

River Table met on May 11 at 6 pm via Zoom. Charlie Hartman and Andrew Weisenberger were not able to attend.

We shared our highs and lows followed by Pastor Kayla praying with us.

Pastor's Report

Faith Formation Activities

- June activity is uncertain at this time.
- July 21 - Campfire with s'mores
- Flexible date - Confirmation students will be kayaking. (weather dependent)

May 23 - Graduation Parade

May 26 - Baccalaureate at Hutchinson High School. R of H is in charge of planning the service. Leah Pollmann and Landon Butler will sing. Adjustments are being made from the usual service due to Covid restrictions.

Confirmation ends Wednesday, May 12.

There will be no trip to Camp Amnicon this summer. Money that was paid for our campers will be rolled ahead to next year with the possibility of more than one grade level being able to attend.

The National Youth Gathering will be held in Minnesota next year. Students who are interested should check with Pastor Kayla.

WAM is looking for an individual who is especially interested in focusing on visuals during worship to step into Carol Krage's position. We will be honoring Carol's gifts to R of H some time this fall.

Library Square is booked for Root Beer and "Hums" during June and July. Jim is also exploring a location for August.

Rachel Stearns has volunteered to assist Pastor Kayla planning a bonfire service, healing service or prayer at the River.

R of H will use the Revised Common Lectionary for summer worship - Gospel of Mark along with Psalms and the Epistles.

We Go Out Table continues to meet to talk through ways R of H can join in education, advocacy, and service with the neighbor. Together they are brainstorming ideas for this upcoming year and compiling a list of ongoing ministry partners within the community.

Laundry Love is happening the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Treasurer's Report

The Q1 report was emailed to members of the River Table.

Giving for April was \$12,700 with expenses not yet complete, but Sue expects cash flow for the month will be negative. Looking forward and comparing to past years, softer giving usually happens during the months of April through July.

An explanation of benefits for Pastor Kayla and her children was given. Pastor Kayla was enrolled last fall in the Gold+ program but a mistake by the company reverted the coverage back to Silver C (which Pastor Janine was enrolled in). It appears as an employee contribution, but R of H is paying for Kayla until a correction can be made in October when open enrollment is available.

Communication

R of H will provide a calendar for members on our website.

Minutes of River Table meetings will also be posted to improve communication.

Church staff has been working at full capacity on online worship. The calendar will be brought back on a monthly basis. Feedback from members is appreciated.

Worship Plans

Discussion was held on a return to in person worship. Many of our members are feeling ready, but there are many moving parts to a return. We recognize that we are in a fluid situation with Covid and changes are happening often.

- Pastor Kayla will be fully vaccinated June 2nd.
- Jerry Lindberg's son in law is willing to help set up a Watch Party.
- Volunteers will be needed to help with worship.

Portia Brandsoy moved: "In consideration of the easing of restrictions by Gov. Walz and the yearning of R of H members to gather as community for worship in person, I move that we proceed with planning using the MDH and CDC guidelines as well as being mindful of the safety of Pastor Kayla and her family."

Kurt Schulz seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Our desire for worship is to continue with an online presence as well as in person. We will begin with Watch Parties on June 6 and June 13 at the Event Center. May 30 will be a "test run." Members will be notified of specific plans in the near future.

Synod Assembly

Nan Crary, Ron Johnson and Pastor Kayla will be voting delegates to the Synod Assembly which will be held via Zoom on June 6, 11 and 12. Bishop Anderson will be retiring after 16 years as Bishop. Prayers are requested for Synod staff as a new Bishop

will be elected.

We closed our meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Portia Brandsoy