



# St. Luke Lutheran Church

## MET Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, October 4, 2017 6:00 PM

### Committee Members:

Steve Clingman	X	Sue Heidke	X	Dan DeSnoo	A	Robert Traylor	X
Bonnie Fischer	A	Roger VanRyzin	X	Cindy Jahn	X	Beth Johnson	X
Lori Pedrick	X			Jerilyn Kind	X	Darin Sievers	

- 1 and 2. Devotion and Roll Call.
3. Reviewed and approved minutes from September 20, 2017 meeting
4. Reviewed Survey #1 responses. A summary will be provided at the next meeting
5. Revised Survey #2 to read:

#### Week 2 - Empower questions

1. How well do the following phrases describe the worship service you attend most often?
  - a. Welcoming to Visitors
  - b. Filled with a sense of God's presence
  - c. Joyful
  - d. Nurturing of people's faith
2. Indicate your level of agreement with the following:
  - a. My spiritual needs are being met in this congregation
  - b. I have a sense of excitement about this congregation's future
  - c. I feel supported in using my gifts in this congregation
  - d. I am encouraged to use my gifts in the world
  - e. I feel equipped to share my faith with others
  - f. I am comfortable inviting others to church
  - g. I have a strong sense of belonging to this congregation
  - h. I have a strong sense of commitment to this congregation
3. How does St. Luke equip you to be Christ in the community?

Questions 1 and 2 are on a 4 point scale.

No time will be given at the 10:30 Service 10/15 due to confirmation.

### 6. **History** - We discussed patterns in the church history.

This congregation is resilient during turmoil

Electronics have significantly changed how the church communicates, efficiency, worship services.

Since 2009 our outreach and Evangelism has grown.

Financial health during expansions

Communication has become more efficient. Manuals, policies, job descriptions are in place

The church is working towards a Team Based approach rather than pastor lead committees.



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### 7. Trends in the Community

Roger met with Charlotte Freeman, Director of Human Resources at Cedar Community. Below is his summary:

We discussed St. Luke's current interactions with Cedar Community. I told her we have a number of members of our congregation who are residents of the community and some of them, for various reasons, have become home-bound. When that happens, we have a group called Christian Companions who visit with these patients, share the Word with them, in some cases we provide Communion for them, and just generally provide them with a friend and company when they need it. I suggested we might be able to provide some similar service to members of the community who are not members of our congregation.

She thought an expansion of that service could be a welcome addition, but she would have to clear it with the folks who manage ministry on the campus. There may be some rules that must be followed, but she thought visits from our Christian Companions would be allowed under "Patient's Rights". She will call back after she meets with them.

The Community is currently without a permanent, on-site chaplain and they are searching for one. Charlotte will be dealing with two people who are performing chaplaincy duties on a part time basis. She is sure they are familiar with the "Patients Rights" rules and will be able to tell us if there are any particular restrictions we would have to avoid. I will advise her response as soon as I get it.

Beth met with Darin Sievers, Superintendent of the Slinger School District. He highlighted the following four issues.

1. 20% of kids in the district qualify for free or reduced price lunch. There isn't a week that goes by the district doesn't assist a family with energy bills.
2. Mental health problems are on the rise. In the past 5 years, 3 students have taken their own lives. Everybody asks, "why wasn't the school involved?" The school was very aware of the situation and each student was in counseling.
3. Heroin use.
4. Slinger has a high percentage of student participation in activities (67%). Slinger allows facility usage for Fellowship of Christian Athletes at 6:50 AM Wednesday. Northbrook Church facilitates this group.

Lori Pedrick spoke with Russ Brandt, Village of Slinger President. Mr. Brandt highlighted the following items in the Slinger Community:

1. Human Trafficking - The I-41 corridor is key in this area
2. Drugs - again the I-41 corridor plays a major role
3. Affordable housing. Land prices are significantly higher than Jackson, Hartford or West Bend. Habitat for Humanity can not build in Slinger due to land prices.
4. Our continued support of the Slinger Food Pantry



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### 8. Agenda for next meeting, October 18, 2017 at 7:00 PM

1. Complete Top Community Concerns,
2. Review responses to surveys 1 and 2 - Lori sent an email 10/15/17
3. Discuss our mission and outreach including how much money is raised/spent
4. Update Process Task Chart

Respectfully submitted

Jerilyn Kind