

Adult Faith Formation Minutes from 4/12/2023 meeting

Attending-via zoom- Sharon Brabson, Tony Gischia, Lee Levoy, Jan Liss, Rhonda Trebotich,

Opening- We enjoyed a opening prayer and reflection led by Lee on how we are dazzled by the way God is present to us in all circumstances, despite our flaws and failings thru-out each day.

Minutes from 3/15/23 were reviewed.

Entrust Alumni Bible Study/Accountability group/Support group- Discussed possible agenda items for the April 19 gathering; share our strengths and opportunities for growth, the group provide direction and suggestions for those needing it, share the importance of our “small acts of love and kindness, small group discussion over a short passage or the discipleship prayer. Sharon and Jan will meet to fine tune the agenda, refreshments, room set-up etc.

Fellowship after mass- FAMily- our group will host July 23 at the Jacksonport site. Will further plan out at upcoming meetings.

Lenten Small Groups- Groups went well at Lee’s home, Scandia led by Becky, Sister Bay led by Dixie and Doug, BH site led by Terry M, FC site led by Kathy Wolff and zoom group led by Sharon. Materials were good, though some liked the Advent study better than the Lent study. At least 4 participants were new to these small groups.

Spring Women’s Morning of Reflection- No specific theme in mind, some shared they have enjoyed where everyone brings an item that fits the theme to discuss. Lee will contact Penny Biwer to see if she might be interested in presenting. Will discuss further at May meeting. Addendum- I looked back at minutes to gather the number of participants in the women’s days in the last few years; the numbers I shared this morning did not include us. In 5/21- Morning of Grace-15, in 9/21- Theme on Prayer-16, in 5/22- theme of Ruth- 20 and 10/22- Krygma- 22. The minutes also mentioned that there were several favorable comments after the Ruth morning and last fall at our meeting Tony suggested that we might want to “freshen up” the event, like make it ecumenical, inviting other churches.

Chosen season 3- Tony will order the DVD. Rhonda and Tony are working on the viewing guides. Will plan promotion at the May meeting and whether to change the start time to 8:45, as episodes seem to be 60-70 minutes.

New Business- Should we offer shorter small groups in between the Lent and Advent groups, as relationships and bonding are developing. Will discuss further at May meeting.

Closing prayer- Closing Prayer was led by Tony.

Next Meeting- Wed., May 10 at 9:30AM by zoom

Submitted by Jan Liss 4/12/23