BETHLEHEM CHURCH COUNCIL
March 19, 2020 - 5:30pm
via Zoom

Jett Hatlewick, Lynn Johnson, Joyce Peterson, Ryan Anderson, Val Johnson, Julie Nelson, Jenna Noland, Tom Rasmusson, Scott Kummrow, Adrianne Miller, Rud Wasson
Additional attendees: Pastor Tom, Ken Dessellier, Amy Fronning

Call to Order: Jeff
Devotions: Pastor Tom
New Business:

- Review letter to congregation about current status of the church during the COVID-19 pandemic. Any comments, questions, additions? Brief description of items in the letter:
    - Affirming that BLC will follow the recommendation and guidance of the CDC, MDH and the bishop of the NWMN Synod
    - Worship: offering alternative options for in person worship via radio and live streaming on Facebook
    - Education: working on transitioning our education programs such as Confirmation, Sunday School and bible studies to a digital format
    - How to contact the Pastors and other church staff
    - How we are able to receive offerings
    - Addition of Deacon's Fund information to the letter
- Staffing the office: working from home options
- Visitation and checking in with members: would you be willing to help make phone calls to check in on how members are doing? The pastors will be continuing to keep up visitation via phone calls and messages, but additional help is needed
- Finances: Scott made a motion to hold extraneous spending for one month until we have an idea of offerings - 2nd by Rud, passed
- Motion from Rud to allocate up to $2,500 of General Fund Surplus to local needs in light of the COVID-19 pandemic - 2nd by Tom, passed
- Motion from Val to continue to pay Jess (5.5 hours) and VJ (14 hrs) at their normal rate until deemed safe for them to return to the building - 2nd by Adrianne, passed

Old Business/Updates:

- Update on Interim Associate Pastor: will be suspended for approximately 8 weeks

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, April 14th at 5:30pm at Bethlehem
Prayers for our congregation as our ministry unfolds in 2020
Lord's Prayer