

## Council Meeting March 16 2020

**Present:** Greta Blegvad, Alice Beamer, Denise Crews, Jean Hovland, Matt Hummel, Richard Koch, Al Miller, Kerrill Foster

**Zoom Call:** Tim Jordan, Mandy John, Charlie Laidlaw-Smith, Joe McDaniel, Pastor Betsy

Excused: Anne Daly

**Call to Order: 7:10**

**Devotion:** Psalm 121

### **Business:**

- How are we planning to limit the spread of Covid-19?
  - Cancel Saturday and Sunday Worship, Wednesday potluck and lenten service?

\*Motion to close through April 1st and meet every 2 weeks to reassess: Greta, Second: Matt.

Motion approved. 1 abstain.

**-The church will be closed through April 1st with a reassessment from council every 2 weeks.**

- Use of building- AA, NA, LCCVI, Sorority, Choirs, Bible Study, Circle, Faith and Fellowship, Quilt and Faith. BOk Group, Game Night. **-All Cancelled**
- Other meetings- March 17: Constitution Committee, March 21: Sanctuary Cleaning, March 24: Thrive meeting at St. Paul's, April 4th/5th: Congregational meeting **-All Cancelled**
  - President Jean Hovland and Vice Pres. Greta Blegvad will be the voice for information during the time of closure.
- Employees: Secretary, Janitor, Pastors
  - Jodi will be kept on as of now to answer phones during the closure

\*Motion to pay Micheal and Matt during the time off: Tim, Second: Denise. Motion approved. 1 abstain

- Congregational care can make phone calls to shut-ins but not visit
  - This is acceptable
- Communication-email, phone, web page, facebook, zoom, text
  - It was agreed to place a notice in the forward stating all the cancellations occuring and the church closure.
  - zoom and text to be discussed since not everyone has those capabilities
  - Homilies, sermons, music will be recorded and sent out over the facebook page
- Communion procedures when we return:
  - use continuous distribution(down center aisle), use individual cups
  - use tongs/ gloves/ wash hands/ hand sanitizer to serve wafers
  - do not use risen bread
- Limit sign of peace to a wave to people in pews in front and behind you
- Spread 6-10 ft apart
- Bring your own hand sanitizer
- Sanitize sanctuary, restrooms, kitchen, nursery, classrooms, and sacristy
  - Jean and Mandy will discuss with the sexton about possible adding more cleaning duties
- Denise has worked on an emergency plan for Infectious disease. Can we do everything listed?

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-We have taken steps noted in the plan and will continue to monitor the situation and make changes as necessary

- We have received 2 letters from Pastor Betsy's doctors

\*Motion to go into executive session: Denise. Seconded: Alice. Motion approved

\*Motion to reinstate Pastor Besty for Palm Sunday: Matt, Seconded: Greta. Motion approved

**Council will be meeting again March 30th at 7pm for the regularly scheduled meeting and to re-evaluate the situation.**