

Congregation Council Update – October 22, 2019

Duane Danielson reported that the rate of revenue flow experienced to date is consistent with what is expected based on the average of the last three years. In addition, expenditures to date do not significantly exceed the budgeted amounts. Duane reminded council persons that the committees for whom they are liaisons need to provide him with their proposals for building the 2020 Windsor Heights Lutheran Church budget not later than November 12.

Pastor Chris and council committed to conducting a financial stewardship emphasis on the weekend of November 23 & 24. The time and talent emphasis will be scheduled for early next year.

The council discussed logistics and cost related to providing audio and video from the sanctuary in Parish Hall and the kitchen. No decisions were made and additional information is being secured.

The council also discussed the need for arranging the coordination of ongoing building interior and exterior maintenance. Again, additional information is being secured. An increase in the budget is possible in order to fund for these services. Les Aasheim is currently working on securing lawn care and snow removal services for next year.

The council expressed interest in supporting the use of Parish Hall for playing pickle ball. The staff and council members will need to work with the interested persons in finalizing the details for purchasing the needed equipment and use of Parish Hall. The council sees this as an outreach activity.

Jamie Charlton noted in her written report that reading and math buddies have started back up again. The schools, Clive Learning Academy and Cowles Montessori appear to be quite excited about this program that is supported by a number of our staff and church members. This is another example of community outreach by Windsor Heights Lutheran Church. More volunteers are welcome. If interested, talk to Jamie or one of the pastors.

The 75th Anniversary Task Force reminded the council that the last Anniversary event will be held the weekend of November 2 & 3. The task

force is arranging to create a booklet for purchase that contains the History Bits printed on the church website this year and the greetings received from invited guests.

The council members completed reading the book **Surprised by Hope** by N.T. Wright. Members spent some time reflecting on the ideas described in the book about hope, our death and Christ's resurrection.

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.