

August Council Corner

The focus of much our August council meeting centered on our young people. Sky Dow, the youth representative on our council, brought up the subject of a youth group. She mentioned that our church has a surprising number of kids in grades seven through twelve who have expressed an interest in meeting on a regular basis to display their faith and engage in meaningful activities. The remainder of the council was impressed by Sky's passion and commitment to this issue. We noted how many of the thriving churches in the surrounding area seem to have active youth groups.

In this light, please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Evelyn, Stan Dow, or a council member if you know of any local youth who might be interested in joining this group. You can also feel free to send an email to hopelutheranembarrass@gmail.com if that is a more convenient method of communication.

The council would also like to express our gratitude to Pastor Evelyn as she nears the completion of her first year at Hope Lutheran. Your tireless work ethic and ability to relate in a positive manner to our congregation members have made a tremendous impact on our overall church environment. The council looks forward to working with you in the future. Keep up the excellent job.

I want to remind our members of a special congregational meeting that will take place on September 20. We have two items on the agenda as of this time. First, our constitution severely needs an update in order to meet the specifications set forth by our synod. Pastor Evelyn has worked feverishly in this process going line by line through our constitution leaving no stone left unturned. Second, the council wants to hear from our members regarding possible renovations to our current building. No matter how big or how small, please feel free to share your opinions regarding this subject. We hope to see you there.

Finally, the council wanted remind our members of the importance of continued giving as we near the end of summer and get ready for the leaves to fall gently to the ground. This is a subject very few people like to discuss. However, our small church needs all the financial help it can get. We have made positive strides regarding this issue over the past twelve months. In fact, the church has been forced to transfer money from savings to help meet our expenses only once this summer. Compared to past years, this represents a great deal of progress. Please do what you can to help us out along this journey.

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

- Mitch Lind, Mike Johnson, and Bill Krueth for installing the two new church doors. They look great.

- Mary Honkola for taking care of our mail during the time between the closing of the Embarrass post office and the installation of our mailbox across the highway. You saved us many roundtrips to Tower as a result of your kindness.

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.....

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