

Adult Education Board DATE: 08/11/2010 TIME: 12:00 pm

Members & Guests Present	Bryce Stenzel; Susan Weinberger; Mary Bliesmer, Council Liaison; Dennis Sandersfeld; Pastor Jay Dahlvang; Carl Schoenstedt, Guest	
Members Absent	Melissa Matthies; Lisa Hagen	
TOPIC	PRESENTATION - DISCUSSION	RESULT/LEADER
Devotions	Opening Prayer, and reading from Alpha literature	Pastor Jay Dahlvang
Introductions & Time of Sharing	Discussion of a newspaper column titled "Having faith without religion," written by Leonard Pitts of the <u>Miami Herald</u> . The column discussed author Anne Rice's recent renunciation of organized religion.	Bryce provided copies of the column to be read and discussed; will initiate further discussion of Christ and the community of Christ.
Minutes	Board minutes from July 15, 2010	Approved/MSC
Old Business		
	Forum Schedule for September	
Sept. 5, 2010	None planned – Labor Day Weekend	Confirmed
Sept. 12, 2010	Rally Sunday / New member welcome	Evangelism committee to organize
Sept. 19, 2010	Thrivent to speak and introduce to the congregation the new Thrivent Choice program	Confirmed - Dennis to set up for forum
Sept. 26, 2010	Reception for Bell Choir's 20 th anniversary – Celebration of Bells	Confirmed
	Forum Schedule for October	
Oct. 3, 2010	Panel discussion of funeral planning; invite representatives from all three local funeral homes to discuss options, planning, and arrangements	Lisa Hagen to update progress at next Adult Ed meeting; Bryce to set up for forum
Oct. 10, 2010	Follow up discussion by Pastor Jay, regarding funeral and end-of-life planning	Confirmed
	Adult Forum presentations, tentative plans:	
Late October / Early November	Fetal Alcohol Syndrome discussion; repercussions for the community; approaches to prevent the problem	Mary to contact local organization "MN Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome"; Susan to contact Jody Allen Crowe, author of <u>The Fatal Link</u> .
	Alpha Program	
	10-week course – introduction or refresher course on basic Christianity – all are encouraged to participate, regardless of their level of spiritual development. Sunday evenings, starting in early September and running through mid November.	Pastor Jay Dahlvang leading; invitation meeting in August; materials are now available

	Future forums being discussed:	
	End of life and living-will planning	
	Building Committee present activities and future plans	
	Health and Organic living	Melissa Matthies
Bible Studies	Oberammergau Passion Play, and Mary's experience there this past year	Mary Bliesmer
	Bethlehem Childcare Center – informative presentation	Mary Bliesmer
	Class regarding The Book of Exodus, to be scheduled in late Winter	Bryce Stenzel
New Business		
	Future forum possibilities	
Nov. 3, 2010	Bryce Stenzel and Julie Schrader are in process of having a book published; possible reading and book signing by the authors at the Nordic Bazaar	Bryce Stenzel
Oct. 17, 2010 - Tentative	Immigration and refugees; what it means to our community; what we can do to help	Pastor Jay to contact Lutheran Immigration Services to lead forum
Oct. 24, 2010 - Tentative	Earth Stewards – opportunity for Earth Stewards to discuss their committee, purpose, etc.	Susan to contact Linda Engstrom
Nov. 7, 2010 - Tentative	History of The Church – how has Christianity evolved, and how have the Lutheran churches developed through the years (ELS, WELS, Missouri, ELCA, Etc.)	Dennis to contact Gustavus College or other people who specialize in this topic, to lead forum
Adjournment		MSC

Next Meeting: 1 September, 2010 at noon, in the Library

*MSC = Motion Seconded. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Weinberger