

CONTACT SUMMARY

The Council of the First Lutheran Church met on Tuesday evening, **May 17th** in the Fellowship Hall. The highlights of the meeting are as follows:

- The Council continues to read the book A Place of Encounter. Each month a chapter is discussed as a group.
- Lori McClaren reviewed the financial reports of the last month. She led a discussion of the various accounts and the way that they are used in our regular day to day business. Lori will be leading a group of volunteers to explore possible improvements in our financial record keeping and investigate ways which we could be earning interest on several of our funds.
- Several areas within the facility were noted as being badly in need of renovation or repair. The men's restroom in the basement and the kitchen were noted to be especially in need of attention.
- Due to the complexity of summer schedules, the Council meeting times were reviewed for the summer months.
- Various methods of increasing our outreach were mentioned. One idea was the consider feeding the food pantry people a grilled meal or a breakfast.
- On June 12th, a Congregation Breakfast will be held at 9:00 prior to worship. The youth will be asked to assist in this project.
- Vacation Bible School will be held in our facility June 13 - 16th.
- There will be a meeting of those interested in joining FLC on Sunday, May 22nd following Worship. New members will be welcomed on Pentecost Sunday, June 5th with a reception following Worship.
- A neighborhood picnic will be held in September. More details to follow.
- Volunteers are needed to host Coffee Hour. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex or you can contact Bev Rosenkrans if you are interested.
- The Annual Picnic will be held in August.
- There are numerous trees on the grounds that need attention. The men's bathroom in the basement needs to be renovated. A bid will be sought to determine the cost. The air conditioning units were cleaned out today.
- Burnight Glass will be contacted about the rearrangement of the panels in the large stained glass window.

- After school is out for the year, investigation into our sound system replacement will be explored.
- To commemorate our 150th Anniversary, numerous items are being discussed included improved signage on the building, help for the Ukraine refugees, or a digital sign for the front yard of the church which would display time and temperature in addition to announcing events at First Lutheran.
- Three students will qualify for scholarships due to the attendance at ELCA colleges in the Fall. Those include Shae Downing, Emma Gross and August Schenzel.