

Mountain View Lutheran Church • Church Council Meeting  
Tuesday 14 April 2020 • 6: 30 p.m.  
Online meeting (via Zoom)

## Minutes

### Attendance

Present: Michael Brauhn, Sonja Dahl, Bob Linden, Mary Beth Peterson, Carol Powers, Emily Thompson, Wendy Wadnizak, Karin Weberg, Julie Williams. Treasurer Jason Cornell.

Staff: Troy Kehm-Goins, Pastor John Vaswig.

### Call to order

President Carol Powers called the meeting to order.

### Devotions

Emily Thompson led devotions based upon Jonah 1:17, Mark 9:2, Mark 1:35 and the notion of the struggle of isolation. The council prayed together.

### Financial update

Treasurer Jason Cornell spoke regarding the following:

- March giving was good: \$110,064 actual receipts versus \$97,881 spending guideline.
- It is difficult to determine trends with only three to four weeks of our current “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” emergency measures in place, but giving appears to continue to be strong.
- Researching the three main provisions of the CARES Act that are applicable to Mountain View Lutheran Church: (1) refundable tax credits; (2) unemployment for church workers; and (3) the Payroll Protection Program.
- Other potential options would be deferral of late fees, mortgage payments, and possibly interest; Working Washington Grant program; and Commerce Department grants.
- Employees may use Family Medical Leave Act benefits for coronavirus-related illnesses or hardship for themselves or dependents.

## Pastor's report

Pastor John Vaswig spoke regarding the following:

- Pastor Bri's emergency C-section.
- Giving has been really strong in relation to the current situation, as we keep some semblance of ministry as we move forward.
- Switching to the *Lutheran Book of Worship's* "Service of the Word" on Sunday 4/26.
- Teaching "Eastering in a Good Friday World" during Adult Education, starting on Sunday 4/26.
- The president of the board of directors for Bright Stars of Bethlehem called to thank us for our benevolence during a real difficult time.

## Living Hope

An update on the "Living Hope" campaign was provided.

- The roof replacement for the Education Building is paid for.
- There is currently \$144,000 in the Living Hope "treasury."
- Treasurer Jason Cornell will ask Church Administrator Phil Edlund to run a couple of scenarios: (1) What would our monthly mortgage payment be if we paid \$100,000 now toward our loan and then reamortized the loan (which we can do once per year); or (2) What would our mortgage payment be if we waited until later in the year and paid more than \$100,000 toward our loan?

## Removal of inactive members

The council will wait until another meeting to take action on removal of inactive members of the congregation.

## Congregational Meeting

The Congregational Meeting, originally scheduled for Sunday, May 17, 2020 is postponed until a June date can be established. Current members of the Church Council will continue to serve until replacements are elected.

## Next meeting

The next meeting of the MVLC Church Council is at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday 28 April 2020 via an online meeting. Wendy Wadnizak leads devotions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Troy Kehm-Goins  
Recording Secretary