



Leadership Team Update

As we continue to work on building trust and creating an environment where we can disagree gracefully, the leadership team (LT) committed to being transparent and sharing with you bullet points from our monthly meetings. Here is a list of the main topics we discussed at our May meeting:

- Met with Francine Anderson who has completed the new membership class and requested to become a church member.
- Had a lengthy discussion on the financial status of the church. Weekly giving is trending up but is still below weekly expenses. We are gathering more data to be used in creating a solution and we will have this on the June LT meeting agenda.
- We are still looking for someone to fill the worship leader position.
- Pastor Marco will lead a group of teens and young adults to help at the community dinner to help support the Ukrainian people.
- Appoint delegates to the ECC annual meeting.

This list is not intended to be all inclusive of our discussions but to list the main topics of our meeting. As always, please talk with me or one of the LT members if you would like to discuss any of these items or anything else.

As we are working on building relationships through acts of hospitality, please reach out to people in need with current flooding conditions. There are multiple opportunities to help with sandbagging. One of the biggest needs is to help fill sandbags including tying them shut. If you are tying bags, you don't necessarily have to lift the bags, you can tie them and others will lift and carry them. Please consider helping as this will bless many people in our community.

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Youth & Young Adults

We've had a busy May in the youth & young adult ministries!

We began the month with a "destination unknown" where we went to a Trampoline Park and a Roller Rink in Duluth. We then ended the month by helping at the Support Ukraine dinner hosted by our community. Throughout all of it we have continued working our way through the remainder of the Old Testament, but also took a break to talk about abortion, what is a human, and if it is ever acceptable to take an unborn child's life.

In the Old Testament we've seen Israelites struggling in exile. In large part, the Jewish people adapt to the cultures/religions that they are in, but in some instances such as Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego – we see a willingness to take a stand regardless of the cost. It teaches us that walking with God is of more worth to these men than any fame, riches, or power that this world could ever offer. That is an awesome God!

¹⁴ Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, "Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up? But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?"

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. ¹⁷ If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. ¹⁸ But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up." Daniel 3:14-18

In the young adult's ministry, we are excited to welcome back college students that are here for the summer! Their first week back they were able to share how their walks with God have grown during their times at school while being a part of various groups such as Chi Alpha and Cru. It was a great first week with them back in town and we're excited for the summer to come!

For our personal update, Rachel and I have moved into my parent's house which my mom

loves to call the "house of ministry." We've loved having people over, but also were on the receiving end of ministry when our basement flooded and the young adult dudes showed up to help haul water!

Grace be with you,
Marco



It isn't too late to get involved!! Saturday, June 4 we will be hosting our Community Yard Give from 8am-12pm. No item is too big or too small, but must be in good shape. Please...no dirty items! We want to gift the community with our very best.

We will need many helpers as we strive to bless our community with useful items in good shape.

The Yard Give will work like this:

We will need a large team of volunteers to organize and set up donations (donated by all of you) in the church parking lot.

We will have one entrance and one exit and the Yard Give will run from 8am-12pm.

From **8-10am**, each adult, as they enter the lot, will receive 1 large paper bag. Anything they can fit in the paper bag is theirs FREE, plus 1 large item, such as a dresser, desk, couch, canoe, etc.

From **10am-noon**, people can come back and take as much as they want for FREE. No limits. Anything remaining after noon will be donated to other charities.



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A Cup of Coffee with Pastor Seth . . .

I remember the exact place at Bible Camp where I prayed and surrendered my life to Christ. How about you? Is there a special place at a Bible Camp where God met you? Maybe it's in the corner of the chapel, or on a bench outside, or somewhere by the lake. Many of us have powerful experiences with God through Bible camp. That's why we believe that Bible Camps are really important.

This summer is a big struggle for many of our camps. Many camps are still recovering from the pandemic. At our recent Covenant Northwest Conference meeting, camp directors said that they are having a hard time staffing their camps this summer. It would be so sad to see some weeks of camp be canceled. Because we love camp and we want to see them get back on their feet, consider how you might support camp. Perhaps this means volunteering your time, sending your kids, or going there yourself.

