



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE GLORION

February 2022

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SEXTON: TINA JANOSA

SUNDAY WORSHIP – 9:30 A.M



February, 2022

I keep learning more and more interesting things as I progress in my Call as your pastor.

One of the fascinating things about Gloria Dei Church is that, although very ELCA Lutheran, our congregation comes from all over the country. The congregations we come from before here differ from each other in history, development, theology and piety. ("Piety" is a word we don't use much anymore sadly. It means: the quality of being religious or reverent. In other words, the things that we do and say about God and church.)

One of the biggest areas this shows up is as simple as what we call things. During Advent, we had Advent Vespers (thanks very much to the Vogel, Clarke, Madson and Cranmer team!). A couple, from the upper northeast told me they never heard of "Vespers" before. Back home for them it was simply "Advent Services." About a month ago, some people were discussing at Coffee Hour what we called the hall where it was occurring. Someone said it used to be called the "Fellowship Hall" but Pr Crosby had preferred "Gathering Room." (I'm not exactly sure I'm remembering all the terms used.) One person preferred the old title "Fellowship Hall" over "Gathering Space" because it was where we have fellowship. I asked, what else we did in the Fellowship Hall and he replied, "it's the place where we gather." Which, I pointed out, would make Gathering Room just as legitimate a title.

We always assume that what is properly "Lutheran" is what we have grown up with and know firsthand. Well, it is that. "Lutheran" also can mean different things to different people and different places and times. My guiding rules as to what is properly Lutheran is this: Lutheran is as Lutherans do. In other words, just because we did it a certain way in my native West Virginia, does not mean the way it's done in Florida, Pennsylvania or Wisconsin any less Lutheran.

It's fascinating, if you go back to the foundational documents of the Lutheran Church, found in the Book of Concord, you quickly discover that many different terms are used to describe the same things. For instance, liturgy/mass/service are all used describing what Lutherans do; priest/minister/parson/rector/pastor/cleric are all used to describe clergy. For Lutherans, it's not important which synonym you use, because they are just that: synonyms.

In the name of the Almighty... or should I say God.... or what about Lord... you get the point!

Pr. Ed Barnett

COMMUNITY NOTICES

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Members or friends hospitalized or had surgery in January: Alberta Siepiela, Ray Haller, Barbara Goins, Bess King

Please note: When being admitted to the hospital, please indicate “Lutheran” or “Gloria Dei” when asked about your religion. It helps our visitation team members know who is hospitalized so that visits can be arranged.

GIFTS OF REMEMBRANCE

In honor of:

To the Glory of God.

Ritch & Debbie Cassem/Flowers-1/23/22

PRAYERS

We will pray for the joys, sorrows, and concerns of the following members
February:

- 2/6** Helga La Cava, Joe & Sharon LaHood, Barb & Dock Lias, Jan Liljestrand, Judy Lorenz
- 2/13** Sylvia Mackey, Gail Madson, Ernest & Hanna Mann, Dianne & Dennis Marcotte, Carol Marshall
- 2/20** Evelyn Matthes, Sharon Maxwell, Ray & Arlene McGuire, James, Quiana, & Julian Menchaca, Andy & Taeko Mincer
- 2/27** Merle & Rita Moritz, Gloria Moulton, Gladys Mull, Brian & Karen Mundy, Clarence & Ples Norris

MEDIA TEAM

CHECK OUT OUR CHURCH WEBSITE AT: www.gloriadeielca.com

The church website is where you will find the latest information about church events. The homepage contains the link for our online worship services, pictures of the latest Joining Hands food distribution, and other current information.

The Member Access page is a secure area just for our disciples. Here you can view the church directory, volunteer for Worship Ministries, or make a Worship Donation. The Giving page makes it easy for you to make donations using Tithe.ly, a funds collection application.

These are just a few of the many reasons to visit the website. If you have information or pictures to share, please contact Paityn Miller at m.paityn@yahoo.com

Gloria Dei Women of the ELCA

Mary/Martha, Ruth Circles and the Quilters have resumed their regular meeting and enjoyed being together.

There are 15 Conferences in the Florida/Bahamas Synod. The women of each conference plan a Spring Gathering for their Conference at a church of their choice within their conference. Usually there is a continental breakfast and lunch provided, fellowship, a program and a worship service. On February 19, 2022 the Pinelands Conference will be having their planning meeting at Hope Lutheran in The Villages. If any of you are interested you are welcome to attend. The Spring Gathering will be held on March 19, 2022 at Hope Lutheran Church, 250 Avenida Los Angeles, The Villages.

