

February 2019 Council Meeting Report to Congregation

New members, John Reed, Suzanne Nelson, Amanda Eakins, Samuel Steensen [the youth representative] and John Ambroson [President Elect] were welcomed to their first Congregation Council Meeting. When you see them, let them know you appreciate their willingness to serve.

Obviously, winter weather during the past weeks has made it difficult for members to attend church activities. Procedures for canceling church activities, including Saturday and Sunday services were reviewed by council. It is the pastors who make the decision to cancel those activities. Announcement of closings are then made to members through the three local TV stations, Facebook, Twitter and e-mail. Irrespective of these announcements, however, members are encouraged to use their own judgment about their personal safety for attending church activities.

The treasurer announced that we are near the amount budgeted for snow removal this year. In addition, our snow removal company has announced its termination of service for WHLC as of February 28. Les Aasheim has sought bids from other services. The council directed Les to proceed with contracting Titan Lawn and Landscape for snow removal for the remainder of the year.

Pastor Chris announced that we have received a thank you note from the South East Iowa synod for our 2018 mission support in the amount of \$65,185.

Members are encouraged to check out the church history panel installed at the [south] [double door] main entrance. The panel was created through the efforts of the 75th Anniversary Task force.

The Council approved the recommendation of the Global and Community Action Committee to divide the Lenten offerings between the Puppy Jake Foundation and On With Life.

Finally -- the Worship Committee reported having received 161 responses to the "Worship Survey." The survey is designed to gather information about our preferences for "times of worship." All confirmed members are encouraged to complete the survey. The last day for completing the survey is March 10.

As always, detailed financial reports are available in the church office. These monthly council reports and approved council minutes are posted monthly on the church website.