

Adult Education Board DATE: 4/6/2011 TIME: 12:00 pm

Members & Guests Present	Bryce Stenzel; Melissa Matthies; Mary Bliesmer, Council Liaison; Susan Weinberger; Dennis Sandersfeld; Pastor Jay Dahlvang; Matt Lust, Guest	
Members Absent	Lisa Hagen	
TOPIC	PRESENTATION - DISCUSSION	RESULT/LEADER
Devotions	Opening prayer	Bryce
Food for Thought	Two separate disaster preparation presentations were recently attended by two of our Adult Ed board members; Dennis and Melissa both spoke highly of the presentations and found them valuable and timely.	
Minutes	Board minutes from March 2	Approved / MSC
Old Business	Review Forum schedule for April and May	
April 10, 2011	Pastor Tammy Dahlvang will present, specific to Healing Touch. Also, the Health Ministries Committee will introduce itself. Free Blood Pressure Checks to be provided between 9:15 and 9:30.	Mary to coordinate with Health Ministries Committee
April 17, 2011	Bible Study of the Easter story	Led by Pastor Jay
April 24, 2011	None – Easter Sunday	
May 1, 2011	House of Hope will present.	Bryce and Pastor Jay to coordinate
May 8, 2011	Tentative - introduction and time to greet the new pastor (assuming call is accepted)	Pastor Jay to coordinate
May 15, 2011	Bible Study of Pentecost	Pastor Jay to lead
May 22, 2011	Bryce will provide an overview of the making his recently published play "To Bind Up the Nation's Wounds"	Bryce to coordinate
May 29, 2011	No Forum – Memorial Day Weekend	
June 5, 2011	Disaster Planning Presentation, led by Melissa Matthies	Melissa to coordinate and lead
	Other Old Business	
	Brief discussion regarding attendance at recent forums; general consensus is that attendance is good.	
	Bryce advised that the Church Council is satisfied with the Adult Education Board's annual report.	
	Bryce advised the new Bible Study, studying the Book of Exodus has 18 attendees.	Schedule: April 13 – taught by Pastor Jay April 20, taught by Bryce April 27, taught by Pastor Jay May 4, taught by Bryce May 11, taught by Bryce May 18, taught by Pastor Jay

	Ideas for future Forums	
	Discussion of the different types of Lutheranism	None at this time
	Study of the full timeline of the Bible and how various Bible stories and people of the Bible are connected.	None at this time
	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 Superintendent, Greater Mankato Growth & Visitors Center, etc.) to discuss what they do, and what our role can be within the community	None at this time
	New business	
	Determined that during the summer months (months when Bethlehem has only 1 Sunday morning service), Forums will only be held the 1 st Sunday of the month.	None at this time
	Discussion regarding the current Sunday evening Bible study “Lutheran’s Study the Bible” which was scheduled at the same time as the previously held Alpha Bible Studies to keep forward-moving momentum with our Bible Studies.	None at this time
	Introduction of Matt Lust, guest.	None at this time
	Overview of new Bible Study to be organized and led by Matt Lust, and his wife Josie. The Bible Study will be an inductive study, using materials from Precepts Ministries International. Matt and Josie want to lead a meaningful, in depth Bible Study that will be held on week-day evenings. Matt will share additional information via the Star, and weekly bulletins.	None at this time
	Other Business	
	Adult Forum Goals and challenges as presented to the Church Council were discussed.	
	Current Year (2010 – 2011) goals: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide quality educational programming based on scripture to give the audience a better understanding of their Christian Heritage. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pastor Jay’s Lenten Bible Studies and Alpha Courses b. Bryce Stenzel’s “For all the Saints” and “Seasons of the Church Year” programs 2. Offer these courses at different times, other than the traditional Forum time on Sunday morning, in order to appeal to a wider audience. 3. Provide quality educational programming on community issues, and organizations that help do the work of the church outside the walls of Bethlehem. 4. Actively engage community leaders and experts to come and speak to our audience. 	
	Upcoming Year (2011 – 2012) goals: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Average 25 people at each Forum. 2. Have two successful Alpha Groups per year. 3. Offer at least one other Bible-based, educational enrichment opportunity per year (e.g., Book of Exodus Bible Study team-taught by Pastor Jay and Bryce Stenzel) 4. Broad variety of topics for forums being offered. 	
	Greatest Challenges: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Competition from other activities taking place Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings; attracting a younger audience. 2. Repetition of similar topics. 3. Finding enough people to cover topics during a given month. 	

	4. Finding community experts wiling to share time with us on a Sunday morning. 5. "Burn-out" factor by presenters asked over and over "to keep it going."	
Adjournment		MSC

Next Meeting: 4 May, 2011 at noon, in the Library

*MSC = Motion Seconded. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Weinberger