

June 2016 Council Corner

“God’s work. Our hands.” I see this phrase every time that I connect to the synod webpage. Most of quickly read this and click onward to find the information that we need. We do not really give it all that much thought. However, members at Hope Lutheran have an opportunity to put these words into action over the next few months. As many of you already know, the Dow family is presently working feverishly with the folks from Habitat for Humanity at their new house in Virginia. As part of the mortgage agreement, the Dow’s need friends and/or family members to contribute at least one hundred sweat equity hours before they can move into the house. If interested, please contact Stan at 218-744-1216. You do not need to possess any special carpentry/building abilities. Habitat members will find a job that matches your talents. All that is required is to show up. Please do not hesitate.

At our recent meeting, the council put the finishing touches on the changes to the Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) governing the pastoral relationship between Babbitt Evangelical and our church. Nothing really earth-shattering was discussed. Both councils wanted to change this document to represent accurately the changes made to Pastor Weston’s time/compensation at Hope Lutheran and allow for flexibility when dealing with issues covered by the MoA in the future. The council tentatively scheduled a congregational meeting for this September to approve these changes. Our membership will also have to approve the changes at our next annual meeting in February 2017. I will share the specific changes proposed to the MoA in this column over the next two months.

This may sound like a broken record, but do not forgot that the church runs on a twelve month budget cycle. Please keep your rate of giving at a consistent level during the summer months. Our church has done an incredibly good job of staying within its financial means to this point in 2016. Let us do all that we can to keep up the pace during June, July, and August.

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

- To the members of our congregation for their patience and understanding during the lay services led by Gary Rantala and me. We have enjoyed doing this and have learned quite a bit in the process.
- To Rocky Roggenbuck for mowing the church grounds. You show incredible patience dealing with the multiple issues presented to you by our beloved riding lawn mower. We appreciate the job that you do.

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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