

**Congregational Council**  
**St. John's Lutheran Church, Northfield, MN**  
**June 25, 2019**

**Present:** Pr. Pam Fickenscher, Ruthie Neuger, Jenny Nystrom, Kathy Shea, Erik Holleque, Bonnie Peterson, Mary Beth Beck, Marilyn Calcutt, Mary Hoff, Allene Mosler, Terry Dell, David Nitz, Martha Erickson, Nancy Ordahl Knoch, Suzy Taggart

**Not Present:** Pr. Jonathan Davis, Mark Gleason

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

**1. Opening Prayer** – Offered by Kathy Shea

**2. Treasurer's Report** –

- a. Still have \$36,000 to make up, but otherwise we are on track

**3. Pastor's Report** –

- a. Youth Trips – healthy numbers of kids participating in these trips this summer.
- b. Fellowship Hall – concrete will be poured soon. Volunteers helped with demolition.
- c. The concrete work on the curbs and drainage fixtures was completed at the end of May.
- d. Insurance claim is out for the power surge on May 18.
- e. VBS – was a successful event with Emmaus, Bethel, and St. Peter's. Big thanks to Julie Brehmer for her efforts.
- f. Bishop elect is Regina Hassannally.
- g. Emmanuel is scheduled to begin on Monday, July 1.
- h. Pr. Davis celebrates his eighth ordination anniversary on June 26.
- i. Nominating Committee – we would like to remind boards that we will reach out to discuss ideas, but the Nominating Committee will actually do the asking. Please do not reach out and ask anyone.
- j. Faith and Health Board (Bonnie Peterson) has reach out to NRC – there are eight residents that would be interested in attending if we can get them here. The van is not available for Sunday worship. Hiawatha Transportation might be an option.

**4. Council Action Items** –

- a. Time and Talents committee is looking for feedback on a questionnaire to help understand what things people would like to help with. They will be approaching the boards.
- b. Terry Dell reported on the construction in Fellowship Hall
  - i. To replace all of the lighting - \$4,800 (currently a mixed bag of lighting)
  - ii. Terry made a motion to have the spending committee look up to see if there is an additional \$4,800 to solve the lighting issue (replace with LED, which should pay for itself in roughly five years). Kathy Shea seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. Consent Agenda Items for Council –**

a. Approved minutes from May's Congregational Council - David Nitz made the motion. Mary Hoff seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Pr. Pam's 12-week sabbatical was voted on for approval. David Nitz made the motion. Kathy Shea seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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