One great way to support our local Bible Camp is to come to our All Church Family Camp on July 29-31. On that weekend our church rents the camp and gets the great camp experience of playing, learning, and growing in our relationships with one another. One of our former pastors, Paul Langmade, will be there as our guest speaker! On July 31 our church service will be at camp and we will have baptisms in Bluewater Lake. If lots of people come I know it will be a great encouragement to our Bible Camp. Contact the church to sign your family up or if you would like to get baptized on July 31. Even in a post-pandemic world, we still believe there is an important place for Bible Camp. Let's do our part to support camp ministry so that many more people can grow up to have that one special place they will always remember where they met with God.

Mercy, peace & love be yours in abundance.
-Pastor Seth



Birthdays & Anniversaries

- June 1 -- Dan & Debbie Griffith
-- Phil & Missy Ruelle
- June 2 -- Kristy Hufnagle
-- Claire Zika
-- Pete & Carol Anderson
- June 4 -- Kimberly Dawn Nyborg
-- Chad Shoberg
-- Will & Sixta Davies
-- Tom & Jennifer Holm
- June 5 -- Eric Hall
-- Dixie Worth
-- David & Polly Hebig
-- Roger & Betty Williams
- June 6 -- Rodney & Judy Lofgren
- June 7 -- Darren Baumchen
-- Brian Keeney
-- Walter Kelly
- June 9 -- Karlie Gustafson
- June 10 -- Jeff & Vickie Bernard
-- Chadd & Kim Boyer
-- Gene & Judy Pierce
- June 11 -- Megan Clarity
-- June Henrikson
-- Mikaela Hultstrand
- June 12 -- Wayne & Renae Bahr
- June 13 -- Olnick Hultstrand
-- Mary Shoberg
- June 14 -- Kris Morgan
-- Tom & Dixie Worth
- June 15 -- Jacob Pendergast
- June 16 -- Dave Herrly
-- Tom & Melanie Clarity
-- Jim & Betty Peterson
- June 17 -- Joan Lofgren
-- Don & Kim Schmidtbauer
-- Dan & Sharon Zika
- June 18 -- Dale Boyum
-- Howie & Carol Hauge
- June 20 -- Dee Olsen
- June 21 -- Ryan Todd
- June 23 -- Derek & Christina Dowty
- June 24 -- Caleb Levene
-- Emma Morgan
- June 25 -- Valerie Peterson
-- Joel & Michelle Maxwell
- June 28 -- Tess Vollom
- June 29 -- Jim Ohlquist
-- Marcia Ohlquist



Kids Ministry

Time goes slower in summertime. It's true! Well, at least it's true for pendulum clocks. In the warm summer temperatures the pendulum gets longer by heat expansion and therefore slows down the clock.

And it's true for Kids Ministries, too. As the school year comes to an end, we have wrapped up our Wednesday evening and Sunday School programming. And things seem to slow down a bit.

This pause on programming is partly to give our volunteers a rest. And partly because summer vacation schedules make for irregular attendance.

However, when we envision being a church that is welcoming and hospitable to young and visiting families, we see Nursery and Kids Church as important parts of our Sunday Worship.

Nursery will continue through the summer, with Andrea Ducharme stepping in as our Nursery Coordinator. Our long-time coordinator, Joyce Vacura, will be back this fall. We hope Joyce enjoys her summer and thank Andrea for giving her a break.

Kids Church will also continue. I will be using a curriculum with self-contained lessons rather than a series. This means kids who are gone on vacation won't be left behind and visiting kids will fit right in.

Summer also means Vacation Bible School. Our VBS dates are set for August 8-11. So mark your calendars!!

And while you have them out see if you can find just one week where you would be available to volunteer in the Nursery or assist me with Kids Church. Or perhaps consider being on the VBS planning committee.

Remember when time slows, relationships can grow!

Serve with Love.
Stacy

