

Congregational Council

St. John's Lutheran Church, Northfield, MN

July 23, 2019

Present: Pr. Pam Fickenscher, Pr. Jonathan Davis, Ruthie Neuger, Kathy Shea, Terry Dell, Allene Mosler, Bonnie Peterson, Mary Hoff, Erik Holleque, David Nitz, Mark Gleason, Suzy Taggart, Jenny Nystrom

Not Present: Marilyn Calcutt, Martha Erickson, Nancy Ordahl Kmoch

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

1. **Opening Prayer** – Offered by Bonnie Peterson
2. **Financial Report** – Kathy Shea brought up each board receiving financials for their respective boards. Other board chairs agreed.
3. **Pastor's Report** –
 - a. Youth trips were well attended.
 - b. Melissa Berthelsen's resignation as Parish Nurse is effective July 31. Coffee hour celebration on Sunday.
 - c. Emmanuel's visa has not arrived yet. We still expect it to arrive by August 1.
 - d. The children's playground has been up and running this summer – please listen for feedback on how this is going.
 - e. Fellowship Hall construction is almost finished and flooring choices are being finalized.
4. **Council Action Items & Updates**
 - a. Hearing Loop – the basic loop is appropriate for St. John's and the congregation's needs.
 - b. Time and Talent committee is still looking for feedback on the questionnaire.
5. **Consent Agenda Items**
 - a. Roof membrane - \$10,000 from Grace funds. Mark Gleason made the motion that the council recommends using \$10,000 from the Grace Overflowing funds to repair the roof membrane. Bonnie Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. \$3,000 from the foundation for social outreach. Allene Mosley made the motion to use \$3,000 from the St. John's foundation funds for social outreach. Mary Hoff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

c. David Nitz made the motion to approve the July Congregational Meeting minutes. Jenny Nystrom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. A **closing prayer** was offered by Ruthie Neuger.

7. **Meeting concluded.** Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.