

## September 2016 Council Corner

Great news! The council finally found out the depth of the old parsonage well. Much to our surprise, we discovered the well measures 414 feet and was drilled in 1984. This brings to an end our months-long quest for this information. Bad news! Unfortunately, the council came to the conclusion that this precludes us from making this into a working well with a hand pump. Water at that depth cannot be drawn with a hand pump even when primed. We still plan to place the hand pump on top of the pipe. However, this will serve merely as a decorative measure. The council plans to continue our search for a way to cap this well. Possible grants and/or other options were discussed to help pay for this expensive venture. Stay tuned...

Confirmation also came up on the council's agenda. Due to the high number of confirmands this year at Hope, we came to the conclusion that Stan will help out with crowd control on Confirmation Saturday's. In addition, the council also strongly urges parents who signed up to bring the snack for that particular meeting to stick around and lend a hand when needed. Confirmation stands as one of the biggest events in the life of any church member at Hope Lutheran. Any assistance on these days would be greatly appreciated.

Finally, the council decided to set a date for a special congregational meeting to approve the changes made to the Memorandum of Agreement between Hope Lutheran and Babbitt Evangelical. As most of you know, Pastor Evelyn's time at Hope Lutheran was reduced at Hope Lutheran at our February 2016 annual meeting. The councils from both churches needed to amend the original agreement to reflect these changes. Once approved by the respective councils, the members of both congregations are required to place their final stamp of approval on the new Memorandum of Agreement. Subsequently, the Hope Lutheran council decided to set our congregational meeting date for October 23, 2016, after services.

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

- To Ardell Thoreson for providing us with the information regarding the depth of our parsonage well.
- To Rocky Roggenbuck for mowing the lawn during the summer. It sure looks great when passing by on the highway or when coming into the driveway.
- Once again, to our members for keeping up their levels of giving. Your efforts have kept us close to staying within our church budget. In fact, we experienced one of our best summers of giving in years.

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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