

Council Corner – May Highlights

Greetings from your Church Council! It has been a busy year at Trinity, and we thank you for continuing to support Trinity spiritually and financially. Your council is busy laying groundwork to put Trinity on solid financial ground, poised to take on the new ministry opportunities to which God, through the Holy Spirit, is calling us! We realize that many of these new opportunities, and our response to them, is happening very quickly, and we thank you for continuing to trust in us. We would like to take a few moments to recap some of the highlights from the last several months.

November thru January 18th – We learned of the new vision to grow and strengthen our ministry through:

- A bold new emphasis on outside benevolence – **Adding \$10,000 additional dollars per year, with a goal of establishing a permanent amount of \$50,000 per year by year 5 of the campaign (over and above the amount we give to the Feeding Ministries and the Synod)**
- Providing permanent financial support for the Youth Director position – **hired in November 2014**
- providing funds to assist our youth attending the 2015 and 2018 Summer Youth Gathering
- Providing fair wages and benefits to our paid staff
- Fully funding our designated funds

February 8th – We affirmed our commitment to the above vision by:

- Voting to retain the expert services of Pastor Chick Lane with Kairos and Associates, to help us successfully carry out our Heritage & Hope Campaign
- Hiring a 0.75FTE Communications & Marketing Coordinator, to ensure adequate staffing levels to increase our communication within the congregation, and extend our visibility in the community, as well as supporting the Heritage & Hope campaign – **hired April 1, 2015**
- Providing additional funding for needed facility improvements, via the Heritage & Hope Campaign

April – We learned more about the building improvement projects and set a five-year goal of raising \$750,000 over and above our regular Ministry & Mission giving for:

- Improving the safety and attractiveness of main entry, by removing and replacing the street trees with less invasive root systems and replacing the sidewalks
- Maintaining the integrity of the Sanctuary by finishing the roof replacement, and providing safe maintenance access to the roof

- Increasing the attractiveness and energy efficiency of our facilities, by replacing the existing lighting with energy efficient LED lighting throughout the facility
- Improving hospitality by renovating the main restrooms in the Administration and Childcare wings
- Replacing the 60 year old main electrical distribution system and the wiring in the older parts of the facility

May 1st thru May 17th

- We received one dozen recommendations for new outside benevolence recipients
- We reached 70% of our Campaign Goal (\$525,000)

June 7th – Heritage & Hope Celebration Event

- **We invite you to come to the celebration luncheon, where we will vote on the new benevolence recipients, learn more about the building improvements, and celebrate the road ahead!**

When we achieve this goal, Trinity will be ready to face its second century of ministry with strength and confidence, ready to embrace God's next mission!

This is just the beginning of a new, exciting chapter in the life of Trinity Lutheran Church!

For instance, beginning this Fall, and continuing for one year, Trinity will once again provide support and training for a pastoral intern.

We look forward to serving in ministry with you, and continue listening and responding to God's call to serve. We ask for your continuing support through prayer, involvement in worship & ministry, and financial support!

In His service,

Phil Edlund
Council President