

Roseau Evangelical Covenant Church  
**Quarterly Congregational Meeting**  
*May 31, 2016*

**In Attendance:** Rob and Kecia Stroot, Paul and Rachel Krahn, Randy and Milly Prachar, Harold Knutson, Elna Kofstad, Don and Dorris Miller, Val Espe, Nathan and Brenda Acker, Duane and Linda Espe, Kelsey Didrikson, Sarah Schmiedeknecht, Pastor Steve and Mary Hoffer, Tony Fichter, Darrin Smedsmo, Jeanie Hamness, Roger Helgeson, Todd and Sonya Peterson, Jan Carr, Sheila Brinkman, Reilly Stroot

**Call to Order:** Jan Carr, Chair

**Scriptural Introduction:** Pastor Steve Hoffer

April 26, 2016 LC minutes reviewed and accepted.

**Pastoral Reports:**

**Pastor Steve Hoffer:** Attended the North West Conference Annual meeting, which was also the second to last step in the ordination process for Kecia. Entering licensing process with the Covenant and will start taking a class. Continue to counsel and mentor. Staff meets Tuesday mornings on a weekly basis starting with prayer. Helping Kecia transition from YG Director to part-time Children and Family Ministry. Helping Bryan Dickson transition into the Youth Director position. Sarah Schmiedeknecht is now the part-time Church Secretary chosen out of three applicants. Roseau Ministerial hosted the International Day of Prayer.

*Coming up in the fall:* The Covenant Church is sponsoring a new program called Community Bible Experience (CBE), which is an eight week reading plan designed to read through the New Testaments. We will have small groups and Sunday morning services geared around this reading plan as well. Small group leaders are encouraged to step up to cater to different age groups, seasons of life, and different nights of the week. The entire Covenant Denomination is being invited to participate.

Special attention was given to the need for volunteers for VBS (the week after the fair), ushering, meals for youth group (serving 80), and help in the Nursery during the summer months. All were encouraged to sign up for these ministries.

Criteria for choosing who attends Adventures in Leadership was clarified.

**Pastor Kecia Stroot:** IGNITE will be the new name for the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders. Met in April with an average of 24 kids per night and used some of the new Orange Curriculum. Flyers went out to the current 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders inviting them to come this summer. Shoes for Souls was a big success. Shoes went to Maple Grove where they were divided out into four categories, including shoes shipped to Haiti. Bluewater mini-reunions, which show the DVD of the kids that went to the Bluewater camp the previous week, will start up again. One family, who participated in our church graduation, started coming to our church through the Bluewater mini-reunions this last year.

Pastor Kecia will be helping out with MUUUCE, and is planning 3 family events this summer, including tubing in Red Lake Falls.

**Bryan Dickson, Youth Director** (report given by Pastor Steve): All-City Youth Group was well attended. Attended graduation parties. Youth Group kids and leaders will be hand delivering personal invitations to next year's 7<sup>th</sup> graders. Praying for each of the Youth Group students by name in addition to any prayer requests sent in via text, fb, Snap Chat, Twitter, etc.

This summer we will play a "Survivor" game. Planning a real-life Clue game around town. Will participate in the Bluewater mini-reunions. Will be here each week to see off, and welcome home all Bluewater camp kids. Grace Jordet and Micah Krahn are going to Adventures In Leadership in June. MUUUCE is in August for the 6-

9<sup>th</sup> graders. Offered to meet with Seniors this summer to just have open discussion on topics of their choice. Will be planning CHIC fundraisers. Grace Jordet is taking on a leadership role in the youth band. The 7-12 Youth Group will be call FUEL (Faith Unleashed in Everyday Life).

#### **Board Reports:**

**Trustee Board:** Rob Stroot, Chair

We are under-budget on Children and Family Ministry since position is not filled yet, and expect to be over-budget on sewer needs. Will be to have work done on the sewer, but do not have any new information yet. May need to have new tables and chairs at some point, possibly next year. Need DOT numbers on the Bluewater Bus. Well has been bleached. Weeding and landscaping is on the agenda for next week's meeting.

**Treasurers Report** was presented by Todd Peterson. Report was reviewed and accepted.

**Deacon Board:** Nathan Acker

Continue fair amount of time in meetings in prayer. Working on mission and vision statement with Pastor Steve. Will be holding off on Bible studies in the fall and looking forward to small groups focusing on the New Testament reading curriculum from the Covenant, CBE. Welcome prayer requests, and welcome others to come in and pray Wednesday nights at 6 pm.

**Christian Formation Board:** Rachel Krahn

Spring is very busy. Thank you cards, recognition and pot-luck for all Sunday School teachers went well. Last day of Sunday School was May 22, 2016. Looking forward to all grades moving into the Orange curriculum in the fall. Bryan Dickson took over the Senior High Sunday School class in Pastor Joe's absence. Eleven graduating Seniors celebrated with us on Graduation Sunday and were presented with a book and CD. VBS moved again to the week following the fair and help is needed. Contact Julie Smedsmo for VBS. Very Thankful for Sarah Schmiedeknecht and April Ingold, who offered to head up the Church Nursery.

**Mission and Outreach:** Darrin Smedsmo

Owen Thompson started ministry in Cambridge and is not in need of our support. Decided to support a new missionary, James Tang, who is in Sudan and moving to Ethiopia, new missionary to support. Getting help to find a way for us to meet him. Kurt Olsen and family will be up here in a couple of weeks and will try to meet with them. John and Darlene LeTextier are coming sometime this summer and will try to meet with them also. Todd Ellingson will be here from City of Joy. And we will be able to purchase animals for the families.

#### **Work Groups:**

**Ministry Growth:** Pastor Steve Hoffer

Looking at our mission - where we are at right now and where we are going. Many changes have occurred since our mission statement was written.

#### **Other:**

**Pastoral Search Committee Development:** Jan presented a list of members who have been contacted by the Leadership Council and are willing to serve on the Search Committee for the Children and Family Ministry Pastor. We attempted to get a good cross-section of our congregation taking into consideration age, gender, membership length, family size, etc. The list includes: Linda Espe, Pastor Steve Hoffer, Tony Fichter, Kyle Schmiedeknecht, Misty Lundbohm, Greg Iverson, and Kelsey Didrikson.

Rachel Krahn made a motion to accept the ballot of people to serve on the Pastoral Search Committee as presented. Elna Kofstad second the motion. Motioned carried.

We would like to see them start the process in June. Tony will serve as the Chair and head up the meetings.

**A Restricted Giving Policy** was introduced by Pastor Steve, which needs to be voted on to become a policy. Three types of giving were covered: General Fund giving, church designated restrictions, and restricted giving. Don Miller made a motion to accept the Restricted Giving Policy as presented, Nathan Acker second it. Motion Carried.

**Next Meeting:** June 21, 2016 Leadership Council Meeting