

**Congregational Council**  
**St. John's Lutheran Church | Northfield, MN**  
**June 23, 2020 | 7:00 p.m.**  
**Meeting via Zoom due to COVID-19**

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

Not Present: Pr. Pam Fickenscher

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by David Nitz.

1. Opening Prayer - offered by Kathy Shea.
2. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Currently, we are in a good place for the year.
3. Pastor's Report
  - a. Outside, graveside services have been held.
  - b. The Safe Operating Task Force has been busy developing their procedures for funerals, baptisms, etc. The congregation has been very respectful and understanding throughout the pandemic. The force's next task will be looking at what church life looks like later this summer and into early fall.
  - c. Pastor Jonathan asked for feedback from the council on how they feel about returning to church and what factors would make them feel better.
    - i. The general feeling was that council members are not in a rush to get back.
  - d. VBS was successful - children enjoyed the zoom sessions & Julie did a great job.
  - e. Emmanuel is planning some small gatherings to get students together - ice cream socials, etc.
4. Council Action Items & Updates
  - a. Faith & Health sent personal notes to all congregation members who have lost someone in the last year.
  - b. St. John's Hall projection - budgeted under Grace Overflowing campaign.
  - c. Board items and news -
    - i. Boards can spend money according to budget, while still being mindful of spending.
    - ii. **Stewardship** board is looking for help with messaging for fundraising & time and talents, etc. Council members should come to the July meeting ready to discuss and give input.

- iii. **Youth Ministry & Education** is planning a canoe trip that can respect some distancing & get kids together. The board is also looking at how to discuss race issues with youth and how to put those discussions into action.
  - iv. **Benevolence** has been pleased at the amount raised in May. \$1,000 went to CAC for emergency housing, money to support missionaries, and money to Global Health Ministries.
  - v. **Adult Ministry** - hoping to get more groups together
5. Consent Agenda Items
- a. Kris Vatter moved to approve the May Council meeting minutes. Jenny Nystrom seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
  - b. Kathy Shea moved to approve the May financial report. Mark Gleason seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
6. A closing prayer was offered by David Nitz.
7. Meeting was concluded. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.