

McFarland Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Agenda  
Tuesday, June 23, 2020  
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.



**McFARLAND**  
**LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Sharing God's Word    Showing God's Love    Serving God's World**

**Present (Via Zoom):** Pastor Tim, Pastor Kelli, , Todd Bolstad (Pres.), Cheryl Brown, Pete Ellestad, Rick Hall (Sec.), Rex Link (via phone), Brent Odell (Treas.), Barb Porter-Quam, Kevin Strattan, Gary Toboyek.

**Excused:** Ruth Bennett, Mary Grell, Marcy Konemann, Renee Rodeck

1. Welcome
2. Agenda review and changes – Todd Bolstad
3. Devotion – Rex Link - Poem - “Count Your Blessings”
4. Pastors’ Reports –  
Pastor Tim
  - We will go “Sanctuary Live” July 5<sup>th</sup> with pastors and musicians at MLC for a 10:00 service via Facebook, and recorded for our website.
  - Bulletins for Sanctuary Live will be sent out on Facebook and website prior to Sunday morning.
  - A late July baptism is scheduled, as part of the Sanctuary Live service.
  - Members without internet service can call in to hear the audio from the recorded service.
  - Musicians and other musical church members are posting music - including a polka with Darryl Rupnow on accordion!
  - The Worship and Music committee is planning for our reopening process with the pastors. There are three principles: Safe, Slow Steps, and Sustaining. We will not have congregants attending in-person at least through July. The committee is going over advice to limit singing and spoken prayers due to the spread of

aerosols. Should we require masks at church? Will we have communion? Perhaps wafers only, for example. Pastor Tim led a discussion about these questions with council.

- We could do multiple services to spread numbers out, but this would require a thorough cleaning between services.
- Pastor Tim would like to try outdoor services later this summer, and the pastors and Worship and Music Committee are looking at different options for this.
- Council members also suggested:
  - Use police tape to mark off pews for spacing.
  - Look at ELCA “Considerations” for Returning to In-person Worship”. Rick to send to Council.
  - We might use online and/or call-in registration for services.
  - Pastor Tim mentioned pre-packaged communion kits.
  - We might have communion only a couple times per month.
- The pastors will be developing a discussion series on opposing racism and white supremacy, and seeking racial justice, possibly via Zoom.

#### Pastor Kelli

- We have finalized a VBS at home curriculum. Theme will be “God is Everywhere”.
- VBS includes videos, songs, and bible stories for 3 year-olds through 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Carrie Kruzan did a pdf document for VBS that includes internet links.
- Pastor Kelli’s bible study series on the Psalms was a success - looking into other possibilities for faith formation.
- Pastor Kelli is preparing a bible study series on Marriage and Relationships for the 20s-30s-40s Ministry group.

#### 5. Treasurer/Finance Committee Report – Brent Odell

##### **FINANCIAL SUMMARY HIGHLIGHTS FOR MAY 2020**

##### **Cash Balances**

Checking Account balance was \$157,479 *{includes \$75K remaining from the \$132,200 ‘loan’ received from the federal Paycheck Protection Programs (PPP) authorized under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act which if used to pay employee salaries does not need to be repaid.}* Total Savings Account balance was \$624,535 of which \$129,847 was the current balance of ‘Debt Reduction’ funds in response to our mortgage reduction initiative.

### **Mortgage**

Our current mortgage balance is \$1,151,033 (*reduced \$3,506 from previous month*). Pledges to our MRI total \$193,370 of which \$100,583 have been received. Overall contributions, including pledged and non-pledged dollars, received toward reducing our mortgage total \$150,615.

### **Church Giving / Income and Expenses**

Offerings received totaled \$32,944. YTD church income (*which includes offering income*) was \$1,106,665 which is approximately \$82K less than our budgeted/projected YTD amount and about \$58K less than income last year at this time.

Expenses totaled \$34,729 bringing total YTD expenses to \$1,099,344 which were \$7K less than YTD income received. However, the expenses do not reflect the \$57K paid in staff salaries for the month since these were paid using funding from the PPP. Had PPP dollars not been used, expenses would have exceeded income by \$50K. Committees and programs are operating consistent with or below budgeted amounts.

### **4K Income and Expenses**

Current YTD 4K expenses are less than income received by \$25,486.  
(*Total reimbursement received from the McFarland School District is \$104,488*).

### **Pass Thru Summary**

Designated and undesignated giving, less PPP and MRI monies received totaled \$2,291.

### **Memorials**

Memorials received YTD are \$2,935.

- In addition, Brent mentioned that Sarah Phelan wrote for and received two grants - one from Dane County - Child Care Assistance- and one from the state Department of Children & Families. Many thanks to Sarah!
- Parking lot work has been completed.

### 6. 2020-21 Annual Budget – Brent Odell

The proposed 20-21 budget has very few changes from the 19-20 budget. Kevin moved to approve and Cheryl seconded. The motion passed. Thanks are due Brent, Rita and

the Finance committee for their hard work.

7. Annual Meeting

- The annual meeting will be held outside July 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.
- A quorum of 21 is needed.
- We anticipate a half hour meeting with limited reports and election of new council members.

8. Church Council Nominations

- Four new council nominees have been selected. Sharon Mylrea, Jeff Gehrke and others documented the process and this will be used next year.

9. Church Re-Opening

- Staff will be in the office for three hours on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.
- See Pastor Tim's report for discussion of reopening services.

10. Wellness Benefit Review and Update

- The Wellbeing Benefit has been completed and added to the budget and Employee Handbook. Gary moved to approve and Barb seconded. Motion passed.

11. Council Terms Completed

- Todd Bolstad, Cheryl Brown, Pete Ellestad and Mary Grell are completing their 3-year council terms. Thanks to all for their service!

12. Adjourn and Closing Prayer

Cheryl and Barb moved/seconded to adjourn at 8:15.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:** Annual Meeting July 26<sup>th</sup>.