



June 3, 2022

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last evening our Faith family gathered to decide on the short-term future of our church and school ministry.

After a lengthy and thorough discussion, the congregation decided to suspend school operations effective June 30, 2022. The vote was 38 to suspend, 14 to not suspend and 1 abstention.

We realize this is a very difficult and challenging time for all of us. We ask that you continue to pray for our ministry at Faith as we navigate the road ahead.

The Parish Council will be convening early next week to discuss and formulate many plans. Among the topics to be discussed are:

- Providing information to all school families regarding local options for Lutheran Elementary Schools.
- Providing assistance, wherever possible, to called workers impacted by this decision.
- Initiating a task force(s) to investigate options for moving all activities to the church campus.
- Initiating a task force(s) to investigate options for getting school operations back as soon as feasibly possible.

We will share information as it becomes available.

There is a lot of work ahead of us and it is going to take **all of us** to move forward successfully. We have been blessed with an elementary school for the last 50 years. I pray that this is a temporary setback for us and that **we will come together as brothers and sisters in Christ**, pick up our shovels, and grow our ministry.

It was mentioned in the communication after our previous meeting, but is worth repeating, we have a great love and concern for all of our church and school families during this challenging time. We humbly pray for the Lord's guidance and continue to trust in his promises like the one found in Matthew 28:20: *"And surely I am with you always until the end of the age."*

Blessings on your day,

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