

CHURCH COUNCIL Conference Call Summary LB

May 3, 2020

Church Council: (X = present by phone): X Justin Arndt, X Larry Ballwahn, Steve Brandau, X Lori Brueggen
X Joel Arndt, X Tim Deichler; X Angie Gruen, John Ornes X Bud Osteboe, X Also, Nalani Bever

Discussion was started by President Justin Arndt shortly after 11:00 am.

Justin explained the current situation as it pertains to church and the Safer at Home guidelines are concerned. He cited the references that he had forwarded to the Council and said that further Synod guidance would be coming. When we can gather, it sounds like 50 is the magic number – with social distancing. If a few more than 50 arrive, do we have to turn them away? Must we plan 2 services so that over 50 never happens? Council?

Singing and communion are the two activities most likely to spread the virus. Regarding communion, Nalani has ordered a sample of a kit designed to allow a germ-free communion. More on that when it comes.

Regarding singing, it was suggested that Nalani could play favorite hymns as part of the service and that people could “sing” them to themselves without spreading anything. Support for music as part of the service was voiced.

There was a consensus that back pews should not be removed at least until there was an all-clear regarding coronavirus. Social distancing seems to be a part of our future.

The celebration suggested by Bud as part of our return to worship will also have to await the all-clear.

There was a motion by Bud, second by Justin, to move Confirmation to Reformation Sunday. Carried by consensus. Justin will notify the Pastor.

April was a good month financially, but we remain down for the year. Various options were discussed, but no formal action was taken. It has been and will be dealt with in the newsletter. Nalani reported that she put her organist salary in the organ fund.

Nalani is delivering the Pastor’s letter & sermon to many who do not use email so that they have it before Sunday. If delivery is not possible, it is mailed. Several Council members voiced their appreciation for this approach on Nalani’s part.

There was a consensus that the investments should be renewed where they were for similar lengths of time.

FYI Several members of the Council contributed. For the most part, I did not record names as the phone sometimes made that difficult.

The conference call ended at 11:30 with the next call to be set up in two weeks.

President Justin, “Thank you to everyone who joined the meeting today. We will have another call on Sunday, May 17th at 8:30 am. Call-in information will be the same as today:

Dial-in Number: 1-774-220-4000
Conference ID: 104-1258 “