

**St. John Lutheran**  
**Congregation Council Meeting**  
**March 24, 2018 during the council retreat at St. John**

**Present:** Pastor Lewton, Pastor Natwick, President Marcusen, Richard Benz, Jared Bookhardt, Jennifer Jung, Jesse Kilwein, Dan Pender, Seth Poland, Linda Splichal, Jon Tangen, Tasha Gartner

**Absent:** Susan Moberg, Sandra Moos

The meeting began at 2:20 p.m.

### **Administrative Reports**

**Consent Agenda-** The Consent Agenda was approved by Council with no objections.

**Financial Statement-** Tasha Gartner reviewed the February Financial Statement.

**Trustee Report-** Jon Tangen noted the ice on the parking lot, which is normal this time of year. The Landscape Committee for the new lot is for the sprinkler system to be installed, and then curbed edging.

**Communications-** Senior High Youth Group handmade beautiful thank you cards for the council's designation of \$20,000 toward the mission trip.

### **Pastoral Reports**

**Pastor Natwick** talked about Wednesday in Lent. The mission trip's supper fundraisers were successful. About \$500 per week was raised. We learned Milestone Ministry is not something we will do on Wednesdays during Lent next year because attendance was very low. Instead, Milestones will be held before and after Lent. The Lenten adult classes have received good feedback. Pastor Joe had explored the possibility of an announcement screen in the Commons Area on the east wall. At this time that does not seem worth the expense.

**Pastor Lewton** shared that Thursdays in Lent have been going well. We tried some different music and practices. The Worship and Music Committee will discuss whether to continue Thursday worship during Lent next year. She asked the council how to determine a name for the property that is being developed next to the church. The council suggested inviting the congregation to vote in April. Pastor Lisa will proceed with that idea in April at a worship service.

### **Unfinished Business**

**Legacy of Faith Campaign-** currently has pledges of \$355,747 toward the \$500,000 goal. The campaign ends December of 2019.

**Church Logo-** is still in the works.

### **New Business**

**Senior High Mission Trip financial update-** Fundraising has gone very well. The council's designation was extremely helpful. The total cost of the trip is estimated at \$70,329. All but \$12,745.36 has been raised.

**Synod Assembly-** will be held in Bismarck on June 1-2, 2018. We need 4 voting members from St. John. Council was asked to consider being part of this.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted  
Pastor Lisa Lewton