

July 2016 Council Corner

Not a whole lot of action at our last council meeting. We talked about finally starting our renovation project on the east side of the building. Upon the completion of vacation bible school, we will begin the process of turning the nursery into our bookkeeper's office. The council decided to do this for two reasons: convenience and safety. The current bookkeeper's office does not allow us to see who is entering our church. Moving the office to the front of the building will allow us see people coming and going on our property. It will also allow our visitors to see a friendly face upon entering the building.

The council broke the move into several smaller steps. We plan to purchase a new door for the office, move the nursery materials, paint the walls, and, finally, transfer all the materials from the old location to the new location. For those with young children, please do not worry. The nursery will still exist. We plan to move many of the items in the current nursery to the children's area downstairs. If you have some spare time, the council would appreciate any help that you could provide in putting on the new door, painting, and/or moving the office equipment.

The council discussed a boundary/safety issue on the south side of our property. During the mega-storm in the summer of 2014, many trees were uprooted. Thanks to the help of multiple volunteers, most of the downed trees were moved out of harm's way. However, a number of trees have slowly crept onto church property over time. They present a safety issue to our members and our building. Unfortunately, almost all of these trees are rooted on land that does not belong to Hope Lutheran. We hope to start a dialogue with the property owner to keep the trees from causing problems in the future.

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

- To all those involved with vacation bible school. Thank you for volunteering your time and providing supplies for our bible campers.
- To our members for keeping up their levels of giving. Your efforts have kept us close to staying within our church budget.
- To Bill Krueth for fixing the riding lawn mower once again.

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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