

Congregational Council
St. John's Lutheran Church | Northfield, MN
April 28, 2020
Meeting via Zoom due to COVID-19

Present: Pr. Pam Fickenscher, Pr. Jonathan Davis, David Nitz, Ruth Dahl, Martha Erickson, Suzy Taggart, Craig Schultz, Marilyn Calcutt, Mary Hoff, Allene Mosler, Kathy Shea, Kris Vatter, Suzanne Pfau

Not Present: Jenny Nystrom, Mark Gleason

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by David Nitz.

1. Opening Prayer - offered by Martha Erickson
2. Pastor's Report
 - a. Procedures after Stay-At-Home Order
 - i. Getting back to "normal" will take time. There will need to be protocol put into place to ensure safety. We're not sure what this looks like at this time, but it will be a while before we go back to any services in the building.
 - b. Budget Adjustments -
 - i. Marilyn & Adult Ministry - Zoom dinner gather options
 - ii. Allene and Mary & Stewardship - at a loss for what the next steps are
 - iii. Suzanne & Faith and Health - Prayer shawls are still being made
 - iv. Kris Vatter & Children's Ministry - They're feeling stuck with all of the scheduled things being cancelled (VBS, camps, etc.)
 - v. Craig Schultz & Buildings and Grounds - Maintenance items are being taken care of as needed.
 - vi. Kathy Shea & Benevolence - No news as spending has been halted.
 - c. Blood Drive is currently scheduled. The drive will not require much support from St. John's volunteers.
3. Financial Report
 - a. Revenue and expenses were both a little lower - relatively balancing out.
4. Council Action Items & Updates
 - a. The Payroll Protection Loan passed and will help with our payroll for the next eight weeks.
 - b. For our May meeting, boards should consider the potential budget implications of the pandemic for your board's activities. What things can you spend less on? What are some possible new expenses arising? Etc.

- c. For May board meetings, please email Leah (office@stjohnsnorthfield.org) when your board will meet so it can be posted on the church calendar. The executive committee would like to be able to sit in on boards, when possible.
5. Consent Agenda Items
 - a. Kris Vatter moved to approve the March Council Meeting minutes minutes. Craig Schultz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Kris Vatter moved to approve the April Special Council Meeting minutes. Craig Schultz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - c. The April financial report was approved by Ruth Dahl. Suzanne Pfau seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
6. A closing prayer was offered by David Nitz.
7. Meeting was concluded. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.