

ACTIONS AND HIGHLIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING
August 25, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Ager, Ramona Allenbaugh, Pr. Baldwin, Jim Edgmond, Brenda Erber, JoAnne Fisher, Karen Hessel, Cindy Hermann, Connor Lawhead, Sam Paul, Shirlee Staley

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Christian Education has accepted the responsibility to display and continue to update Confirmation pictures for past and future confirmands. In conjunction with the Property Board, they are in the process of deciding upon an ideal location to display these pictures.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE:

A “Back to School” potluck will be September 25th. Details will be announced later on.

GOD’S WORK OUR HANDS:

Collection sites will be at HyVee Food Store; Walmart; and HyVee Mainstreet. Forty-two volunteers from the four churches have signed up to participate in this event; 22 of whom are from Grace.

ONE SERVICE OR TWO?

The Council discussed many ideas and concerns about having only one service. It was unanimous that this will NOT be a Council-only decision, but has to include the entire Congregation’s input and vote. The Council will continue to discuss this on a monthly basis.

SOCIAL MINISTRY:

The Literacy Program will be on September 6th. Volunteers are still needed for the reading portion and to provide snacks.

WEB SITE:

Council members discussed various ideas on how to create a new web site, with some submitting their ideas to Pr. Dan for more discussion in September.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

The baptismal font will be moved to the front of the church for all future baptisms. The board members will be recruiting congregational members to participate in the worship services as an “assisting minister.” Plans are being made to revamp the 8:15 Abundant Life service.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:00 p.m. (One hour, 30 minutes)

Respectfully submitted, JoAnne Fisher, Council Secretary