

Holy Trinity UMC
Core Team Meeting Agenda
04/11/2023

Core Team Members: Pastor Chad Gilbertson, Tanya Alemu, Collan Zehnder, Lynnette Dobberpuhl, Carol Ottoson, Patrick Rasmussen, Paula Green

Opening Prayer - Chad

- **Finance Update** - Patrick
 - Derek Brinkman from Edward Jones met with the Finance team to discuss the interest-bearing accounts. None have been touched since 2009. The general fund is at about 83K, the Trustee fund is at about 15K, and the music fund has about \$6500. The money market accounts (including the Building fund) are receiving about 4.8% interest. At some time, it may be necessary to begin pulling interest earned from these accounts to pay for expenses, but until it is necessary, it is best to keep them earning while the interest rate is favorable.
 - So far this year we are bringing in about \$1,000 per month less than we are spending per month on average. This is skewed due to a few people who fulfilled their entire 2023 pledge in January. We will continue to monitor this on an ongoing basis.
- **I-Team and reconciliation** – (Carol and Chad) Affirmation Sunday is this Sunday, with shirts for the I-Team (I is for Inclusion) and pins and cake for everyone, a special video message of congratulations from our new bishop, special music and a congregational photo. A special emphasis on welcoming people will begin this Sunday and is hoped will continue into the rest of the Sundays. A letter to the editor of the Prior Lake American outlining our process and announcing this milestone has been submitted for possible publication on Saturday, April 15.
- **Phones** (Lynnette) Nuvera is offering a better rate on our phone lines with the purchase of a new phone system (main phone for office and two wireless units for the pastor and CYF offices.) Core Team approved going ahead with the change.
- **Children/Youth/Families** – (Lynnette) Last day of Sunday school is May 21, Graduate recognition Sunday is June 4, STORM camp will be hosted at Holy Trinity July 9-14 and VBS is scheduled for August 14-17 from 5-7:30 pm.
- **Pastor Chad's leave of absence** (April 17-June 25) and action items before and during this renewal and personal development leave: Pastor Melanie Homan will be in office tomorrow to get introduced and be part of a staff meeting. He is encouraging ministry leaders to continue with decisions and plans using in their best judgment and seeking Pastor Melanie's advice as needed. The Minnesota annual conference has granted Holy Trinity \$10K to cover the Pastor Melanie's salary plus staff time needed to cover extra hours beyond current contracted time. Lois Burkart has also offered to help as needed if she is available.
- **Updates and changes to online ministry:** tabled pending Don Oram's presence at a future meeting.
- **Next meeting:** Monday, May 15 @ 6:30pm