

Congregation Council Update – July 23, 2019

As an item of interest, Les Aasheim noted the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 lunar landing. Buzz Aldrin brought with him the wine and bread so that he could have communion in the lunar module while on the moon's surface.

John Ambrosion observed that Vacation Bible School was going well. The council extends it thank you to all of the volunteers who helped this past week.

Church parking was an item of discussion. Currently the only spaces specifically designated for physically challenged (and young of heart) persons attending worship are the spaces west of the building. There are closer spaces just south of the main double door entrance. Signage for those spaces is not a practical option since we are sharing those spaces with our commercial neighbors. As a result, the council is asking our more agile members to consider leaving those spaces south of our double door entrance for our more physically challenged members and to guests.

We discussed the Saturday and Sunday service schedules. The informal survey completed by members and the feedback received from all three listening posts was shared and discussed. As you are well aware, 70% responding to the survey favored one service on Sunday, but the council was also concerned about the other 30%.

A number of members indicated that they would no longer be able to participate in Windsor Heights worship were we to adopt a one service model. The listening posts and other informal discussions provided Council with information that many members have difficulty in preparing to attend services earlier than the present second service at 10:45 AM.

Based on all of the information gathered, the council unanimously approved the following for the 2019-2020 church year:

- (1) continue the current schedule of two Sunday services in the period between Labor Day and Memorial Day, one Sunday service during the summer and the 5:30 PM Saturday service throughout the church year;
- (2) incorporate regular Sunday School activities into the Wednesday faith formation evening program; including a family-friendly worship,

community meal, music rehearsals, bible studies and other gatherings;
(3) continue convening adult forums and fellowship time on Sunday mornings; and,
(4) prayerfully continue considering our worship service offerings in the future.

Pastor Robin shared with the Council a change in her schedule. On July 8th, Pastor Robin began a new part time position as the parish steward at Grace Lutheran Church in Adel. This is essentially an office manager position with the additional responsibility of paying bills and counting and recording weekly offerings. As a result of this change she plans to be at WHLC for two full days, as opposed to the 3 to 4 half days she currently serves. For the most part, she plans to be here all day Tuesday and either Wednesday or Thursday depending on the week when Elderberries meets.

The church has found it difficult to maintain weed-free landscaping. The council authorized an expenditure of \$800 to have some initial weeding and a maintenance of the areas through September.

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.