

Congregational Council
St. John's Lutheran Church | Northfield, MN
March 24, 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, Mark Gleason, Merylyn Calcutt, Mary Hoff, Allene Moesler, Kathy Shea, Kris Vatter, Suzanne Pfau, Jenny Nystrom

Not Present: ---

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by David Nitz.

1. Opening Prayer - offered by Craig Schultz
2. Pastor's Report
 - a. Worship is being broadcast over radio - KYMN - due to COVID-19.
 - b. Individuals have been reaching out to members of the congregation via phone. Some people have requested regular check-ins.
 - c. Leah Garlie is learning aspects of her new position with the support of Bernie Renander.
 - d. The building is pretty much closed - phones have been forwarded.
 - e. Looking at how to do church differently during these times.
3. Financial Report
 - a. Boards should freeze spending unless absolutely necessary.
 - b. There are reserve funds available if we need to use them.
 - c. We should not be using the Foundation Funds right now.
4. Council Action Items & Updates
 - a. Council members shared how they will be meeting with their boards going forward & ways to support local organizations.
 - i. Stewardship board has been working with the Communication board to get informed on what each other is up to.
 - ii. Boards will go forward meeting on Zoom. Groups will have to be set up at different times under the St. John's account. Pr. Pam, Pr. Jonathan, or Leah can set you up with a link. You can also set up your own free Zoom account and coordinate your own meetings.
 - iii. Quilting team is getting started on sewing masks for the local healthcare workers.
 - iv. The CAC has a volunteer sign up on their website.

- b. Blood Drive. We may do this in May, if the need is there. We would need to have a good number of volunteers that would be comfortable and safe doing it.
5. Consent Agenda Items
 - a. Ruth made the motion to approve the February minutes. Jenny seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - b. David made the motion to refinance the mortgage at 3.1%. Kris Vatter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Allene Moesler made the motion to leave the Thrivent funds undesignated for the time being and to designate them at a later date. Kathy Shea seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
6. A closing prayer was offered by David Nitz.
7. Meeting was concluded. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.