



GLORIA DEI
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE GLORION

March 2022

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SUNDAY WORSHIP – 9:30 A.M



March, 2022

Yet even now, says the LORD,
return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
13 rend your hearts and not your clothing.

Return to the LORD, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and relents from punishing.
14 Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,
and leave a blessing behind him,
a grain offering and a drink offering
for the LORD, your God?

Joel 2.12-14

Lent is upon us. I'm looking forward to my first Lent and Easter with you. Just like this time every year, I'm not exactly sure what that will mean. Lent is a gift that the Holy Spirit has given the Church as a time of spiritual renewal. We need to plan for it on the one hand; we can't plan on it on the other.

On Ash Wednesday I will say something along these lines:

“As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent—self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love—strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.”

The “disciplines” of Lent: self-examination & repentance, prayer & fasting, sacrificial giving & works of love. These are pretty broad categories that have to be individually discerned. The “giving ups” could fit in here, like chocolate, drink, desserts. The more recent and popular “taking on” also works, like volunteering with a Social Ministry opportunity, praying more, exercise, etc.

There isn't anything in the exhortation that implies that we have to do or not do something every day of Lent, is there? Take for instance if you decided to refrain from desserts during Lent. Technically, Sundays are "in" Lent, not "of" Lent. In other words, Sundays don't count, at least in terms of giving something up. Sunday is never a day of fasting, it's always a feast day. But whose to say that you have to give something up every day of Lent anyway. Many people will find it easier just to soldier through the entire time, but you don't have to.

The point of all of this is to give some consideration to what you plan to do, then do it (or at least try), and then see what God will do. Before American Lutherans got "the Green Book," there was a time known as "pre-Lent." That was thought to be a little too much, so it was eliminated. The idea isn't a bad one. We'll all get more out of Lent if we prepare a bit for it. So don't be caught unprepared on Ash Wednesday. Don't say "oops, forgot all about that, what can I give up that won't cause me too much consternation!" What is the Holy Spirit leading you to do as spiritual disciplines this Lent?

Pr Ed Barnett

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Sam Smith died Sunday, **February 13, 2022**. Our condolences and prayers to Donna and the Smith family. There will be a viewing on Friday, March 4 from 7-8 pm at Page Theus funeral home on Main Street, Leesburg. A funeral service at Page Theus on Saturday, March 5th at 11:00 a.m. Followed by the burial at Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery, and a luncheon to follow at Gloria Dei Church at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Ray Haller died **February 21, 2022**. Our thoughts and prayers to Gerry and the Haller family. There will be a funeral at Gloria Dei Church on Wednesday, March 9 at 11:00 a.m. with a luncheon to follow.

GIFTS OF REMEMBRANCE

In loving memory of:

To the Glory of God.

Ritch & Debbie Cassem/Flowers

In honor of:

In celebration of my son Karl and wife Camye 25th anniversary and their daughter Jazmin's 21st birthday.

Sylvia Mackey/Flowers

PRAYERS

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

March:

- 3/6** Sandy Retz, Jim & June Rieb, Ron & Linda Riikonen, Madalon Ritter, Jan Rudolph
- 3/13** Anne Rusk, Lillian Russo, Elizabeth Sanguedolce, Alberta Siepiela, Lillian Skilbred
- 3/20** Maureen Skurecki, Richard & Mary Lou Smith, Russell Smith, Donna Smith, Elizabeth Snyder
- 3/27** Linda Steege, Jean Talts, Mike & Donna Tarnok, Jon & Marva Tetting, Edward Thompson

Gloria Dei Women of the ELCA

March 2022

Exciting things are happening with the women of the church. It is wonderful to be able to meet in person. The ladies had 92 quilts on the pews and 63 personal kits to be blessed before sending off for distribution to the needy. Thanks to the Congregation for collecting \$561.00 to help defray the cost of shipping. Also, at the Fall Gathering in 2021, the ladies completed 10 quilts that were donated to CALM; our recipient of the FL/BA SWO Love Offering for the past 2 years.

The Pinelands Spring Gathering is on March 19, 2022 at Hope Lutheran Church, 250 Avenida Los Angeles in The Villages. Worship, Bible Study, Fellowship, Breakfast and Lunch all included for only \$10.00 cash per person. Plus seeing old friends and making new friends from our sister churches. For more details or questions contact Loraine Van Haecke. She will be at the church on February 27 and March 6 to take your reservations. The \$10.00 will be collected at the time of the reservation. Your reservation must be made by March 8, 2022.

Mark your calendar for Our Annual Spring Fashion Show Salad Luncheon on March 29 at 11:30 AM. Fashions will be provided by Maxine at Fashion Labels to be modeled by our own ladies. There will be door prizes and each one is asked to bring a salad for eight to share. Brenda will represent The Lake/Sumter Children's Advocacy, and they will receive our offering for this day.

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

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RUTH CIRCLE- will have their monthly meeting at the church on Thursday, March 3rd at 1:30. Diana will lead the Bible Study and Sylvia will provide refreshments. Please plan to attend and bring a friend. ALL women of the church are welcome. See you there. Janet Braun, Leader

PROJECT FOR LENT

Each year Ruth Circle purchases and assembles Personal Care Kits for LWR. We had 63 kits this past year. They always need these kits so we would like to make this a project for all members to contribute supplies for the kits during Lent. A way of putting others before ourselves. The kits consist of a light weight bath towel (preferably not white); 2 bars of bath soap, toothbrush, nail clippers, and heavy duty comb. Walmart has a light weight bath towel which is perfect for \$2.27 and heavy combs for 98 cents. There will be a box in the Narthax to put items in and at the end of Lent, Ruth Circle will assemble the kits and send off to LWR. If you have any questions, please call or email Janet Braun at 352-314-5042 or janmbrauno3@gmail.com. We appreciate your help with this project.

