

Holy Trinity UMC Core Team Minutes

9/21/26

Present: Pastor Leigh Brown, Paula Green, Tina Chant, Tanya Alemu, Collan Zehnder, Carol Ottoson

Finance Report: SCA/Toy Corner leases are being reviewed and will be finalized by the end of the month. We received 46 responses to our land sale survey, with 37 answering “yes” and 9 answering “no”, therefore the core team will start exploring this option. Dan Sabin was approved by a unanimous vote to be the next finance chair starting January 1, 2027.

Trustee Update: The boiler in the church has been replaced and paid for out of the building fund. We will explore new investments for this fund in the coming months.

Kids and Family Update:

Kids’ Ministry- Paisley Buchholz will be leading kids’ ministry starting October 1. She plans to focus on both children and their families.

Hope Café/Hope Pantry: Hope Café and Pantry remain busy this fall serving over 40 families most weeks. The “Feeding Bodies and Minds” fundraiser is coming up on Saturday, September 26 and the “Burger Bash and Silent Auction” at the Prior Lake VFW will be held on Saturday, October 17. Burger Bash ticket sales started on September 13 and will continue until October 4. The “Pack the Pantry Challenge” is going well with about half the congregation participating and bringing much needed items for the pantry each week. A dedicated Facebook page “Hope Pantry Prior Lake” was created and is greatly increasing the visibility of the pantry.

I-Team and Radical Hospitality:

Carol reignited our radical hospitality campaign to “Just Do One Thing.” Congregants were challenged to find one thing they can get involved in. Next quarter’s I-Team focus is “A Place at the Table” which includes immigrants/refugees and our annual One Table Event.

Upcoming Church Events:

Candy Crawl-October 30 from 10am-1pm

One Table-December (same date as the choir cantata) – still TBD

Chili Cook Off-January 17 (**Note:** date was rescheduled from November 8)

Other Items: Commercial oven in the church kitchen has a gas leak. Trustees will get a quote to fix it and determine at that time if it is worth saving.

Next Meeting: The next Core Team meeting will be held on Monday, October 26 at 6:30pm. The following meeting will be Monday, November 16 at 6:30pm.