Our Annual Spring Fashion Show Salad Luncheon is on March 29. Mark your calendar! The offering will go the Lake/Sumter Children's Advocacy in Leesburg. Watch for more details and expect to enjoy your day.

If you have any questions or wish to know more information about our WELCA programs, please contact me.

Loraine Van Haecke
WELCA President
Home: 352-787-1407
Cell: 407-252-4692

RUTH CIRCLE-will meet on Thursday, February 3rd at the church (upstairs) at 1:30. Bible Study from the GATHER magazine will be led by Gayle Bloom. Please bring January/February magazine with you if you have it. Loraine will provide refreshments.

All women are invited. We now have 16 members and always have good fellowship, refreshments, and of course great Bible Study. We will begin collecting and purchasing items for this year's Personal Care Kits. Hope to see you all there.

Janet Braun, Leader

MARY MARTHA CIRCLE – will meet on the 2nd Tuesday, February 8th, Starting at 9:00 am, we will quilt until 10:30, break & coffee and then have our Bible Study from the January/February *Gather* magazine. If you do not have one, we will share. We will be quilting on Friday, February 25th 9:00 am. Please come and join us. Carol Marshall 352 787 0435

Thank you letter from Sam & Donna Smith

Ladies,

Sam & I thank you for the goodie basket and the 2 lovely quilts. May God bless you all this holiday season. Much love.

Thank you letter from Celia Wollner

Dear Ladies of WELCA,

Thank you so much for the lovely “fruit and sweets bowl” you sent to me for the holidays. Am enjoying every bid of it. God Bless. Love, Celia

Thank you note from Anne Rusk

Ladies Circles,

Your kindness brought more pleasure than words can express. And this comes to thank you for all your thoughtfulness. Thank you for the basket of goodies and the lap robe. God’s blessings, Anne. I Miss You All.

Thank you note from David Houck, Director of Services-SoZo Kids

Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you so much for your generous donation in helping children who live in rural poverty. It is because of people like you, that children will be able to receive food, hygiene, clothing and mentoring towards an education. We assure you that your donation will be exhausted to ensure a fighting chance for the future of the children in the forest. \$500.00 is the total of your donations to our organization for 2021. If for any reason you have any concerns about the accuracy of this amount, please contact us in order to change the amount immediately. We look forward to continuing our partnership with you to help the children in the forest. Once again, thank you for what you do for SoZo Kids. David Houck, Director of Services

AMAZON SMILE

Just a reminder to use when shopping on Amazon. **Login: smile.amazon.com.** You access your account in the same way you normally do and then can designate a charitable organization. Gloria Dei and Joining Hands in Food Ministry are registered as recipients.

JHIFM (JOINING HANDS IN FOOD MINISTRY)

Thank you to the 40 volunteers who joined hands this January 14th morning to distribute 13,497 pounds of food to 468 individuals from 141 local needy families. Great job hunger heroes! I posted photos of this morning's food distribution at [Facebook.com/feedinghopenow/](https://www.facebook.com/feedinghopenow/). Be sure to "LIKE" us on Facebook!

Ritch Cassem, JHIFM Chief Operating Officer

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

02/02	Ted & Dorothy Baehmann	65 years*
02/14	Joel & Sharon Weinhardt	33 years

**Special congratulations to those celebrating fifty or more years of marriage.*

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

02/01	Betty Ann Huebner	02/02	Bill Birdsall
02/03	Gerri Haller	02/09	Darby Walbon
02/11	Marilyn Czuprynski	02/11	Joel Weinhardt
02/12	Mary Lou Smith	02/14	Linda Riikonen
02/16	Arlene McGuire	02/18	Joe LaHood
02/18	Marti Yance	02/20	Taeko Mincer
02/22	Jan Rudolph	02/25	Ralph Hallberg
02/26	Maureen Skurecki		

EDUCATION-DEVELOPING DISCIPLES

The study is about Women in the Bible. If this is a study that will interest you, please contact me at skauvold.carlson@gmail.com or call me at (516) 458-7355. If I do not pick up, please leave a message so I can get back to you.

We generally meet on Tuesdays at 1:00 PM in the vestry. However, please check the weekly schedules in our worship folders for any changes due to scheduling conflicts.

