

Agenda
Congregation Council
St. John's Lutheran Church
June 25, 2024

Prayer - We begin our meeting centered in the presence of God.

1. Approval of May 28, 2024 Council Minutes
2. Financial Report
 - a. Update from Judd Lohmann, Treasurer
3. Council Updates & Action Items
 - a. Staff anniversary celebrations
 - i. What funds are available? What line item in the budget is appropriate?
 - ii. Who should head up the celebration?
 - b. Requests for Sustaining Grace surplus funds
 - i. Be specific in requests (especially amounts of monies needed).
 - ii. We will begin a list of requests to consider.
 - iii. Council will approve where surplus funds are directed/ Discuss a possible subgroup who will review the requests and bring recommendations to council.
 - c. Property and Grounds
 - i. St. John's bans guns:
Received request that a sign needs to be placed on our property stating that guns are banned. The board agreed that if this is required since the church is a polling place, required signage should be posted. Possible statements: "**St. John's does not allow firearms on its campus**" or "**St. John's bans guns on these premises.**"
 - d. Youth Ministry and Education
 - i. The mental health staff position at The Key has been funded by a grant for the past four years, but the grant was not renewed. We would like to discuss release of Foundation funds to support short term funding for the mental health position with The Key in the \$10,000-15,000 range. That would cover 2-3 months of salary costs and hopefully give The Key enough time to find a more permanent funding, while maintaining continuity of staffing.
 - ii. Action: Request for Foundation Funds to be released for Scholarships.
 - e. Adult Ministry and Education
 - i. Adult Ministry would like the Council to consider using Sustaining Grace surplus funds to support the archives update project. They are in the process of researching the cost.
4. Pastor's Report

5. Board Reports - Board Chairs
6. Old Business
 - a. Brief update on Solar Panel insurance issue
7. New Business

Book discussion on Chapter 4 of When the Church Stops Working (Pr. Jonathan)

Closing Prayer - The president leads a prayer asking God's grace and help in our ministry.

Future Dates:

Board Night: July 9, 2024, 7pm

Council Meeting: July 23, 2024, 7pm