



*On behalf of our moral owners, Lutheran SeniorLife serves elders so that recipients of our services will experience a more Abundant Life® regardless of their physical condition or financial circumstances.*

March 14, 2022

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Perrysville  
920 Perry Highway  
Pittsburgh, PA 15229-1130

Dear Partners in Christ,

Thank you for the thoughtful gift of \$1,188.00 received on March 11, 2022, for Lutheran SeniorLife Foundation. Your gift joins with that of many others to create a concrete manifestation of the Christian community's care for older adults.

For more than 120 years, Lutheran SeniorLife has reached out to provide excellent care for the health and well being of older adults. We are equally dedicated to serving their spiritual needs. As a Lutheran social ministry organization, we are committed to those principles.

Your partnership in our mission is deeply appreciated. Thank you for helping us bring a more *Abundant Life*® to older adults whom we serve regardless of their physical condition or financial circumstances.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jane E. Bittcher".

Jane E. Bittcher  
President

A handwritten note in blue ink that reads "Your continued support is so appreciated. Thank you!".

*This letter will serve as a receipt of your gift.  
No goods or services were provided in exchange for your contribution.*

*Please remember Lutheran SeniorLife Foundation in your will or estate plan.*

March 21, 2022 MINUTES OF THE WORSHIP AND MUSIC  
COMMITTEE

The meeting began at 7:05 o'clock p.m.

Attending: Walt Wible, Scott Obrosky, John Frantz, John Thickey, Pastor Robert Zimmerman, John Halley, chair

Mr. Frantz reported he is in communication with One License concerning the fee(s) paid by St. John's to cover the church's use of copyrighted material and the recording and "live streaming" of our worship services. He also inquired about the amount of the fee paid to One License which is based on a graduated scale of average weekly attendance. Mr. Obrosky reported on what he continues to do with respect to copyright reporting.

(It is noted that after the meeting, on March 23, 2022, Mr. Frantz reported to the Committee that, based on the response from One License, St. John's is covered for all uses and that any potential change in the annual fee will not occur until the renewal of the license fee in August 2022).

Worship services for Holy Week / Easter have been set. St. John's will offer the same worship service on Maundy Thursday at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. with communion, and will offer the same service on Good Friday at Noon and 7:00 p.m. The Saturday evening service will be offered at the usual time and the Easter morning service will be at 10:15 a.m. Pastor Zimmerman announced his intention to offer communion on Easter Sunday using a Pouring Chalice (unless further restrictive COVID 19 guidelines are announced prior to Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022).

Pastor Zimmerman has provided his schedule into the summer months. It is noted that he has previous commitments and scheduled time off that will cause his absence on certain Sundays. Ms Polaski is in contact with the Synod to provide pastors on those dates.

The Committee discussed and announces to Council that Sunday worship services beginning with the Memorial Day weekend in May will return to the 9:15 a.m. summer schedule. Since St. John's is in transition and the Transitional Interim pastor's hours are limited, there will be no Wednesday evening Fireside Services offered this summer.

The Committee noted that no one has offered to assist Mr. Wingerd in operating the video equipment on Sunday mornings. It was suggested that the video operator use a fixed camera setup (rather than using both cameras with their various features) so that the operator may participate in and contribute to the worship service in other ways. The Committee is looking for a member to assist Mr. Wible in the preparation of and the setting up of the communion elements for worship services. St. John's has been fortunate to have Mr. Wible available to perform this function.

Mr. Thickey announced the plan is to have two pianos tuned later in the Spring.

The Bell Choir performed on March 20, 2022 and will again perform on Easter Sunday, April 17.

The Committee noted that Council was in the process of organizing a committee of members to assess renovation needs of various areas of the church including but not limited to the Undercroft. Members were given the chance to voice any thoughts or ideas to be passed on to this group.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 o'clock p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Halley, chair

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COUNCIL REPORT

## April 2022

### **Easter Egg-Stravaganza Egg Hunt**

The Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 16.

### **Confirmation Class**

The confirmation retreat will be at Lutherlyn Sunday, April 24.

Youth Sunday is May 1 with students leading the worship service.

Confirmation Interviews are planned for Sunday, May 15, after church.

The Rite of Confirmation will be 10:15 service on Sunday, May 22, with cake reception after.

### **Beacons of Hope Group**

The group planned for a special hymn, "We Pray for Peace" during the April 3 service followed with a coffee reception with Ukrainian desserts. Prayer cards were distributed, and all were encouraged to pray for peace. The hymn and prayers were from the ELCA "Worship Resources for the Eastern European Crisis, March 2022." The new hi-top tables were used at the reception. Several commented about how nice it was to have the tables.

### **Budget**

There was \$3981 already in the Godly Play account, which was set up with donated funds, with an additional \$2500 donated August 2021 for total of \$6481.

Since returning to in-person classes in September 2021, Sunday School attendance for has been very low. Typically, there are 8-10 students in person for attendance with 4 teachers for pre-k through 9<sup>th</sup> grade. The CE Committee is expanding focus from the weekly students to include family faith formation and outreach to the community for families and students.

The committee is planning to have a booth once a month at the Farmers Market as an outreach.

May - Distribute shopping bags with St. John's printed on them and information inside

June - Children's activities booth and promote VBS

July - Christmas in July theme

August - Back to school theme

Sept/Oct - Fall decorations theme

The Beacons of Hope group was started as an additional adult group, and the committee hopes to continue building relationships with adults and parents, and continuing an atmosphere of fellowship.

This is the plan to use the funds, which were generously donated for Sunday School, wisely. Specifically, as follows,

1. round tables for receptions
2. popcorn maker
3. banner for booth at Farmers Market
4. shopping bags and other items to distribute at Famers Market
5. shelving/books for a children's library
6. floor labyrinth