Chris Carlson

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

The Social Ministries Committee met January 19 and reviewed the current status of various projects.

The Oak Park Middle School project for low income and homeless children is being handled very well by their new staff. They gave us a thank you note for the school supplies provided by the congregation this fall and winter. Gayle Bloom and Elizabeth Sanguedolce visited the coordinator and delivered a \$100 check which was donated by WELCA, as well as a few more school supplies. Charlotte Christensen's assistance and advice is appreciated.

Joe LaHood has purchased pants for the homeless kids at Leesburg Elementary, using \$400 of funds specifically designated by the congregation. The pants were blessed at a church service and then Joe delivered to the school.

No items have been donated for Salvation Army this month. Pat Bressler continues to lead this liaison.

Quina and Julian Menchaca are going to Luther Springs Camp this summer and the reservations have been made. The funds for their camp time in July and for their cousins have come from budgeted Social Ministry funds for 2022. We are so happy they will be benefitting from this experience.

Leone has received a thank you note from SoZo Kids for the funds provided in 2021. They need washing machines.

THANK YOU

Dear Gloria Dei,

Thank you so much for your continued support for our students here at Oak Park Middle School. We could not meet the needs without your help and we appreciate your partnership more than you know.

God Bless,

Amanda Hanke

Respectfully Submitted, Elizabeth Sanguedolce
Social Ministries Secretary

FINANCIAL CORNER

GENERAL FUND

	December, 2021	Year to date 2021
Contributions	\$27,330.77	\$208,980.67
Expenditures	\$24,966.42	\$244,906.01

RESTRICTED FUNDS

	12/01/2021	Donations	Expenditures	Ending 12/31/21
Elementary School	0	1,000.00	0	1,000.00
Oak Park Middle	958.22	0	0	958.22
Thrivent Choice \$	3,881.26	108.00	0	3,989.26
Basket Social	282.51	0	0	282.51
Eternal Light	580.00	0	0	580.00
Fellowship	223.08	68.55	38.00	253.63
JHIFM	0	423.00	423.00	0
World Hunger	0	325.00	325.00	0
ELCA	0	130.00	130.00	0
Flowers	25.00	300.00		325.00
Altar wine/bread	120.22	50.00	55.72	114.50
Be Prepared	0	0	0	0
AV Equipment	5,972.73	20.00	0	5,992.73
Evangelism	0	215.00	0	215.00
Choir/Music	0	500.00	0	500.00
TOTALS	\$12,043.02	3,139.55	971.72	\$14,210.85

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Tues.	2/1	10:00 a.m. WELCA Board Meeting 1:00 p.m. Developing Disciples Study 1:00 p.m. Evangelism 4:30 p.m. Catechism
Wed.	2/2	9:00-11:00 a.m. Packing Quilts 12:00 p.m. Eucharist 4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.	2/3	1:30 p.m. Ruth Circle
Fri.	2/4	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ H.P. Grill
Sat.	2/5	10:00-2:00 Car Show Cruise-In
Sun.	2/6	9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship
Mon.	2/7	3:00 p.m. Zoom Wired Word Fellowship
Tues.	2/8	9:00 a.m. Mission Quilting/Mary Martha 10:00 a.m. Executive Committee Mtg. 1:00 p.m. Developing Disciples Study 4:30 p.m. Catechism
Wed.	2/9	1:00 p.m. First Impressions Meeting 4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.	2/10	6:00 p.m. Eucharist/Council Meeting
Fri.	2/11	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ H.P. Grill 9:30-11:30 a.m. JHIFM
Sun.	2/13	9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 7:00 p.m. Zoom Wired Word Fellowship
Mon.	2/14	2:00 p.m. Monday Movie Matinee
Tues.	2/15	1:00 p.m. Developing Disciples Study 4:30 p.m. Catechism
Wed.	2/16	10:00 a.m. Social Ministries Meeting 4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Fri.	2/18	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ H.P. Grill

Sun.	2/20	9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship-Hunger Off.
Mon.	2/21	3:00 p.m. Zoom Wired Word Fellowship
Tues.	2/22	1:00 p.m. Developing Disciples Study
		4:30 p.m. Catechism
Wed.	2/23	4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Fri.	2/25	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
		9:00 a.m. Mission Quilting
		12:00 Healing Service-St. Elizabeth Fede
 Sun.	 2/27	 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship
		Followed by Congregational Mtg.
Mon.	2/28	3:00 p.m. Zoom Wired Word Fellowship



Altar Flowers

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The cost of altar flowers has increased to **\$35.00 per bouquet**. Please make a note of that when you sign up for flowers. Thank you!

