

Adult Education Board DATE: 1/5/2011 TIME: 12:00 pm

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| Members & Guests Present | Bryce Stenzel; Susan Weinberger; Dennis Sandersfeld; Melissa Matthies; Pastor Jay Dahlvang; Mary Bliesmer, Council Liaison | |
| Members Absent | Lisa Hagen | |
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| TOPIC | PRESENTATION - DISCUSSION | RESULT/LEADER |
| Devotions | Opening prayer | Bryce |
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| Food for Thought | <p>Mary brought her copy of <i>The Lutheran</i>, the monthly magazine produced by the ELCA; we discussed the timely articles, the devotional resources and general good quality of the magazine which is available in both print and web formats.</p> <p>Bryce advised that The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council (PLRAC) is hosting its first ever Emerging Artist Exhibition at the Arts Center of St. Peter. The exhibition's opening reception and open house will be held on January 22, from 2 until 5. Bryce's play . . . <i>His Truth Is Marching On...</i> is included in the exhibit, and an abbreviated version of the play will be performed at 3:30 on the 22nd; all are welcome! Please go to www.plrac.org for more information.</p> | Mary will pursue group discount pricing information regarding <i>The Lutheran</i> , for members of Bethlehem. |
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| Minutes | <p>Board minutes from December 1</p> <p>Following quick notation that even though forum schedule changed, the minutes should be preserved as they were recorded.</p> | Approved / MSC |
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| Old Business | <p>Reviewed changes to the January schedule, due to cancellation of one Worship service and of the forum on December 12.</p> <p>Review updated forum schedule for January</p> | |
| Jan. 2, 2011 | None | |
| Jan. 9, 2011 | Partners for Affordable Housing | Pam Bartholomew to present at Forum; Susan to coordinate with Pam. Bryce organized laptop and projector with Lance. Thank you! |
| Jan. 16, 2011 | Finding our Way in Discipleship | Pastor Jay |
| Jan. 23, 2011 | January is National Alzheimer's Awareness Month – Speaker from Alzheimer's Association out of Rochester | Pastor Jay to schedule; Mary will welcome and work with the presenter on the 23 rd . |
| Jan. 30, 2011 | New Member Reception | Evangelism Board to coordinate |

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| New Business | | |
| | February and March Forum Schedule | |
| Feb. 6, 2011 | Adult Education Fair – Representatives from Bethlehem’s various Bible Studies will be present to answer people’s questions to help people choose which Bible Study group is the best fit for them. | Pastor Jay will emcee the event. Jim Rossow will represent the Tuesday Noon group; undetermined yet who will represent the Tuesday AM group; Alpha will be covered by Pastor Jay; Bryce will discuss the Adult Ed Board; Melissa will discuss Girlfriends Unlimited; Barb Gertz to cover the Wednesday afternoon Bible Study; Sally Burdick to discuss both the Book Club, and the BWELCA groups. Speakers are encouraged to bring any promotional materials they may have, to the forum. Susan to work with Pastor Jay to create a brochure detailing all of the regular adult ed opportunities (Bible studies, Alpha, etc.) for use at the fair, and which can be part of regular communication / bulletin board. |
| Feb. 13, 2011 | Council / Call Committee update | Pastor Jay to coordinate |
| Feb. 20, 2011 | Community and Global Mission - present on topic to be determined | |
| Feb. 27, 2011 | Pastor Jay to conduct Bible study, based on study materials in <i>The Lutheran</i> magazine. | |
| March 6, 2011 | ECHO Food Shelf, Bethlehem’s Mission Project for the month of March. | Pastor Jay to advise Community and Global Missions of date, and ask them to coordinate with ECHO. |
| March 13 – remainder of Lent | Sunday Bible Study during Lent in place of our normal style of Forums. | Pastor Jay reviewing possible materials for Lenten Bible Study. |
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| | Ideas for future Forums | |
| | Study of the full timeline of the Bible and how various Bible stories and people of the Bible are connected. | |
| May 1, 8 or 15 | Website committee would like time to present, to educate the congregation regarding our website and also highlight some new features and updates. | Tentative schedule for early May, after Easter |
| | Discuss MS, and start gearing up for the MS Society Walk on May 1 | Melissa is researching possible presenters. |

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| | Dennis brought up VINE – Pam Determan to discuss the organization and opportunities to help | None at this time |
| | Pastor Jay suggested bringing in a series of community leaders (Mankato & North Mankato Mayors, Dist. 77 Superintendant, Greater Mankato Growth & Visitors Center, etc.) to discuss what they do, and what our role can be within the community | None at this time |
| | Melissa has identified a potential speaker regarding sustainable living practices. Date of forum to be determined yet. | Review again at February meeting; also, coordinate with Earth Stewards Committee. |
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| Other Business | | None at this time |
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| Adjournment | | MSC |

Next Meeting: 2 February, 2011 at noon, in the Library

*MSC = Motion Seconded. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Weinberger