

## March 2016 Council Corner

The council talked at length about the next phase of our renovation at our recent meeting. This represents step three in our plan to make Hope Lutheran more user friendly to its members. Over the summer, you will probably notice some changes taking place on the east side of our building. We want to move our current administrative assistant's office to the present location of the nursery. This will serve two purposes. First, it will allow us to see people driving up to the church. Second, it will give us the opportunity to greet our visitors with a friendly face as they walk up the ramp to the office entrance.

We also discussed the upcoming Northeast Minnesota Synod Assembly scheduled at Breezy Point Lodge in Brainerd, Minnesota, on the weekend of April 29 to May 1. Hope Lutheran currently is still looking for a pair of members who would be willing to serve as delegates to this event. We urge any and all of our members to consider representing our church at this annual event. Kathy and I have attended two of these previous gatherings. The the fellowship, the speakers, the special events, and the overall experience truly impacted us in a deeply spiritual manner. Please do not hesitate to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. Contact Pastor Evelyn or Stan if you are even remotely interested in serving our church in this capacity.

The council has continued to look at options for capping the old well for the parsonage. We talked about various options including capping it ourselves or hiring a licensed contractor to take care of the process. The council found out that the first option was illegal and the second option carried a four-figure price tag. It looked as if we had run into a brick wall. Fortunately, Marge Sella came to the rescue. While talking to a council member, she mentioned that our church did have the option of placing a hand pump on the well which would make it a functioning source of water. Looking at the potential cost savings, it is safe to say that this topic will definitely be a point of discussion at our next meeting.

Finally, preparations continue for the first annual tea social at Hope Lutheran on April 24 after services. The council hopes that this event will honor the many members who form the fabric of our church. We want this to serve as a celebration of our past, present, and future. If you have any historical photos of the church, its members, or church-related events, please do not hesitate to share them with us. We will provide a buffet lunch for all those who choose to attend and hope that this will represent the first of many such gatherings in the future.

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

- All those who helped and/or provided comfort during our recent medical scare during church services.
- Laura Rosenthal for her efforts in organizing the tea social.
- The participants of our recently-completed Lenten drama.

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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