FEBRUARY WORSHIP LEADERS

Assistant Ministers

Legend: R-Reader, +-Crucifer, C-Communion Assist., A-Liturgy Assist.

9:30 a.m.

2/06 R=Arlene Kelly
+=
C=Taeko Mincer
A=Pat Bressler

2/13 R=Sylvia Mackey
+=
C=
A=

2/20 R=cj Clarke
+=
C=Taeko Mincer
A=

2/27 R=Jim Gable
+=
C=Jayne Gable
A=Pat Bressler

Ushers

If you are able to serve or have any questions, please contact Crystal Kirkpatrick at 552-3983.

9:30 a.m.

2/06 Byron Kirkpatrick
Crystal Kirkpatrick
Ritch Cassem
John Kelly

2/13 Byron Kirkpatrick
Crystal Kirkpatrick
Ritch Cassem
John Kelly

2/20 Byron Kirkpatrick
Crystal Kirkpatrick
Ritch Cassem
John Kelly

2/23 Byron Kirkpatrick
Crystal Kirkpatrick
Ritch Cassem
John Kelly

Altar Guild for February: Crystal & Byron Kirkpatrick

Post Worship Secretary for February: Nancy Almquist

Greeters

2/6

2/13

2/20

2/27

Fellowship---

2/6 Julie Eld
2/13 John & Janet Braun
2/20 Chuck & Joy Yonko
2/27 Chris & Craig Carlson

Counters – Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.

2/6 Jeanne Talts & Linda Riikonen
2/13 John & Janet Braun
2/20 Diane Wasser & Pat Heimbach
2/27 Madalon Ritter & Arlene Kelly

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Jeanne & Leon Ellis
28229 CR 33 LOT W300
Leesburg, FL 34748
609-760-4120 (Jeanne)
609-226-0786 (Leon)

Dianne & Dennis Marcotte
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Leesburg, FL 34748
508-723-2073 (Dianne)
508-723-2462 (Dennis)

Annual Reports

Please note: due to the change in the Annual Meeting date, 2021 Annual Reports are due to me by Tuesday February 1st. Please email them to me at gloriadeilutheranleesburg@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you. Mary Beth Morris

Council Corner for February, 2022

By William Birdsall, Council president

This last year, 2021 ended with a wonderful Christmas service. Pastor Barnett has been bringing us new surprises weekly with more music and interesting Sermons which were reflected in the Christmas service. The Christmas season which ended on the 12 day of Christmas, January 6th, also known as three kings' day, ended with another wonderful church service and great fellowship and food afterward. Now with 2021 behind us, we look into the new year. The Council has much work and many issues to deal with in this new year and will work hard to resolve them. But there are also many good and fun things planned this year to get us back on stable ground.

Our first Monday Movie Matinee was held on the 24th where we showed "A Time for Burning" which was an interesting Lutheran movie. We had a good turn out and lots of fun as well as getting a good message. The next Movie Matinee will be held on February 14th and the movie will be **Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**. Hope to see you there.

Our second car show will be held Saturday February 5th from 10am to 2pm. I have distributed over 250 flyers at car shows and there is a lot of interest in attending. I still have three shows to attend and hand out flyers. I have also been obtaining door prizes from our vendors and local businesses and our congregation. This should be a bigger and better show than our last one so come out and join the fun.

The Council has been considering the cost associated with the church roof repairs or replacement and has determined that we need to hire a professional roof consultant to evaluate and prepare a report for the council so the proper decision can be made and presented to the congregation. We will pursue this in a timely manner

The council has determined that a building floor plan and space allocation study is needed to adequately accommodate the Pastor and office staff as well as the various committee uses, JHIFM, choir and church service uses. The goal is to better accommodate everyone without costly building additions. The council is also investigating an additional shed for JHIFM to free up space in some shared areas. We are looking for a corporate sponsor to bear the cost of this endeavor.

Covid is still with us, but we seem to be accepting it, in that we wear our masks, social distance and adjust our daily lives around it. The council sees no reason to change anything at this time but we continually monitor the situation so we can act and not react.

