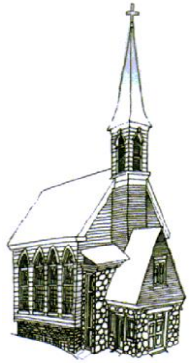




**Messiah Lutheran Church  
Washburn, Wisconsin**

*"Living in God's grace, we reach out  
to welcome all with Christ's love."*



**CONGREGATION COUNCIL AGENDA**

**Sunday, December 4, 2016 9:45am**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

**Action Items:**

**Finance Committee:**

1. **Advertising Policy:** Committee affirmed the existing policy that prohibits for profit advertising in the church. No posters permitted. **Recommendation:** That the Council approve allowing one bulletin ad sponsorship per week. The sponsor must provide business card size, camera ready copy. The cost to be \$25.00 per week.
2. **Recommendation:** That the Building and Grounds Committee be authorized to spend up to \$500.00 as needed without Finance/Council approval for small repairs, cleaning supplies and other consumables.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:**

**New Business:**

1. Report: Finance discussed needed improvements to the church and the parsonage. Building and Grounds presented a preliminary estimate for improvements to the exterior of the church and for the Fellowship Hall downstairs. We also have an estimate for kitchen and bathroom repairs for the parsonage. Finance/Stewardship proposes setting up a joint meeting with Building and Grounds to prioritize what needs to be done and to develop a Capital Campaign for 2017. The campaign may include matching funds from reserves. It was also suggested that they discuss the possibility, if any, of working with other churches to build a new multi-use building vs spending more money on our existing building.
2. Budget update: The 2017 budget work is underway. The Finance/Stewardship committee recommends including \$3,000 in the budget for fundraisers. The committee also recommends including adding two additional hours per week in 2017 for the parish assistant in the budget.
3. Council Meetings: In 2016 we had 7 council meetings: February, March, June, July, October, November and December. In 2017 the President proposes six meetings: January, March, May, July, September, and November. Further based on some scheduling conflicts that the meetings be held on the first Sunday of the month at

9:45am. If something comes up in off meeting months, depending on the issue, special council meetings can be called, or the Executive Committee consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Immediate Past President will be authorized to act on behalf of the council.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**EVENTS (FYI)**

- 1. Thanksgiving Dinner Thanks You!**
- 2. Lutefisk Dinner Thanks You!**
- 3. February Annual Meeting – February 5, 2016. Potluck to follow.**

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**Adjourn:** Prayer & Blessing