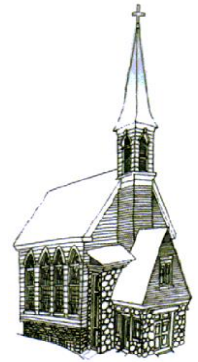




**Messiah Lutheran Church
Washburn, Wisconsin**

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



CONGREGATION COUNCIL AGENDA

Tuesday, June 16, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

OPENING DEVOTIONS: From *Unbinding the Gospel*

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

TREASURER'S REPORT:

PASTOR'S REPORT:

MINISTRY AREA REPORTS:

Worship Ministry:

Learning Ministry: Youth Ministry Team met on June 4

Support Ministry – painting and carpet update

Heaven's Helping Hands: met on May 31

Stewardship/Finance: met on June 9 with this report:

Movement of investments – Due to the low rate of income with our current investment provider, the committee has elected to move the investments to:

- o Memorial Fund = \$25,000 to ELCA with Larry Westfield
- o Endowment = approx. \$22,000 to Thrivent with Dave Pagels
 - Memorial Fund = Paperwork was found regarding this account. It originated from the Rae Johnson Estate. In this paperwork, it states that only the income from the investment can be used and should be used for operating expenses. The original \$25,000 cannot be spent.
 - Endowment Fund = Paperwork indicates that the purpose of this fund can be changed with a congregational vote.
- o Question: Would Linda Coleman be willing to look over the paperwork of these two funds and determine what legal options the church has for these accounts?

Old Business: discuss/decide Sunday morning worship start time and when/how to make the (possible) change with the least chance of people not knowing!

Stewardship/Finance Committee input: At this time, Messiah cannot afford to let go of Port Wing and still cover expenses at the current levels. We recommend a precise/hard start at 8:45 a.m. with announcements starting at that time and moving directly into the service. The goal of having shorter services should continue. With the earlier start time and shorter services, Pastor Nancy should have time to shake hands, etc. before leaving for Port Wing. The Pastor doesn't have to be the one to do announcements. Others can fulfill that role. Just do the highlights for announcements, others are in the bulletin.

New Business

Due to the financial situation the church is experiencing, the Finance Committee is recommending the Council approve the following two items:

- The purpose/use of any **undesignated** income the church receives needs to be determined by the Finance Committee and/or the Church Council. Examples of this type of incomes include: gifts, coffee fellowship, memorials, etc. in which a purpose is not clearly stated.
- For the Church's general operating budget: Expenditures outside of the approved budget must obtain approval from the Finance Committee before the expenditure occurs. Conserving finances as much as reasonable is encouraged.

Adjourn: Prayer & Blessing

Next meeting—July 21, 2015, 6:00 pm at the church