

Council Connection for November 16, 2021 Council Meeting

Actions taken by Council:

- Gatherings of Hope, new ministry approved
- Narthex Servers, new ministry and team leaders approved (we gave a name to faithful attendance workers) Central Campus - Bev Castanien, Lake Weir - Carol Dalbeck, Hope South - Karen Barnes.
- The Easement Agreement with Fairway Christian has now been signed and filed with our attorney.

Treasurers Report

• Financial Report

Council approved the 2022 budget. There will be Budget information meeting on Sunday, December 5th at 12 p.m. and a congregation vote on the 2022 budget on Sunday, December 12th at 12:30 p.m.

Discussions/Things to know

- Update from Council Nominating Committee
- Communion Distribution – decision on returning to pre-Covid communion protocols were discussed. Distribution will remain as it is for now but will be reviewed at the January Council meeting.
- Sermon podcasts will be available sometime in January
- Pastor Jon-Marc discussed a request from the Lutheran Church in Haiti.
- Several outside groups have made requests to use Hope's facilities. Council gave Pastor Jon-Marc authority to approve a limited number of these requests if they support our mission statement.
- On November 20th two Hope members became deacons they are Peggy Torda and Kathy Smith. Pastor Bruce attended the Diakonia graduation.
- The demand at the Lake Weir Food Pantry is great – 70 additional bags had to be filled to meet the need. Stephen Ministers have been there on Thursdays for support and prayer.
- Faith and Fellowship to expand. Hope Central continues every Monday at 9:30am. New: Lake Weir 2nd and 4th Mondays, Hope South 1st and 3rd Mondays. (*Thank you Pastor Rani*)
- Loneliness is an issue for our congregation. It is being addressed.
- **Hope South** – Bob O'Dell the Executive Chair of Hope Strategic Planning Committee presented to Council a copy of the Hope Lutheran Church South Building Program (Phase 2 and Short-Term Tasks of Subcommittees). Council expressed appreciation to Bob for keeping us informed. (*Personal note: it is so exciting to see so many people interested and involved in these committees. Did you know they have an entire "Communications Team" that you will be hearing from on a regular basis.*)