

## **Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd Church Council**

Friday, March 17, 2024

**Members Present:** Jeff Barrow, Deb Bergstrand, Sasha Jensen, Susan Kratz, Walt Polley, Joy Roellinger, Trent Chaffee, Karl Jacobson, and Craig Brandt

**Action Items are noted in bold.** Motions are in blue. Action Items are in red.

### **Call to Order and Devotions**

#### **Approval of the Minutes**

Motion passed to approve the minutes of the February council meeting.

#### **President's Report**

Written Pastoral reports were presented and discussed. As part of those reports, the Council heard highlights from the recent breakfast that was held to raise funds to support Camden Food Shelf and Loaves and Fishes outreach ministries as part of this year's Feeding Ministries focus. The Council also heard plans for highlighting other ministries under the Feeding Ministries focus, as well as the blog on the church website. The next focus will be on the Bread for the World or Community Emergency Services. Pastor Barrow reported that the Ministry Board will hold its first meeting after Easter. The Council was appreciative of the collaboration that Good Shepherd has with St. John's in our Wednesday Lenten services. Pastor Deb shared that St. John's will also be part of the upcoming Women's Retreat. The Council expressed its support in continuing to seek out opportunities for additional collaborations.

#### **Treasurer's report**

- The February Financials were presented
- A report was given from the Finance Committee meeting
- A discussion about an old US Bank Account took place. Craig moved to have the church council write a letter with direction to close this account making Kathy Bench and Joy Roellinger authorized to close the account. Walt seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously
- The Council discussed moving the restricted Heimarck fund shown on the church's financial statements to the Foundation, to be used according to its designated purpose when needed. Joy will get specific info on what that fund can be used for and if the interest from that account can go to the General Fund
- The Finance Committee is working on a list of accounts, who is the contact for each and has established a new finance email to streamline receiving invoices. They will continue to review account transactions to verify accurate reporting.

#### **Developing a Process for our Path Forward**

A conversation took place about what process we want to take for Our Path Forward to address financial challenges on the horizon. The Council is gathering information to share information with the congregation, with more information to be discussed at the next Council meeting.

Susan is getting names from Pastors on consultants that could guide us on next steps.

**Old Business**

Walt will continue to analyze and clean up more church policies.

**New Business**

Pastor Karl shared that Sharon Vicic will be gone through June.

**The next meeting will be Sunday, April 21, at 11:30am.**

**Adjournment and Closing Prayer**

*Minutes prepared by Sasha Jensen, Secretary*