

**Congregational Council**  
**St. John's Lutheran Church | Northfield, MN**  
November 17, 2020 | 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting via Zoom due to COVID-19

Present: Pr. Pam Fickenscher, Pr. Jonathan Davis, David Nitz, Suzy Taggart, Martha Erickson, Marilyn Calcutt, Mark Gleason, Kris Vatter, Jenny Nystrom, Kathy Shea, Craig Schultz, Suzanne Pfau

Not Present: Allene Moesler, Ruth Dahl, Mary Hoff

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

1. Opening Prayer - led by Mark Gleason
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Pastor's Report
4. Council Action Items & Updates
  - a. Mark Gleason, ECC, presented a rough estimate for upgrades to St. John's Hall amplification system and video system.
  - b. Mark Gleason presented the numbers of people who have been viewing Sunday services on their desktops and phones, how many total views, and how many unique views. Based on conversations ECC has had, it seems people are logging on with devices to tune in quickly - like a phone. It seems that people are tuning in for the sermon and maybe not staying until the end of the full service. The numbers presented were only for Vimeo through the website.
5. Consent Agenda Items
  - a. David made the motion add "remotely via Zoom" to 5d on the October minutes. Mark seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
  - b. Motion carried unanimously to approve October council minutes.
  - c. Jenny made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Kathy Shea seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
  - d. The Benevolence board (Kathy Shea) has made the motion to use \$8,000 from St. John's Foundation for the following, as well as \$194.75 for Augusta Victoria Hospital from World Missions designated spending:
    - i. **Local funding –**
      1. Laura Baker - \$2,000
      2. CAC – Housing Fund - \$2,000
      3. Three Links - \$1,000
      4. Northfield Retirement Center - \$1,000

ii. **Racial Justice Funding –**

1. Lake Street Project - \$1,000
2. Equal Justice Initiative - \$1,000

Kris Vatter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- e. **Craig Schultz and Property & Grounds board has made the motion to request \$1,629 from Foundation Funds for painting and repair near door 10. Jenny Nystrom has seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

6. A closing prayer was offered by David Nitz.

7. Meeting was concluded. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.