

July Council Corner

The council started the ever-exciting job of reviewing our church constitution at our most recent meeting. Using a model constitution from the Northeast Minnesota Synod, we discovered a document in need of quite a bit of updating. It really amounts to nothing major. Just a changed phrase here or changed word there in order to bring our constitution into the modern age. However, the council could not merely make changes and consider our job done. Any changes suggested by the council need to be approved first at a congregational meeting and second at our annual meeting in February 2016. In this light, we decided to set September 20 as the date for our congregational meeting. We hope to see as many Hope Lutheran members in attendance as possible.

Within the next month, Hope Lutheran members will see a change near both entrances of our driveway. As you can see now, both ends of the driveway have eroded rather extensively. In this light, the council decided that we needed to nip this problem in the bud. Vice president Gary Rantala talked with a few people from the area with the necessary expertise to eliminate this eyesore. Subsequently, he came across Blaine Johnson who quoted us a very reasonable price of \$16 per yard for some Class 5. Not only will he supply the Class 5, he will also spread and level it for us. Thank you very much, Blaine!

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

- Bill Krueth for ordering the parts and fixing the riding lawnmower.
- Don Monson for mowing the lawn while the riding lawnmower was not cooperating.
- Tim Aho for the removal and disposal of the stumps from our lawn.
- To everyone who helped make VBS a huge success. I apologize for not naming all of you. However, I do not want to leave anybody's name off the list.

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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