Remember we have a special congregational meeting on Sunday January 30th to take the first vote on the amendment to the by-laws regarding council terms as officers and the second and final vote on Sunday February 27th at our annual Congregational meeting. Peace

Bill

Minutes of the Gloria Dei Congregation Council

Tuesday, December 21, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 10:35 am.

Roll Call - Present were : Pastor Barnett, Bill Birdsall, John Braun, Craig Carlson, Linda Hide, Arlene Kelly, Linda Riikonen, and Linda Steege. Diane Wasser and Crystal Kirkpatrick were excused.

I. **Devotions** - A Eucharist Service was led by Pastor Barnett starting at 10:05 am.

II. **Promise** - The Covenant Promise was recited by the Council.

III. **Adoption of Agenda** - The agenda was reviewed and a motion to accept the agenda made by Craig and seconded by Arlene. **Motion carried**

IV. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting** - Minutes of the November 30, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved by a motion made by Linda Riikonen and seconded by Linda Steege. **Motion carried**

V. **Correspondence** - none received

VI. **Unfinished Business** -

A. Status of New Building for JHIFM – Bill reported that he received a quote for \$18,500 for a 40'x12' shell building with setup. The insulation, interior, and electrical will still need estimates before having a full picture of the cost. He also stated again about obtaining a sponsor to help with the cost of the project.

B. Replacement Windows in Fellowship Hall - Bill has started taking down the window dressings in preparation for the replacement windows. They should be ready in January.

C. Communication Task Force Update – The task force worked on more effective ways of communication for events. There will be 4 ways that the congregation will know what is happening at church. They are also working on reformatting of the worship folders. A connection between the communication and scheduling task forces has been forged to get the information out accurately.

D. Stewardship Committee Update - Linda Steege stated that the stewardship campaign was off and running. Bill, Arlene, Gail, Linda S., Linda R., and Pastor worked on the new pledge card format. A letter to the congregation to introduce the pledge cards was sent yesterday by Pastor.

E. Evangelism Committee Update – There are several events scheduled, starting with Monday Movie Matinee on Jan. 17, 2022 at 2pm. The movie planned is “A Time for Burning”, and there is no cost, but you need to bring your own snacks/drinks. There is another car show scheduled for Feb. 5, 2022 10am-2pm. Bill said that it has already been advertised. JHIFM will again sell hot dogs, soda, and chips for \$5. This is to benefit JHIFM and the food pantry.

F. Search for Additional Council Members – Arlene stated that she is waiting to hear from one candidate. We have a goal of 2 members to fill both empty seats. She also said that there is much reluctance in the congregation to serve if he/she served on council in the past.

G. Progress on Extending Council Officers' Terms – Pastor distributed Continuing Resolution C10.01.21 which discusses the council's and council officers' term limits. There will be a congregational meeting on Jan. 30, 2022 to present the amendment to the constitution to the congregation. The ratification of the amendment will take place at the annual meeting on Feb. 27, 2022.

H. Organ Repairs and Service – The technician came and had a productive meeting with Charlene and Pastor.

I. Status of Yard Sale – Bill reported that there were less than 10 participants to sell items, but that there was a steady flow of customers. Another yard sale is planned for in the spring of 2022. A total of \$215 was donated to the Evangelism Committee.

J. Planning Task Force Update – There is a meeting scheduled for Dec. 22, 2021 to finish the calendar for 2022. This calendar is located on a door in Mary Beth's office. It is not to be changed without permission.

K. Roof Repair Update – Bill met with Eustis Roofing. He is looking to get a revised estimate on repairs and replacement costs.

L. Columbarium Update – John reported that in order to move the ashes in question, the kids need to sign off on them by law. There will be no refund given for the used niche, and if the ashes are removed, any cost incurred will be paid by the family.

M. Church Media Production and IT Specialist Update – The gentleman in Linda Riikonen's park is not interested in the job. Linda R. stated that for this type of job, the local companies are paying anywhere from \$14 (Publix) to as high as \$28 (AT&T) per hour for an IT person.

N. Advertising Update – Crystal is taking charge of this, and she was not present at the meeting.

O. COVID 19 Discussion - Bill said that he has been watching the numbers and reported that Lake County had 15.5% positivity rate this morning. After much discussion regarding face masks being made mandatory, a motion was made by John and seconded by Linda R. for a sign that says "Masks Highly Recommended" to be put on the doors. **Motion carried**

VII. New Business –

A. Reinstitute Written Reports – Bill said that he would like all officers, committees, and task forces to submit a written report for the council meeting starting in January 2022.

