

Congregation Council Update

- The Congregation Council met last Tuesday evening, May 28.
- Marilyn Warling, Pastor Robin and Pastor Chris, WHLC delegates to the SE Iowa Synod Assembly, gave a brief report to the council. The Assembly recognized our Churches' 75th Anniversary and Pastor Chris' church wide ecumenical activities.
- It was reported that 100 tickets have been sold to the 75th Anniversary Lunch scheduled for August 11. Also, Bonnie Hyda is still looking for original confirmation photos principally from the 1970's; if you have access to one of them, please contact Bonnie or the church office.
- The council continued its discussions on the subject of worship times and the survey results. 30% of the respondents to the survey indicated that they did not want to make a change to the two service model. That number suggests a significant number of our members may not be well served by a change to one service on Sunday. The council is arranging to conduct listening post sessions on June 16, June 22, and July 21. The purpose is to engage in conversation with one another about the pros and cons of a change. Participants will have the opportunity to address four or five prepared questions in a small group setting. More information about these three sessions, including the discussion questions, will be published soon. We hope that everyone will participate. The July congregation council meeting is currently proposed to be the time to make a decision on this issue.
- The churches' computer equipment and systems have been updated. You will notice a significant improvement when you use the churches wi-fi and when you access the website.
- WHLC is providing space for Easter Seals staff and its guests. Easter Seals serves individuals who are disabled and have special needs. The Easter Seals staff, in a conversation with Pastor Chris, indicated that part of their mission is to "give back" to their hosts. Pastor Chris asked all of us to provide him with suggested projects that could utilize our Easter Seals guests' services either at our facility or in our church community, especially opportunities that involve working alongside members of the congregation.
- 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.