

Congregational Council
St. John's Lutheran Church | Northfield, MN
March 23, 2021 | 7:00 p.m.
Meeting via Zoom due to COVID-19

Present: Marilyn Calcutt, Suzy Taggart, Paul Beck, Carolyn Nitz, Ruth Dahl, Pr. Pam Fickenscher, Vern Koester (in for Gene Bakko), Pr. Jonathan Davis, Jane Rizzo, Rob Nutt, Suzanne Pfau, Kristy Harms, Rachel Brownlee, Mark Gleason

Not Present: Rod Christensen

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Opening Prayer - led by Paul Beck
2. Financial Report
3. Pastors' Report
4. Council Action Items & Updates
 - a. Board Updates
 - b. Safe Operating Task Force update
 - c. Hillcrest Village pledge follow-up
 - d. Financials - Loan forgiveness
 - e. Sabbatical updates
 - f. Columbarium Committee vacancy
5. Consent Agenda Items
 - a. Paul Beck made the motion to approve the financial report for March 2021. Kristy Harms seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Jane Rizzo moved to approve \$15,000 this year and \$2,500 each year for the next four years (for a total of \$25,000 over five years) to CAC's Hillcrest Village, with funds coming from Grace Overflowing benevolence fund, and St. John's Foundation fund. Rachel Brownlee seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Mark Gleason made the motion to approve spending up to \$1,000 of Grace Overflowing funds on an acoustic improvement consultation and detailed proposal for St. John's Hall. Paul Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
 - d. Kristy Harms made the motion to approve Jonathan's sabbatical plan for 2022. Mark Gleason seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - e. Jane Rizzo made the motion to approve Pr. Pam's updated sabbatical plan for 2021-2022. Rob Nutt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - f. Kristy Harms moved to approve the February council minutes as submitted. Carolyn Nitz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- g. Kristy Harms made the motion to approve the nominations of Ruth Neuger and Scott Swanson to the Columbarium Committee. Mark Gleason seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 6. A closing prayer was offered by Ruth Dahl.
- 7. Meeting was concluded. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.