

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Minutes of the Congregation Council Retreat – August 16, 2014

Present: Paul Francis Susan Kirkpatrick Pr. George Schneider
Mark Ferg Linda Peterson Jeff Stoudt
Sue Nonemaker Bill Schmalzer John Wachter
Louise Stevens Tammy Jacobs Steve Founds
Cathy Taylor

Absent: R J Myers

Additional Visiting Clergy Pr. Richard Jorgensen, Director for Evangelical Mission, Lower Susquehanna Synod.

<i>TOPIC</i>	<i>DISCUSSION</i>	<i>RESULTS/FOLLOW-UP</i>
DEVOTIONS -	Pastor opened with devotions and discussion of Acts, Chapter 8. There was a change of scene, and secondly, there was a question – Do you understand what you are reading? The Adult Catechumenate process seeks to follow the general outline in Acts.	

NEW BUSINESS

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SPECIAL GIVING ENVELOPE	The September Special Giving Envelope of Rose Fire Company and Maryland Fire Company was moved to January. The new September Special Giving Envelope would be provided to support the Habitat Build.	Pastor made a motion to amend the schedule of the Rose Fire Company and Maryland Fire company originally proposed for September, moving their time slot to January and offering September to the Habitat Build. John W. seconded. Motion carried.
MISSION STATEMENT	A Review of Pastor’s recommendation to approve and adopt the mission statement “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Mathew 28:19)” was reviewed. Further discussion ensued about the possibility of incorporating the mission statement into the life of the congregation followed.	Bill S. made a motion to adopt the mission statement as written, and include into the liturgy “Go in Peace, make disciples, Thanks be to God” as the departure. Louise S. seconded. Motion carried.
Purpose Statement	Pastor Jorgensen made the following recommendation: 1) Prepare a purpose statement, and, 2) periodically check in and ask the question – “How are we doing”?	

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CLOSING	Next meeting: September 8 th 7:00 p.m.	Meeting adjourned at 12:00

Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct
Feb, May, Aug, Nov
Mar, Jun, Sept, Dec

Evangelism, Social Ministry, Stewardship/Finance
Christian Education, Property, Staff Support
Worship & Music, Ministry with Youth