

**PASTORAL SEARCH TEAM
MEETING MINUTES
Calvary Lutheran Church
Sunday, July 24, 2011
8:45 A.M.**

Present: Grace Gunnlaugsson, Ron Foster, Mark Nyka, Andy Schatz, Kim Steiner, Erica Zipp

Absent: Larry Bonier, Peggy Langelin, Janet Zastrow

Opening Prayer

- Grace Gunnlaugsson opened the meeting with prayer.

Business

- Agenda and minutes were approved.
- Grace distributed binders, prayer booklets, and Chris Brauns books.
- Biographical information has been received from Larry, Peggy, Grace, Ron, & Kim. A reminder to others to get your bio info to Kim soon. You may email or drop it off in the office.
- Profile Updates
 - Community: Ron contacted the city and they will be getting updated information in about 1 month
 - Congregation: Grace is working on this; she has also requested that the team bring their individual thoughts regarding the strengths and weaknesses of prior pastors.
 - NALC: Larry emailed the NALC documents to the team earlier in the week.
- Discussed the schedule for future meetings; it was decided that we would cancel the next 2 Sunday meetings due to busyness on the next few Sundays, esp. installation on August 7th.
- Discussed communication with congregation.
 - Kim will set up a web page devoted to Pastoral Search Team Updates.
 - The link to the web page will be included on the weekly emails.
 - It was decided that the current council representatives would handle reporting verbally to the entire council rather than sending a separate representative to meetings.
 - Information and updates will be included monthly in the Crossroads, as needed in the bulletin and in the Calvary Connections. The bulletin board near the office will be used to post updates as well.
 - Verbal updates to the congregation will be handled through the monthly council updates during Sunday morning announcements.
 - We will introduce the members of the team during the announcements in worship next time so that people will recognize us and feel comfortable asking questions and giving input. The idea of having people in a designated area was scrapped since many of us are

- often doing several jobs on Sundays and can't necessarily be stationed in one spot.
- Kim will put a question/suggestion box on the table under the bulletin board for congregation members to use.
 - Kim will also place signs around the church directing people to the bulletin board, since many people use other entrances and may never see the board.
 - A PST email account has been set up & email will be forwarded to all PST members.
 - Discussed some on-going process details.
 - Grace will request a short meeting with Dean Harrisville on August 7th, if possible, since he will be here for the installation. She will let everyone know the status of that request.
 - At the appropriate time, we will gather names of prospective candidates from the congregation as well as the NALC.
 - Narrowing of the candidates and interview process will be discussed at a later date as that part of the process gets closer.
 - It was agreed that it was not feasible for all of us to visit all candidates in their current congregations. A representative group will visit & report back to the rest of the team.
 - Grace has set up a schedule for leading prayers at future meetings. We will study the book of Titus (3 chapters) at the next three meetings, using the chapter summary method of Bible study.
 - Discussed the possible impact of the 7/19 council meeting on our team. We all felt that the congregation will continue healing and we will move forward.

Future Meetings

- Next meeting will be Tuesday, August 9th at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall before the Deacon Meeting. Grace will once again bring sub sandwiches. We will share the cost.
- Agenda for next time:
 - Bible study – Chapter 1 of Titus & chapter 1 of “When the Word...” (Chris Brauns)
 - Discussion of strengths and weaknesses of former pastors (as far back as each member knows)
 - Partial congregation profile presentation and review

Closing

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:25 am.

Respectfully, prayerfully & joyfully submitted,

Kim Steiner
Recording Secretary