

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
APRIL 16, 2023**

11:24 AM - Flip Wilson opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Pr. Kelsey Fauser's 1st Quarter Update:** The new ministries have been up and running. Theology on Tap, Bible Study, and grief counseling. There seems to have been a rare Pastoral Care disconnect. Please call the office or the church cell phone. Pr. Kelsey will be taking time off from April 19<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>. Karleen knows how to handle any emergencies. Pr. Kelsey's Naval training is coming up. She will have to make a decision whether to go active or reserve. This will not take place until June 2024. So do not worry.

**Stewardship:** Hank Whittet – The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter is done and the numbers look good. The giving has been met and exceeded. (This refers to the givers that have made pledges) We had to borrow \$4500 to meet our expenses, but we continue to go in the right direction. We should not stress out over Pr. Kelsey's military decision. We all knew this was coming when she joined us.

**Church Council:** We have been working hard with the Aesthetics Team and Property to prioritize projects. The parking lot is the top priority. Everything is open for discussion. Jan Whittet said that we need to review what the Bochstahler Gift was and what she felt was a priority. It was \$260,000. We are not sure if the word got out to everyone. We apologize if it didn't. When the Hispanic Church came, we set the money aside. However, they only worshiped here a couple of Sundays. They could not work out a good worship time with their congregation and their attendance dropped. Randy White (head of Property Team), met with Betty and talked to her about the property.

1. **Parking Lot:** We owe the congregation and the employees of Memorial Hospital a good, safe, parking lot. Brain Laabs said that the parking lot is falling apart. It is dangerous and we need to act on it immediately. The person who plows our lot in the winter, says it is very difficult. We have three bids. The 1<sup>st</sup> is \$66,235.00, the 2<sup>nd</sup> is \$34,500.00, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> is \$32,000.50. The third was chosen and they were the only company that had a good rating with the BBB. They will mill the lot, put on 3 inches of recycled asphalt, fix the holes in the alley as well, and repaint the strips and handicap spaces. They can start immediately.

*Kaleen Cotton made the 1<sup>st</sup> motion to approve \$40,000 just in case something else comes up.*

*Margie Ainsworth made the 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

**VOTE: Yes – 30, No- 0 Passed unanimously.**

We receive \$600 - \$700 a month in parking donations. Sharon Pope mentioned of the liability being a big concern and how it needs to be taken care of.

2. **Roof Repair:** The council would like to set aside \$45,000 in a Money Market account for future roof repair. We got 3 bids and the highest was \$45,000. That company thinks that we will need to replace the roof within 2 to 3 years. We have found missing shingles here and there. It is showing wear. Penny Carr said we should repair it now since we have the money, and the price will go up. Receiving interest from the bank account was mentioned. Kaleen Cotton said not to do anything now and hold another special meeting when it needs to be done. Cathy Benson wanted to vote. Susan Funchion wanted to make the decision now. Can we get an evaluation this summer. Brian said we just had it done 3 weeks ago. Penny Carr said that we should just vote on the money to be set aside now and let the Property Team take care of it when it gets done. Susan Funchion said we should be proactive.

*Hank Whittet made the 1<sup>st</sup> motion to set the \$45,000 aside in a Money Market Account for the future roof repair. Susan Funchion made the 2<sup>nd</sup> motion.*

**VOTE: Yes- 36, No- 0 Passed unanimously**

12:03 PM- There are refreshments downstairs. *Margie Ainsworth called for the adjournment. Cathie White made the 2<sup>nd</sup>,* and the prayer was said by Pr. Kelsey

Minutes taken by Nancy Tindell