B. First Impressions Task Force – A lighting consultant has been contacted for new more efficient lighting in the Gathering Space. A painter is coming tomorrow (Dec. 22, 2021) to give an estimate for the painting of the Gathering Space, hallways, bathrooms, and ceiling. This will be discussed by the task force at the January 2022 meeting.

C. Annual Meeting Discussion – The annual meeting will be held in February 2022 rather than January due to the proposed change to the Constitution.

D. Open Items – Pastor discussed the idea of having a Council Retreat. He suggested that it last 2 days w/ an overnight stay rather than going home. He would like to have a facilitator present. The possible month is April. It was brought to our attention that cj and Michael Clarke donated \$500 in 2017 to be used for choir robes. Linda H. will transfer the money into a new restricted fund for choir and music.

VIII. Reports –

A. Pastor – Pastor stated that on Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022, which is Epiphany, we will have a Pledge Card Day. The open house party after service may be changed to in the Gathering Space.

B. President- Bill turned in a written report.

C. Vice President – Arlene spoke about the need for help for serving on Sunday mornings. She also spoke on the feedback that she received after her Temple Talk and the optimism of the Stewardship program.

D. Treasurer – Linda Hide sent out the financials and brought extra copies to the meeting. Linda stated that the giving has gotten better, and so the financials are getting better. We still have fallen short of our budget for 2021. A motion was made by Bill and seconded by John to carry forward the 2021 budget to 2022 until the annual meeting and approval of the budget for 2022. The 2022 amounts will then pro-rated back to the previous month. **Motion carried**

Who Does What?

- Bill is arranging Monday Movie Matinee
- Bill is continuing to work on the specifics for the proposed JHIFM building
- Arlene is going to talk to her proposed council candidate
- Pastor is writing the Continuing Resolution
- John is continuing to gather information regarding the columbarium

Next Meetings – Executive: Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022 at 10am at church; Council: Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2022 at 10 am at church.

Arlene motioned to adjourn, second by Linda S. Meeting closed at 12:48pm with a prayer by Pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Kelly, Acting Secretary

2021 First Impressions Task Force Report

Meeting Wednesday, January 12, 2021 at 2:30 PM

In Attendance: Pastor Barnett, Kathleen Birdsall, Crystal Kirkpatrick, Elizabeth Sanguedolce, Pat Bressler and Linda Steege . . .absent Arleen Kelly

- Pastor delivered a word of prayer for guidance
- We took time to welcome Pat and Linda to the team and bring them up to date

There was discussion on the basic needs to be addressed as the first steps in refreshing and updating the gathering hall

Discussed:

- Painting: Without any building maintenance records available we believe the space hasn't been painted since the 80's. Elizabeth is looking into getting sample swatches to go on the wall so we all can get a feel for an updated color.
- Carpet: The carpet is also from the 80's Pat and Elizabeth are getting pricing and samples of carpet tiles that will be best suited for this space. Hard flooring was ruled out because the noise bouncing off of hard surfaces of the walls, ceiling and floor would create a flutter echo, which would make conversation difficult in this space.
- Electrical: Fixtures (lighting & fans) Kathleen will look into lighting that is upgraded with cost effective LED bulbs & dimmer switches as well as a new generation of efficient fans.
- Seating: We are looking at ways to give our church family comfortable seating when attending events in the gather space. Linda is looking into that possibility.
- Sign-up sheets and brochures: The idea of kiosks for individual groups to share their information in a neat, orderly, twenty-first century style as well as an orderly way to present sign-ups for volunteers and events is being looked at and researched as a good alternative to tacking everything up on the wall. More to follow on that subject.
- Relocating some spaces in the church are in discussion as this time.

The aesthetics will be very eye appealing and give a fresh new look which is bound to be up-lifting, this is the icing on the cake. But the outcome of all this change is to reallocate spaces within our building to efficiently accommodate all the committees, staff and congregational needs that enhances our worship experience. This is the cost effective way to make our facility look larger and newer without going to the costly expense of a building campaign.

Respectfully submitted, Kathleen Birdsall, Chair

2021 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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& Communications/Webmaster		
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Mission Endowment	Linda Hide	253-740-3063
Strategic Planning	Arlene Kelly	605-999-4555
Task Force		
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	Linda Riikonen	734-637-9727

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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