

Peace Lutheran Church Leadership Council
Special Meeting on ministering during a pandemic

September 22, 2020 (via Zoom)

Present: Doug Price, Nick Ponczka, Russ Strait, Pastor Chris, Jen Ortuno, Elizabeth Stevens, Jon Williams, Jennie Carter, ElizaBeth McCay, Chris Engel, Sue Mueller.

1. We welcome our special guest, Pastor John Wertz, of the VA Synod of ELCA. Pastor Wertz will be leading us through discussions about our purpose, mission, and vision at Peace over the next few weeks.

We began our discussion by reviewing our responses to a worksheet sent by Pastor Wertz about the purpose, mission, and vision of our ministry at Peace. We also started thinking about our current statement, “Love God, Love one another, Grow in Christ, and go in Christ” and how this describes and directs our ministry. Pastor Wertz made recommendations about how we could use our statement to set action goals in each of the four areas of our statement. He suggested setting up a team of congregational members for each of the four areas to start work on identifying and setting goals of action soon. We will meet with Pastor Wertz again in October.

2. Leadership positions

Pam Tomko was presented for the position of financial secretary. A motion to appoint Pam was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

David Thomas was presented for the vacant position on the personnel committee. A motion to appoint David was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

The position on audit committee is pending upon discussion with the nominee.

We are still looking for someone to fill the positions of assistant financial secretary and assistant treasurer. Council members should make recommendations.

3. Ministry during the pandemic

The Worship and Music committee will meet this week. Pastor Chris has been in discussion with Dr. Nancy Schmitz as they consider safe options for resuming Holy Communion and eventually moving worship indoors. They will look at what restrictions and changes to facility would be needed to maximize safety for all.

4. Hungry Hearts No More

Jennie reported that they continue to supply food to twenty families weekly. Avenue Realty donated money from a fund raiser they had. Jennie will be a guest on their podcast to talk about this ministry in our community.

Leadership council went into executive session at the end of the meeting.

Next meetings:** Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:30pm – devotion Sue

Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 6:30pm (special meeting)

**All meetings will be held on Zoom for the rest of the year and until we can meet in person again.