



*First Lutheran is a vibrant Christian Community committed to connecting faith and life for people of all ages through worship, learning, and serving in Jesus' name.*

Vision Team Meeting  
November 16, 2017  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Members Present: Pastor Ben, Brent Urke, Carol Thalman, Coty Lund, Joanne Bliese, Pastor Kari, Loretta Lundy, Margaret Schroeder, Neil Jenzen, Roy Prigge, Sue Santelman

Members Absent: Amy Gesell, Greg Tvrdik, Pastor Greg, Holly Running, Jim Haugen

Welcome by Brent Urke

Opening devotions and snacks – Coty Lund

Living life with intention – Brent Urke

- An abbreviated version of the Men's breakfast presentation was shared.
- The idea is to set 2018 personal goals by breaking your life into categories and asking for God's guidance on what He wants you to do.
- Examples of life categories include: faith, family, friends, financial, health, work, personal, community or can be as simple as: body, mind, spirit.
- The next steps are to set goals, come up with ideas on achieving those goals, and then track your progress throughout the year.

#### **New Business:**

- Deep and Wide highlights (All)
  - Sue Santelman is taking the lead on the Christmas Store for kids. This will take place on December 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - Service Saturday is in need of volunteers.
  - Shared Ministry reported that Trunk or Treating had another successful event.
  - Members will be attending a choir concert at St. John's on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Approval of the Secretary's Report Minutes from the October 26<sup>th</sup> V.T. meeting
  - Joanne (M) Coty (S) – motion carried
- Approval of the Secretary's Report Minutes from the November 1<sup>st</sup> special V.T. meeting on the new building
  - Neil (M) Margaret (S) – motion carried

#### **Equipping and Engaging Leaders:**

- How can families participate in volunteering? What would make it easier to volunteer?
  - Have an activity for kids during meeting times
  - Ushering as a family
  - Offering as a family
  - Greeting as a family
  - Communion as a family
  - Living Nativity as a family
  - Have child care for events; in some cases this is already in place and we may just need to advertise it
  - Share a family story at the Congregational Meeting
  - Host the Wednesday night meal as a family
  - Sunday services should have family involvement

- Bake communion bread as a family
- Have categories of ways to serve, regardless of age
- Create a “wanted” or “help needed” poster
- Let kids stand by their parents as they volunteer
- Let kids read scriptures
- Put reading in the service requirements for youth
- Have the youth put on the whole service 2-3 times per year
- Have youth volunteer with homework after KICK
- Have younger kids help with silverware, plates, and cups

#### **Great Stewards of our Finances and Resources:**

- Current financial standing and Treasurer’s Report
  - Expenses are exceeding income for 2017
  - Spoke of showing the cash balance as part of the Treasurer’s Report
  - Discussion was held around becoming thrifty with our income and expenses. Areas to consider for cost savings:
    - Focus newsletter
    - Colored copies
    - Volume of printing; example of V.T. meeting handouts
    - Board expenses
    - Email verse mail
    - Maybe a member has the skill to critique spend; getting an outsider’s set of eyes on it would be advantageous
- Approval of the Treasurer’s Report for October
  - Carol (M) Neil (S) – motion carried
- Update on Building Project – informational meetings have been set for the following dates:
  - November 27, 2017 @ 10am
  - December 3, 2017 @ 11am
  - December 7, 2017 @ 7pm
  - December 13, 2017 @ 7pm

#### **Pastor’s Reports:**

- Pastor Ben – shared a story of seeing God in a lady from a nursing home
- Pastor Kari – asked for prayer for a family member

#### **Reminders and future dates:**

- November 19, 2017 – Congregational meeting @ 11am to approve Innovative Builders as our construction company
- November 26, 2017 – Advent of Gratitude
- December 17, 2017 – Congregational meeting @ 11am
- December V.T. meeting – Please have your board highlights for the annual report
- February 11, 2018 – Annual meeting

Next Vision Team Meeting scheduled for December 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: (M) Sue (S) Coty

Meeting Adjourned

Closed with the Lord’s Prayer

Respectfully submitted,  
Brent Urke