away
- Repeated craft items were ok, along with new selectins.
- Scrap Photo Booth board – or at least create new one?
- Update the SLLC Picture Board
- Capture email addresses
- Show our Facebook page on an iPad
- Link a craft or encourage making a drawing with a Bible story (most crafts we used already have this potential).
- Include a “Comment Board” for more interaction with visitors
- Hire a clown?
- Pre-event training for face painters and balloon sculpting?

Congregational Picnic

Bob was on vacation and did not attend – had no notes to give.

Pride March

- Participants from Saint Luke's increased to 7 this year.
- Walking with Synod group is great. Caution advised for Synod printed signs with comments/viewpoints – offensive to Gay participants. Perhaps pass along to Synod planners.

Lobster Boat Ride/ FIFA Women's World Cup

Lobster Boat

- Good turnout – 15, less than last year though. 2018 we purchased 31 tickets and sold all but 2.
- Cloth leis were scratchy – they were chosen as a cruise theme. 2018 - Bandanas were good choice.
- We agree having some unifying item is a great idea.
- Rumor is the \$10 admission ticket is waived in the Fall. Look into this to introduce more members to the fun.

FIFA World Cup

- Good time filler before leaving for Lobster Boat
- Did not interfere with Coffee Hour Fellowship
- Similar events could be broadcast – but not to over do it,
- We're not a Sports Bar

Upcoming Events and Planning

Summer Retreat and Rafting at Cross Roads Lutheran Camp

- Pastor Strasser has made our reservation and created the schedule for ur weekend activities.
- Current RSVP reservation is one participant, while others have verbally expressed participation.
- A personalized email invitation will be sent: David will write the letter, Bob will pull a report of Retreat participants from the last 5 years using our Database.

Assembling Personal Care Kits collected during Lent for Lutheran World Disaster Relief.

- Items have to be counted to determine how many complete kits can be made.
- Pastor would like to involve people during a Coffee Hour – Bob's concern is embarrassment that we have not assembled and delivered them.
- **Scheduled Date: Sunday August 4.**

Bowling at Bowl Mor Lanes – Sunday August 11, 12:30 to 2:30 pm \$25 per person

- Two lanes have been reserved – 14 bowlers max. Should we exceed this, several of us will “share” a spot.
- Start time is 12:30 pm. Bowlers should depart Coffee Hour no later than 12 Noon.
- Add plastic Bowling trophies with the “Special Award’ cards

ELCA DAY OF SERVICE – Sunday August 8 (11:00 am worship time resumes this day)

- Pastor and Brett spoke about this, listing potential ways to participate.
- Brett sent us a link with additional information (Judy forwarded him the email previously. This had been discussed slightly in the past, but no follow through happened)
- No definite project was selected.
- Perhaps discuss at August 6 Pastoral Care meeting?

Horseshoe Nail Cross Craft Sunday

- Bob pointed out that September 14 is Holy Cross Day and recommended we offer the nail cross making craft at Coffee Hour.
- Some bugs have been identified since the initial project at the Winter Retreat.
- New adhesives (specifically for metal) will be tested.
- Newly purchased nails will be washed to remove their oil treatment (to prevent rusting)
- **Scheduled Date: Sunday September 15.**

Movie Night

- Resume this event – but really promote it to get increased attendance.
- Movie does not always have to have a spiritual theme or message.
 - First time had good attendance due to the novelty (and popcorn)
 - Second time attendance was fair – we offered a sandwich-salad-and soda meal.
 - Third time had very low attendance
 - Fourth was in honor of MLK Day – low attendance.
- Titles to consider: Babette’s Feast, Faith Like Potatoes, Do You Believe, War Room, God is Not Dead
- **Scheduled Date: Saturday September 21 – No start time or Movie picked**
- Perhaps select a movie at our August 6 Pastoral Care meeting?

2nd Monday Play Reading Series

Scheduled date: Monday October 14 – “The Monkey’s Paw”...a thriller

Fall Soup Kitchen Benefit Gala – Monday November 18

- “Soup du Jour” name to be kept
- 2018 Reply card was reviewed – decided not to make any changes to ticket price or Sponsorship packages.
- Updated materials and 2019 “ask” letter to be completed in late August.
- Kick off the event mailing and Sponsor kits the 1st week of September, right after Labor Day.

NEW IDEAS

How to include children in Worship Services

- Help Ushers distribute Bulletins
- Bob suggested the only other place to add them would be to use the 5th Sunday of a month – when that occurs – as a “Children’s Ushering Day” or “Family Ushering Day”.
- The 5th Sunday is currently called “Volunteers Ushering Day”.
- Families would know far in advance of the date.
- Young children could carry the offering plate, with their parents walking with them; older children or parents could carry the elements forward.

Angel Christmas Gifts

- Richard described a Christmas giving program he participated in at another church.
- Angel ornaments are placed on a display Christmas tree – each has the name of a child in need of a gift. Ornaments are taken by members, who purchase the gift and arrange for its delivery.
- Another idea for the distribution is to host a Christmas Party for the children and parents.

- Depending on our potential developing partnership with the Riu Hotel, they may be able to provide a space for this party.
- Richard will research more information.

AIDS Walk 2020

- Pastor discussed the possibility of Saint Luke's participation. He reported that some of our worshippers were greatly affected by the AIDS crisis in the early 1980's.
- GMHC was created to help early victims of the disease.
- Bob reported on our involvement in 2003 (not certain of the year). Pastor Schmiede asked him to be the leader of our Walking/Fundraising team.
- GMHC has divided support reactions from people when asked to make a donation.
- Caution is advised before making a commitment.