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**St. Stephens Lutheran Church
Church Council minutes – 8.17.2016
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Discussion of Agenda Items

- a. Single service (action required) Motion?
 - i. Marketing (internal / external) - focusing on our mission statement *connecting to God, each other and the world, and our 4 visions.*

Exec has made a recommendation to proceed with single service on Sunday morning. This issue has been considered for over two years. Worship attendance has been dropping at the 10:45 though the 8:30 is reasonably well attended. By combining the two the reasoning is that more folks in the pews will make for a better worship experience for all and enhance community overall. 8:30 worshipers don't see those at 10:45 and vice versa. Survey sample has been smallish but supportive.

VP Scribner motioned to go to single service after Labor Day indefinitely, seconded by Amy Wilson, Motion carried.

- b. Ideas for God's work our hands Sept. 10/11th

15th anniversary of 9/11 will feature recognition of First Responders, Fire, EMS, and Law enforcement.

Projects will include fleece blankets, goodie bags for kids, etc.

9/17 will feature S.S. ministry fair which will highlight the various committees and subgroups within the church.

- c. Inviting Committee's big weekend. Sept 23, 24, & 25th

Church will be hosting the Sibley Homecoming parade staging area again and will also be a co-sponsor of the Sibley 5k. Promotion will feature social media, movie after the Bridge, some food & drink offerings.

- d. Wednesday evenings

Faith formation will include each age group handling kitchen duty... Exec up first. Meal cards will be offered this year for Wednesday confirmants. First Wednesday of every month a committee will serve and clean up.

- e. How do we reach the missing attendees?

"Where have you been?" Be invitational, Take church outside the building as we hope to do with occasional outdoor services.

- f. Patio / roof update

Roof/patio between church and NAC has been leaking for some time. Investigation is continuing and Les Jones has been asked to bid. Unknown whether it is membrane, flashing, poor design, or all of the above.

- g. Strength Finders for council to participate in (provided by Teresa Tschida) date?

Old Business:

- a. Childrens Pray/Play area – to be dedicated on Rally Sunday and the Bridge the night before.
- b. Staff has started "all-youth" Wednesdays...a particular focus on how we're serving our younger members.

Adjourned at 7:45

