

Faith Lutheran Church Council Report

By: James Synatzske, Congregation President

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Your church council met on Monday September 26nd in its irregularly scheduled monthly meeting. Here are some highlights from that meeting:

- Pastor's report:
 - ✓ Great response to the Stephen Minister training program with 4-5 trainees expected for the first training session on October 23.
 - ✓ He expects to be very busy meeting with the call committee for Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Arlington as part of his new Circuit Counselor position.
 - ✓ He and Bethany Espinoza have begun a new two-year program of confirmation preparation classes with Bethany conducting the 6th grade group of 5; and Pastor taking the five 7th graders.
- Faith School reported that the school enrollment is at 133 children on a daily basis and the active waiting list is at 122 from newborns to 4-year olds.
- The Board of Evangelism reported that the **Secret Prayer Pal Ministry** between our church members and our Faith School staff begins October 1 and they are working with Kim Mitchell who is coordinating the effort. The men's Bible Study Class and the new ladies Bible Study Class are going well. [**President's note: Thanks to Jim Myers and Marlene White for coordinating these powerful ministries!!**]
- The Board of Education reported a successful Rally Day and that Christmas Program planning has begun.
- The Stewardship Board continues to be very active and reported that the **Sewing Seeds** stewardship emphasis will end on October 9; and that funds continue to come into the **Free to Serve** campaign. [**President's note: Our congregation needs to know that this Stewardship Board is working VERY hard managing these campaigns along with their other responsibilities. We ALL need to support the Stewardship Board's efforts by prayerfully taking an accounting of our individual gifts and encourage one another as we ponder on God's abundant grace and how we might share that grace with others—and return to Him, that which is His!!**]
- The LWML reported that the Progressive Dinner event spearheaded by Rachel Moravec and lots of hard work by several others on September 18 was well received with 50 people attending the meal.
- The SAIL group has been active and reported that due to people donating recyclable printer cartridges redeemed at Staples, another \$40 was given to the church for office supplies.
- Emily Lansmon survived her first Council meeting and reported that both FLY (Faith Lutheran Youth) and LSF (Lutheran Student Fellowship—college age) are busy with activities and Bible studies. She also provided information on a mission trip to Kansas City that she would like to plan for FLY (grades 8-12) for early July with the trip being funded by FLY fundraising efforts.
- The Administration reported that:
 - ✓ There were 27 people helped by Faith's Breadbox ministry since late August [**President's note: This was a record number of lives touched by this powerful ministry—just one of several awesome ministries here at FLC**].
 - ✓ Faith has hired a new custodian, Mike Blount.
 - ✓ Thanks to John D., Glennetta & Jason Young of Young Motors who fixed the van as a donation to the church; and have offered future mechanical assistance.
- Treasurer's Financial Report: [**President's note: Same hymn—just a different verse**]