

From the Board of Stewardship

We Support the Valor House Through Our Special Offerings

The Stewardship Board has a goal to keep our members at First informed about the charities we are supporting through our special offerings. One of these missions is the Valor House, now run by the Poverello Center. In June the Poverello Center is celebrating 50 years of doing good in our community. You can tour an interactive history exhibition that will be on display at the Missoula Public Library throughout the month of June. You can also buy tickets to attend a 50th anniversary fundraising gala hosted at the Missoula Public Library. Tickets are for sale through Poverello's website.

Our Non-Sunday Offerings Make a Difference!

Hope Rescue Mission:

On May 3rd, 8 members of First Lutheran attended the Hope Rescue Mission fundraiser. We were able to hear about the many programs Hope manages for those in need in our community. They spoke of their success with the Grace House that serves as a home for homeless women seeking help with addiction and includes space for their children as well. Their future plans include obtaining a facility to house homeless men with addiction who are also seeking help to achieve sobriety.

Adult and Teen Challenge:

On May 11th, Adult and Teen Challenge held a Spring Luncheon at the fairgrounds. The building was full of women coming together to support the clients of Adult and Teen Challenge. The 8 women representing First Lutheran had a wonderful time hearing about the brave women working their way through the program. It was exciting to learn about the acquisition of land, the pledged gift of all building materials, and the money raised to date to expand the services.

Council Meeting Highlights

Here are highlights from our May Council Meeting, held on Tuesday, May 21st.

Senior Pastor: Grace Lutheran in Hamilton continues in the call process.

Pastor Carlson: Usual duties.

Deaconess: Usual duties.

Treasurer: As of April 30, 2024, contributions are on track to meet budget.

Committee Reports:

- Joe Hodgson will take the lead at the 11:00 a.m. service for Safety and Security.
- Lease has been presented a new lease to tenant at Grace House who has agreed to stay through original lease in October.

Old Business:

- Board reports for the June 30th Voters' Meeting will be due June 20th.
- Nomination Committee work continues.
- Nicole Pencek will cover as a substitute custodian for Frank when he is gone.

Elders:

- Discussed ways to reach out to visitors on Sunday.
- Plan in place for homeless attendees.
- New phone system installed. Outside call box update is needed.

School Board:

- Reviewing Science curriculum.
- Two new staff hired for next year: Bibianna Ray as Preschool Teacher and Jerry Steen as Art Teacher.

Properties Board: June 8th will be the next Saturday Miller Boys.

Stewardship Board:

- Will present to voters to use general memorial funds to move forward with automatic door opener.
- Eleven charities will receive \$778.71 each from our Special Offerings this past year.

Community Outreach:

- Working on online directory information sheets and pictures.
- Getting the word out about VBS.

Fellowship Board:

- June 9th will be Mother's Day/Father's Day Picnic.
- June 20th will be a Campfire Night.

Parish Education:

- Sunday School concluded last week for this year.
- Have acquired a computer for the library and looking at September for a grand re-opening.
- VBS is June 17th – 21st
- Community Board is set up with educational, cultural and doctrinal topics along with information on the charities we support.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, June 18th.

June Voters' Meeting will be Sunday, June 30th.

