

**DRAFT**  
**Holy Trinity UMC**  
**Core Team Meeting Minutes**  
**7/22/2024**

**Core Team Members:** Tanya Alemu, Lynnette Dobberpuhl, Carol Ottoson, Paula Green, Patrick Rasmussen, Pastor Leigh

**Opening Prayer – Pastor Leigh**

- WELCOME Pastor Leigh!
- Finance report – transition from Patrick to new chair: Jan-June +\$18.5K this year, last year we were in the red to about that same amount. This year there are more people giving more money, but some gave at the beginning of the year for the whole year, which will have the result of diminishing overall. Reviewed the “fill the gap” campaign \$223.5 K building fund, with about 1K a month in interest. Four people have been nominated to take Patrick’s place. Sell the van.
- Family Youth update (Lynnette) – **Storm Camp recap**  
**Successes:** 37 campers (youth and adults) from five churches did 22 jobs in three days. Eighteen volunteers from Holy Trinity served meals, sorted tools and did follow-up visits (to four of the jobs). Eleven volunteers brought in treats (only one duplicate, Carol Ottoson did treats and served food both.) STORM loves us and has requested to return July 13-17, 2025 (which I said yes to.) All the homeowners I spoke with were pleased, the feedback from the volunteers has all been positive, and I haven’t seen the feedback from the campers but have heard mostly it was positive. **Challenges:** One thing one of the STORM staff noted is that we don’t have a lot for kids to do during their down time. I need a FunTime Captain. Other churches have had four square or nine square courts which just involve chalk and a playground ball, which we have but I didn’t have enough presence of mind to get out. It would be great if we could get the basketball hoop up and working, something is still wrong after ordering the part I thought we needed. Pat Green said he would look at it. I forgot to tell the 12 step groups we were displacing them and two people from the Monday night group were pretty upset, but they ended up doing a meeting on the front lawn. I caught up with the Tuesday night group before their meeting. One of the cables in the tech booth got displaced and we lost the ability to record/Livestream on Sunday so that was a fail, but with diligence we can keep those things from happening next year. **Unfinished business:** We still have a lot of the precision play mulch in the parking lot. I asked Dan Stanley if he would be able to provide a bobcat and driver to help move it and when he lets me know a day they can help I will do a shout out to ask people to bring their garden rakes and help move it. I predict at least half of what is there can still be put in the playground area without overfilling it, and the remaining can be used to top the beds on the side/back of the church and parsonage. One of the unfinished STORM jobs was pretty urgent, a pair of handrails on a local person’s front steps were damaged by tree falling, and Dustin Guenther and Dan Sabin have volunteered to repair that next week. Another job is quite extensive and is tentatively scheduled for STORM next year, but Dan offered to do some preliminary planning to help them out. One job was cancelled due to a mental health crisis, but that homeowner (in Jordan) has since reached out to me for help with a housecleaning project urgently needed this week.  
**VBS info:** We had only three kids sign up for VBS, and decided to do a one-day mini VBS during National Night Out. We are trying to establish dates for 2025 now so we can get a save the date thing planned for next year. Our Night to Unite/VBS activities will be making a nightlight (light in the

darkness) and an elephant toothpaste demonstration (don't know what the relevance is but it is fun,) and we will have a story station of some kind, and some games with prizes. Also the fun playground with extra mulch. Next year we will do a Facebook event and consider boosting it, which did help.

- Leadership Institute at Church of the Resurrection in Leawood KS September 25-27. Who's going?
- I-Team – second half of the year review, goal at least one big event each quarter (such as neurodiversity day, Ellie Krug Human Inclusion, One Table third Sunday of December.) Using a “we” focus, “we” have a community with disabled people, “we” have cultural heritage, “we” have people with family members in the LGBTQ+ community. We have to be more direct about the inclusion of LGBTQ+ people because of how much harm has happened to them by church. Next meeting on Aug 4.
- Community Fall Fest/
- Night to Unite – are we doing these? Facebook/Instagram fruit and veggie trays finalize people
- As an alternative to the fall festival maybe combine with doing a haunted house in the parsonage? Mid level scary, 25th and 26th, PLHS junior optimists,
- Update on Radical Hospitality and the set up for recruiting volunteers, amazingly good binder and handouts, need to help people look at them. Suggest adding how much time each job takes per month or year, prominently at the top of page. Video? Skit? September sermon series “forming ourselves to change” or “do unto others”. Just one thing or just three things. Have a September commitment Sunday.
- Other agenda items for the remainder of the year? Reviving the youth, engaging the future. (Youth who are confirmed are part of the process of confirming the younger grades.)
- Partnership with Shakopee people Toy Corner, diapers, hygiene (on hold) but maybe also foster care providers, families with kids in foster care and kids stuck in middle.
- Banned book library
- Land sale, the people seeking land will be returning in October, need to get the conversations started early.
- Need pickers for the garden, Yay! Produce! Need to contact the apartments for drop off and let them know they can come and pick during certain times. Coming

**Reminders:**

- Next meeting Mon Aug 19 at 6:30pm