

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Congregational Council Agenda – May 18, 2020 7pm

Attendance Roster

Greta Blegvad, Jean Hovland, Betsy Williams, Alice Beamer, Matt Hummel, Charlie Laidlaw-Smith, Mandy John, Joe McDaniel, Anne Daly, Tim Jordan, Al Miller

Excused: Richard Koch, Denise Crews

Call to Order 7:06

Devotion Jeremiah 1:4-8

Listening to Concerns of the Congregation (limit 15 minutes): No members present

Review of Meeting Minutes from April 13 and April 27, 2020

*Motion to approve the April 13th and April 27th meeting minutes as corrected. Minutes Approved

Committee Reports- No Reports

Treasurer's Report- Treasurer's Report was accepted

Pastor's Report-Omit

Old Business

-Twillis dial up message: St. Paul's in the Cloud is up and running. So far we have had 8 visits in the first week. The church has 6 months to use the thrivent grant and this month we have only used \$7.

-Fellowship time with zoom: There is the option to offer a "coffee" time after a video service for further fellowship. The game group is also looking to start a virtual game night with those who would want to participate

-Food Pantry: It was proposed to start a food drop off to collect for the food pantry. There would be a box outside for donations and items would be dropped in the box instead of handing it off.

New Business

Pastor's letter – The future: Motion to move to executive session. Motion accepted.

Council discussed to have Betsy work the 10 hours her doctors allowed. But are going to pay her on an hourly wage once she is on disability, which we expect to be asap. This will be held through September and she can serve as a supply until we find her replacement through the call process.

Closure

-What would reopening look like? We would be looking at a very basic service considering the precautions with person-to-person interactions and recommended singing restrictions.

-Council started to discuss how to start performing communion again. It was suggested to do a virtual blessing and those at home would be able to join. More discussions to come.

*Motion to contact Pastor Abrams with discussions to begin the call process for St. Paul's. Mandy John. Seconded Charlie Laidlaw-Smith. Motion Approved.

Jean will call to set up a meeting to begin looking at the call process

-We will continue to discuss the opening of the church, possibly in phases. However we are remaining closed and will continue the online services.

Next council meeting June 1 ,2020

Round table/Closing Prayer