

August 2016 Council Corner

Not a whole lot occurred during our most recent council meeting at Hope Lutheran. In fact, it will probably go down as perhaps the shortest council meeting since I assumed the role of council president. For those of you who know me or have worked with me, brevity does not count itself as one of my strengths. However, the council was due for a short meeting. Many times in the past, we have discussed issues and made decisions in gatherings that lasted for close to two hours. The council look at topics from every possible angle before deciding what is best for the church. I am blessed to work with such a great group of people.

The council reviewed the progress on our first phase of our church renovation. Bill Krueth and I installed the new door on what will be Stan's new office. We encountered very few obstacles in the process. Yet, Bill, ever the perfectionist, went back the next morning and reinstalled the door trim. It sure looks nice. The next step involves priming/painting the walls and installing new curtains. Then, Stan will move the equipment from the old office to the new office. I cannot wait to see what it looks like.

After a few months of playing phone tag, Stan was finally able to get in touch with Peterson Drilling regarding the parsonage well. The council was disappointed to find out that the exact depth of this well could not be determined due to the high number of wells in the area. We found that our well could be 150 feet deep or 250 feet deep. That does not really help the council as we attempt to install a working hand pump on the location. We do not wish to buy more galvanized steel pipe than is absolutely necessary. Subsequently, the council decided to turn to other sources in order to find out the correct depth. Time is of the essence in this process. We need to take care of the well before the water inspector arrives in the spring to conduct the product quality tests. Please cross your fingers that we can get this done.

In closing, I would like to send out a number of thank you's to the following members and/or groups:

- To the congregation for its patience as Gary Rantala and I deliver the sermons. He and I have gained a greater appreciation for the job that Pastor Evelyn does during this process.
- Once again, to our members for keeping up their levels of giving. Your efforts have kept us close to staying within our church budget.

The council and all the members of church appreciate your efforts. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to lend a hand. Our church could not function without great, caring people like you.

May God grant you peace until we meet again next month.....

Lance Kupka
Council President
Hope Lutheran Church