November 2024 – Council Minutes

Your Council met November 17th and started as usual with reflections on how God has been at work in our lives, and the impact in our community. God continues to bless our Congregation!

We approved the minutes from last month's meeting, and then discussed and approved five Overtures for the 2025 SED conference. What is an Overture? Overtures are recommendations in the form of proposed resolutions requesting action on the part of the Synod convention. These specific overtures cover convention voting, distance learning for clergy and use of gluten free hosts. Pastor Meehan and Angela Schulze, congregational lay delegate, will be attending the SED conference in May 2025.

The Council discussed the current status of the Fellowship Hall renovation project. The Renovation Task Force has stood up and is moving forward finalizing design details with congregation stakeholders and investigating the best means of financing the project for the long term. Expect a detailed update at the Congregational Voter's Meeting December 8th.

The Council also spent a significant amount of time discussing the church budget - its overall organization and execution - as well as the 2025 proposed budget. Nick Uzl is working hard behind the scenes to ensure that our budget and its execution fully support our values as a congregation. The Council approved the recommendations he made regarding organization of our accounts and distribution of funds, as well as the proposed 2025 budget. We will be discussing this in detail at the Congregational Voter's Meeting

After a very successful Chili Cook off (congratulations Arnaldo!) and Craft Fair, we look forward to a busy and joyous advent season. We ask Jesus to help us slow down, listen to his voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in him as we prepare our hearts to celebrate his birth!

If you have any questions at all, or would like an issue raised with the Council, contact Elisabeth Auld at council.secretary@sjlc.com.