

May Council Corner

Spring cleaning was on our mind as the council met a few weeks ago on Mother's Day. We want to thank the ladies of WELCA for stepping forward to purchase new doors for the church. Anyone who has looked at the current doors can see that this is long overdue. However, we did find out that, much like anything related to home improvement, doors can be rather expensive. In this light, the council made the decision to hold a special offering during the month of June in order to reduce the cost of the doors on WELCA's financial bottom line. Please feel free to help out in any way you can.

By the end of the summer, the grounds of the church may look a little different. The council is presently looking at acquiring some Class 5 gravel to fill in some of the low spots on both ends of our driveway. The northeastern Minnesota winters and our recent wet summer have taken a toll on the driveway. We felt that it would be prudent to deal with this erosion now before it becomes a much bigger problem down the road.

In addition, the melting of the snow revealed quite a few stray tree branches in addition to the myriad tree stumps by the garage. We are looking for volunteers to help with the clean-up sometime this summer. Any type of help including the use of a trailer to haul the brush, a chainsaw to cut down some of the hanging trees, or your sweat equity would be appreciated. Stay tuned to the bulletin for a future time and date regarding this issue.

The council would like to express a warm welcome to Stan Dow, Jr., as he begins his journey as our new secretary/bookkeeper at Hope Lutheran. Stan impressed us greatly during the hiring process with his commitment to our church and its future. Best of luck, Stan. We anxiously await the ministry that you will provide us in this new position.

Finally, with the summer months descending rapidly upon us, the council would like to remind the members of Hope Lutheran of the importance of continuing to give on a regular basis. We operate on a shoestring budget on a twelve-month basis. However, our tight budget becomes even more constricted in June, July, and August as regular Sunday attendances dips during these months. Once again, we are not asking for much, but please keep the importance of regular giving at the front of your mind during this hectic time of year.

May God grant you peace until we meet again next month.....

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