

Your WHLC Church Council met by video conference on Tuesday, April 28th at 6:30 pm. President John Ambroson called the meeting to order and Sue Crum led the council in devotions.

No changes were made to the agenda and the Secretary's minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Duane Danielson provided the Treasurer's report. The mortgage on the church was refinanced in April lowering both the rate and monthly payment. The monthly payment dropped from \$14,000 to \$7,000. The mortgage stayed with the Mission Investment Fund. Danielson is researching the ability to make offerings online on our website. Communication will be provided to the congregation when that is available. Giving continues to hold up well which is a blessing for the congregation.

Pastor Robin provided a report on pastoral care during the pandemic. She has spent time with members in time of need. She provided a funeral service to one member on Facetime. These are difficult times for some of our members and staff is doing all they can to be supportive.

Pastor Chris discussed the situation with COVID-19 and worship. He shared a message just received from most of the leaders of various denominations in the state expressing significant concern that meeting in person was not feasible or wise. He also said that Bishop Burk would be providing more guidance for Lutheran Churches next week. Council agreed that services will not be held in person for at least the next three weeks. Council will meet later in the month to determine when and how we might reopen in the future. We do not want to endanger any of our members when we open. There are many questions to be answered. Please stay tuned to the WHLC website and look for other communication from the church on details as council continues to give this prayerful consideration.

The council was updated on Family Promise. The program has been moved to Westminster Presbyterian for all families that are served. For the WHLC week, Jamie and Ryan Charlton and family have volunteered to take the entire week on behalf of the church. Please keep them in your prayers and thank them when you can.

Landscaping plans for the church were discussed. We need to find a way to address the amount of maintenance required. Council will work with Chuck Young to review options with landscapers.

Council agreed with the Treasurer and Finance Committee recommendation to hold some shares of stock donated to the church until the market rebounds.

Council approved the hiring of Jim Spizale as Custodian for the church on a half-time basis. He will replace our current cleaning service at a comparable cost to what we are paying now.

Council was informed that with the passing of Les Aashiem, Ken Popken has agreed to chair the Mutual Ministry Committee again this year. Paul Rogness will serve as the third member with Bob Prigge.

Council approved the acceptance of a proposal from CEC to enhance our online service. We will enable our fixed camera and use direct access to our sound system to broadcast our online virtual services. The cost is about \$2,500 to be paid for with memorials and private donations. Ongoing annual costs of \$300-\$500 will be incurred for copyright costs that will be included in future Worship Committee budgets.

The next scheduled council meeting is May 26th at 6:30 pm. A special council meeting will be scheduled earlier in May to review the status of COVID-19 impact on worship.

The meeting was adjourned following Reflections and Prayer.

John Ambroson