

# Our Saviors Lutheran Church

## Council Meeting April 6, 2017

### Pastoral Acts and Staff Reports

#### Pastoral Acts:

Funerals:	Janelle Ann Fox	March 24, 2017
Baptisms:	Makenzie Mae Brooks	March 18, 2017
	Jaxon Rayle Traulich	March 26, 2017
	Izaiah Allen Woratschka	March 26, 2017

#### Pastor Deb

1. Staff using book: Pulling Together on teamwork for weekly devotions and team building
2. Missions Team reviewing options for upcoming mission projects
3. Lent services and dramas well received and attended
4. Sunday School format changing to Large group gathering followed by multi-age small groups in classrooms. Family Sunday school not well received.
5. Attended Equipping Congregations workshop. Learned new ideas from other congregations
6. Sound system project in bidding of components phase
7. Attending continuing education workshop on creating powerful presentations this week

#### Pastor Dave

- Worship band first time went well. Practicing for April 9 (Palm Sunday)
- Taking Faith Home Bible Study – attendance between 15 and 30 on different Sundays. Good engagement.
- First Communion classes began March 22.
- Deacons Ministry Team – discussing effectiveness of worship volunteer sign ups.
- Met with Friendly Visitors to discuss lay visitation and the importance of prayer on visits and in our daily lives.
- In early planning stages for a Young Adult Bible Study (20's and 30's)

#### Zach

- Basket Auction is underway. Big fundraising effort April 9<sup>th</sup>: close of basket auction, and “Adventures in Wilderness” dinner to raise money for Boundary Waters
- Will also start rent-a-kid and service projects for donations towards the Boundary Waters trip
- April 19<sup>th</sup>: cyber safety for parents and teens on using social media safely
- Developed new process for approving chaperones for trips (meaning summer-off site trips ex. Boundary waters, mission trips, youth gatherings). Attempt was to take as much subjectivity out of the process and turn it in to more objectivity. Will add to the child protection policy as an add on policy
- Will be working on a couple other additions to the protection policy that will need to be approved by the council in the coming months (ex. Social media usage, ages of chaperones)
- Had initial conversations with Eric Gramentz about Our Savior’s partnering with area churches and Fellowship of Christian Athletes to contribute to next year’s Faith Night for the New Ulm Steel.