

# St. John Evangelism Committee Meeting

## Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.

*Members Present:* Tim McDermott, Deb Walker, Bonnie Bleich and Carol Brinkmeyer  
*Supported by:* Pastor Toensing  
*Visitors Present:* N/A  
*Next meeting:* Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

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### I. Opening

In recognition of a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. with Pastor Toensing opening with prayer.

### II. Study

The Committee opened with a Bible study, centered upon a Concordia Mission Society "Good News" publication. Committee members studied and discussed the third section of this publication with Pastor Toensing. This discussion topic focused upon the power of God, our Creator, who can begin building faith in even the smallest of children; even those still growing in the womb. The Committee is enjoying this "Good News" offering.

### III. Agenda/Minutes

- a. Bonnie Bleich motioned to accept the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Deb Walker. Motion carried.
- b. Deb Walker motioned to accept the minutes as provided from the January 2, 2019 meeting. Motion was seconded by Bonnie Bleich. Motion carried.

### IV. Old Business

- a. Church Picture Directory – The Committee has asked Tim to extend an invitation to Jim Christiansen of Lifetouch to our next meeting in order to begin the planning process for an updated photo directory. No further action taken.
- b. Membership Photo Board – Deb provided an update on the building and installation of the membership photo board. Deb also continues to prepare labels for identifying those in the photos for the display. There was provided by a church member the blessing to move several wall hangings around to ensure the best fit for this dedicated bulletin board. No further action taken.
- c. Church Website – Tim shared recent statistics on site visits to our Church and noted that he would either remove the 'feedback form' or create a Captcha to prevent negative counts by spam bots; which have evidently caused fictitious hit counts, a total of 2,639, during the month of January. No further action taken.
- d. Engage & Equip – This workshop attended by Tim and Pastor Toensing in January sparked interest in connection with community leaders in the surrounding area in hopes we may find a way to engage and make a worthy connection to those outside of our congregation in the surrounding area. The continuation of building upon some ideas presented at the workshop will likely be an ongoing topic of interest for the Committee. No further action taken.
- e. Promotional Ads – Discussion was held a possible placing of another ad in, at or before the Lenten Season in connection with Easter. Members were to consider and/or bring back ideas for the Crete newspaper. No further action taken.
- f. District Mailing List – The committee asked Tim to obtain an updated "new movers" mailing list from the District LCMS in which to send invitation postcards. Tim will research and obtain a price for mailing size, printing and mailing costs. Potential value seen in using a printing/ mailing service also. No further action taken.
- g. "Continued Prayer for St. John, it's members and other local LCMS congregations in our district was reminded for the group. In further action, Pastor Toensing provided the committee members a copy of each church name, location and their pastors in our south Lincoln circuit to use in times of prayer for those congregations.

- V. **New Business** – Pastor introduced a few open dates for second forthcoming "Everyone His Witness" workshop to be held here at St. John. Options were whittled down to Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. We will begin to advertise these two options in the church bulletin and before Bible Class on Sunday morning in hopes that a final date would be found for this single, full day event with lunch provided.

- VI. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 8:45 p.m.