

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church
Annual Meeting-Family Life Center
January 28, 2024

Members were provided with copies of the Annual Congregational Report for the Year 2023 which included: the Meeting Agenda, Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting on October 22, 2023, Monthly Financial Statement for December 2023, Proposed 2024 Budget Summary, Senior Pastor's report, Associate Pastor's report, Youth Staff Annual report, Lay Ministry Director report, Business Manager's report, Altar Guild Annual report, Bereavement Annual report, Membership Statistical Report, and the Sunday School Annual report.

President Aaron Clark began with prayer and called the meeting to order at 12:18 P.M.

Approval of Quarterly Meeting Minutes from October 22, 2023-Paul Wittenberg made a motion to approve the minutes for this meeting. Karen Grossman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Financial Report-Treasurer Kathy Myers submitted a written report for December 2023. She reported that our financial situation at St. John's was truly blessed in 2023! Thanks be to God! There were no questions about the Financial report. Pam Wittenberg made a motion to approve the Financial report. Nate Wanner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

2024 Proposed Budget-Treasurer Kathy Myers then presented the Proposed 2024 Budget Summary. Staff will receive 3% increases in salary next year. She noted that the 2023 budget included \$50,000 to pay on an anticipated bank loan for the Accessibility Project addition. That will not be needed in 2024 and was removed from the budget. Phil Pennington made a motion to approve the Proposed 2024 Budget Summary as presented. Wilma Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Senior Pastor's Report-Pastor Seth Jersild asked members to read his written report in the meeting packet. He reported that 2023 was a year of changes and transitions. He thanked the congregation for their flexibility throughout the year and Dan Yeater for his devotion to seeing this project through from start to finish. On March 3, we will have a combined worship service at 11:00. We will then move to the new addition for a dedication. Following the dedication, we will move to the Family Life Center for a meal to celebrate the completion of this project and in thanksgiving for the 175 years that St. John's has ministered here in the Grove City community.

Pastor Seth acknowledged Elaine Bennett's retirement from the Lay Director of Ministry position, Mike Esposito's retirement from the Business Manager's position, and informed the congregation that Jan Miller, Recorder will be retiring in May. He thanked all three of them for their many years of faithful service.

The Youth Minister Search Team is actively interviewing candidates for a full time position. Laurie Pecuch and Diana Imbrock continue to serve our youth and have decreased the number of hours they are working each week.

As mentioned above, St. John's will be celebrating our 175th Anniversary in 2024. A team is working on planning a variety of events to commemorate this milestone. "As we remember the

past with thanksgiving, we will also be looking with confidence to what God will do with us and through us in the future.”

Accessibility Project Update-Dan Yeater thanked members for their patience and generosity during this project. He gave an update on the final steps to be completed in the next couple of weeks. The doors into the sanctuary were damaged by water when the plaster was damaged. New replacement doors have been ordered and will be installed soon. The stained glass window that was uncovered in the Altar Guild room was blocked by a major structural support post. There was no way to feasibly and economically move that post. So sadly, that window had to be covered up again. We will receive a temporary occupancy permit when construction is finished. The final occupancy permit will be issued when the weather warms up and the landscaping around the area is completed.

Associate Pastor's Report-Pastor Patti Morlock asked members to read her written report in the meeting packet. Our intern, Dale Stanley and his family arrived in Grove City yesterday and are settling into their rental home. Thanks to Sherry Nighbert for designing crosses, then mounting and framing them for each member of the family. They were very touched by these unique pieces of art. Next Sunday, during the Sunday School hour, we will have a reception to meet Dale and his family. Please come and introduce yourself to them.

All Other Reports in the Annual Congregational Report Packet-President Aaron Clark asked members to take the time to read over each report.

Election of Council Officers, Nominating Team Members, and NALC Delegates-President Aaron Clark reported that members of Council whose terms were expiring had all agreed to serve another term. There were a couple corrections to the ballot. Steve Johnston's name should be on the list for the Nominating Team. Lisa Stallard's name should appear after David Stallard's name as a Delegate. President Aaron asked if there were any nominations from the floor for any of the positions listed on the ballot. Hearing none, he presented the slate of Council members, Nominating Team members, and NALC Delegates. Beth Katterhenrich made a motion to approve the slate of candidates. Shirley Blake seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Beth made a motion to elect these members by unanimous consent. The voice vote with unanimous.

Church Council:

President: Aaron Clark

Treasurer: Kathy Myers

Council At Large: Paul Wittenberg, David Clark, Gary Smith

Nominating Team: Holly Starr, Joanne Keller, Amy Wanner, Mistie Clark, Steve Johnston

NALC Delegates: Brady & Heather Stewart, Mel & Carol Penrod, Dave & Lisa Stallard

Dave Dye made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pam Wittenberg seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 12:37 P.M. following members praying the Lord's Prayer together.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Bentley, Secretary