

December 12th, 2020 Council update

As we prepare for the end of the year, we should all remember to give thanks to God for all the blessings God has given to each of us. We must also be cognizant of the reality that faces the church every day. This past year has brought about many challenges for the church. As a church body we all play a vital role in maintaining the operations of the church and council wants to thank you for the generous increase in your giving. We asked for your support, and you responded with overwhelming support. Thank you to everyone that donated with your money, and for those that prayed and offered your time and talents to help.

We have financial statements available upon request. You can stop by, or email admin@spiritofhopelutheran.com asking for a copy.

Our work is not over. In February we will be having our annual rummage sale. This is a big event for our church, and we need a lot of volunteers to make it work. If you can't spare to donate financially, please consider volunteering your time to help the sale be a success. Pastor is starting to plan some youth events as people feel safe to participate. Each of these events need your help to make them great. If your phone rings asking for your help, please consider answering the call!

A couple of end of year items: If you want your donation to church to be counted in 2020, you need to have it to the church by Sunday December 27th. Counters will count for the last time in 2020 on the 28th. Any donations received after the 27th will be counted in 2021.

To cut down on mailing, if you need an end of year giving statement, please call the office and leave a message, or email the office at the address above. We can email you a statement but will mail one if you do not have email.

Christmas Eve service will be at 4:30 and 6:30 on December 24th. We would like people to start arriving about 4PM and 6PM respectively. You will be seated on a first come first served basis by the ushers. Once we reach capacity in the Sanctuary, we will fill chairs in the Narthex and the large classroom. We will have monitors in the classroom and Narthex streaming the service.

Once we run out of seats, people will have to wait for the next service. We really hope we do not need to turn anyone away, but we all need to be as safe as we can be.

Between services the chairs will be sanitized, doors will be wiped down, and tables will be cleaned. We are trying to be as safe as we can, but we are only as safe as the people coming to the service. If you are not feeling well, have been exposed, are at a high risk, or just not comfortable with being in crowds, please stay home and watch the service on FB or YouTube.

Thanks, Duane