

Agenda

Congregation Council

St. John's Lutheran Church
July 26, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

1. Prayer – *We begin our meeting centered in the presence of God.*

Silence, then opening prayer led by Bill Carlson. *A time of silence for prayer and for gathering our hearts and minds together will precede the prayer.*

2. Future dates

a. Boards – Tuesday, August 9, 2016. Fellowship and Treats at 6:45 p.m., Stewardship Board provides treats and Devotion. Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Reminder: Please call or e-mail your board members prior to the meeting and remind them.

b. Council Meeting – Tuesday, August 23, 2016, 7:00 p.m. Prayer – Dan Van Tassel

3. Council Action Items and Updates

- a. Budget 101 Discussion – Guest: Bernie Renander
 - i. Hoping to provide clarity around budgeting process
- b. Executive Committee decision on Operating Reserve and suggested revision of Properties and Grounds project funding source(s)
 - i. Motions for use of unrestricted funds and temporary borrowing against the Reserve Fund.
 - ii. Next steps – defining the reserve and updating Spending Policy
- c. 150th Anniversary Planning update - Timing
- d. SAS (Stewardship for All Seasons) Ministry Boards Homework: Enhancement of existing ministries with additional funds produced via SAS Stewardship initiative.

4. Consent Agenda Items for Council

- a. Treasurer's Report, June 2016
- b. Minutes from the June 28, 2016 meeting
- c. Approval of seminarian fall scholarships
 - i. Two students, requesting \$500 for each to come from the Soli Seminary Fund

5. Pastor's Report

6. Other business

- a. Worship and Arts new member/chair process
- b. St. John's Foundation Update
New content added to provide a summary of activity/requests submitted to the Foundation, as authorized by the Council.

2016 Funds Available from St. John's Foundation to Council: \$25,000.00			
Request	Authorized	Council	Submission to

	Amount	Authorization	Foundation
Refugee Resettlement for Lutheran Social Services	\$3,000.00	2/23/2016	6/07/2016
Kline Mission Support	\$500.00	5/24/2016	6/07/2016
Refugee Resettlement For LSS – amending to full authorized amount	\$1,000.00	2/23/2016	7/11/2016
Stewardship for All Seasons Program fee	\$1,000.00	6/28/2016	7/11/2016
Stewardship for All Seasons materials fee	\$600.00	6/28/2016	7/11/2016
Pastoral Professional Development	\$1,400.00	6/28/2016	7/11/2016
Authorized 2016 Requests to Foundation	\$7,500.00		

8. Prayer – The president leads a prayer asking God’s grace and help on our ministry. Items could include specific congregation needs / issues / items for thanksgiving; specific ministry areas of the congregation needing to be lifted to God; and/or any individual needs or requests council members would like to share in prayer.

Lord’s Prayer: After the president’s prayer is concluded, we finish the meeting praying the prayer Jesus taught us.

9. Adjournment