



Grace Lutheran Church & Grace Christian School

Elder Meeting Minutes: January 21, 2020

Elders and Pastoral Staff Attending:

Visitors/Guests Attending:

Opening: Devotion (Darryl): Biblical and physical need for getting rest.

Topic #1: Areas Elders can help in light of Pastor Scott's more limited role: Pastor Aaron indicated that the immediate need is for scheduled communion help. Mark prepared a schedule and placed it on a google sheets document for signups and tracking. Also, we should try to stay aware of how congregational members feel about things at the church and help feed any concerns to our Pastoral staff.

Topic #2: Procedures for Elders to follow when administering the wine/blood. Ie. What blessing to give when dismissing the table: When giving the wine, this person should also give the blessing to the children by making the sign of the cross on their forehead and saying a short blessing. This person should also provide a blessing to dismiss the table. Pastor Aaron prepared a handout of a proper blessing to use. See Handout #1 document.

Topic #3: Follow up discussion on our Elder positioning in the PBG model: Pastor Aaron prepared a handout on the possible roles and structure of the board of elders. In the new model, most likely any elders would be appointed and not elected. The townhall meeting for PBG went well. About 50 attended.

Topic #4: Practical ways to fulfill the responsibility items in the Elder description: Being able to minister to our congregational members is highly dependent upon the relationships the elders have. Elders are encouraged to meet new people each week, join in ministerial activities, actively engage with our members and thanking them for their services. Elders will be assigned to provide in person "thanks" for those we identify.

Topic #5: Education/Training/Study topics for Elders: (1) High level explanation of the key documents Lutheran use as the basis of our denomination (ie. Augsburg Confession, Smallcald Articles, Formula of Concord, etc...). (2) Purpose and back ground of various liturgies in our church.

Topic #5: Those to Thank/Encourage

-Amy Boetler and staff for Project Godway

-Rich Ernau for electrical and baseboard work....Mark

-Helena Isabel and Erin Hartman for Father/Daughter Dance help....Matt

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 4

Devotion leader for next meeting: Mark