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

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)

Thaaaaannnnk Yooooouuuu! To the 41 volunteers from Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, First Presbyterian Church of Leesburg, and from around the local community who braved the chilly temperatures Friday morning Feb. 11 to feed 545 individuals from 154 local families in need a total of 11,275 pounds of nutritious food in just two hours. AWESOME job hunger heroes! I posted photos of this food distribution at Facebook.com/feedinghopenow/. Be sure to “LIKE” and “FOLLOW” us on Facebook for regular monthly reminders of our free food distributions. Ritch Cassem

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

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

03/03	Irvin & Susan Johnson	39 years
03/08	Jim & June Rieb	53 years*
03/09	Byron & Crystal Kirkpatrick	29 years

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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

03/01	Arlene Kelly	03/03	Helga La Cava
03/06	Carol Marshall	03/08	Karen Mundy
03/08	MaryJean Kancel	03/09	Donna Smith
03/14	Nancy Almquist	03/15	Elizabeth Sanguedolce
03/16	Anne Rusk	03/17	Patricia Bressler
03/17	Jerry Eld	03/21	Pastor Barnett
03/22	Byron Kirkpatrick	03/24	Carol Berg

EDUCATION-DEVELOPING DISCIPLES

The study 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.

We pray that you will consider joining us in this study.
Chris Carlson

SOCIAL MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

Joe LaHood has received a request for specific sizes of clothing and shoes for the homeless kids at Leesburg Elementary. The committee approved the request and Leone asked Joe to purchase two of each item except shoes.

The next meeting of the Social Ministries Committee is March 16 at 10:00 am.

THANK YOU TO GLORIA DEI

You do so very much for us. Thank you for your help.

Florence Katzenberger
Family School Liaison
Leesburg Elementary

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Sanguedolce, Social Ministries Secretary

Thank you to Social Ministries from Forward Paths Foundation

This will acknowledge and thank you for your contribution to Forward Paths Foundation, Inc. Your most generous donations are of real assistance to the young adults in our area who are transitioning from foster care and/or homelessness as they strive to live independently as successful adults. Such contributions will assist these young adults in obtaining a proper education, housing, transportation and mental health, self-image and vocational counseling.

11/23/21	\$595
8/17/21	\$500

Sincerely, Denise Burry, Executive Director

FINANCIAL CORNER

	January, 2022	Year to date 2022
Contributions	\$21,409.36	\$21,409.36
Expenditures	\$21,620.98	\$21,620.98

RESTRICTED FUNDS

	1/01/2022	Donations	Expenditures	Ending 1/31/22
Elementary School	1,000.00	100.00	392.52	707.48
Oak Park Middle	958.22	0	0	958.22
Thrivent Choice \$	3,989.26	21.00	0	4,010.26
Basket Social	282.51	0	0	282.51
Eternal Light	580.00	0	0	580.00
Fellowship	253.63	83.00	208.60	128.03
JHIF	0	136.50	136.50	0
World Hunger	0	136.50	136.50	0
ELCA	0	140.00	140.00	0
Flowers	325.00	200.00	25.00	500.00
Altar wine/bread	114.50	0	53.55	60.95
Quilt Shipping	0	10.00	0	10.00
AV Equipment	5,992.73	0	0	5,992.73
Evangelism	215.00	0	0	215.00
Choir/Music	500.00	0	0	500.00
TOTALS	\$14,210.85	827.00	1,092.67	\$13,945.18

Council Corner for March, 2022

By William Birdsall, Council president

The Gloria Dei Church Council has had a busy month as we moved into the new year. The council had many existing as well as new issues to deal with. As a continuation of the steeple repairs completed last year, the council authorized Eustis Roofing to complete repairs to other areas of the roof they were recommending in their initial report. The Council felt that these repairs are necessary at this time rather than wait until we have a worse outcome if we ignored them.

The space allocation study being performed by council president Bill Birdsall is in the fact-finding stage and was discussed with the council. There have been meetings with the quilters, administration and JHIFM to determine their current and future needs. This study is also including input from the First Impressions Task Force.

The Council is investigating holding a shooter awareness class at our church, so we are educated in what to do in an active shooter situation. We are contacting both Leesburg police and the county Sheriff's office for assistance in this matter.

The car show we held on February 5th was a success with twenty-eight cars attending. If the weather had been warmer that day we may have had as many as fifty cars. The attendees loved the door prizes and the hot dogs and enjoyed the free coffee and Danish in the morning. As a result of all our efforts we raised \$556.00 for Joining Hands.

The Council and other church leaders will be attending a two-day overnight retreat April 27th and 28th at the San Pedro Center in Winter Park. This will be an opportunity for the council and other church leaders to establish a clear vision into the future of our church as well as help us deal with current situations that arise in the everyday operation of our church.

The Council hopes to be starting our new council year with our vacancies filled with new members and full council. There is so much work ahead of us this year and we need every seat filled to lessen the burden on the current council members. Peace

Bill

MARCH CALENDAR

Tues.	3/1	10:00 a.m. WELCA Board Meeting 12:00 noon Communications Meeting 1:00 p.m. Developing Disciples Study 4:00 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Wed.	3/2	2:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting 4:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Liturgy 5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.	3/3	1:30 p.m. Ruth Circle 2:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting
Fri.	3/4	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ H.P. Grill
Sat.	3/5	1:00 p.m. Sam Smith funeral luncheon
Sun.	3/6	9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship
Mon.	3/7	3:00 p.m. Zoom Wired Word Fellowship
Tues.	3/8	9:00 a.m. Mission Quilting/Mary Martha 1:00 p.m. Evangelism Committee Mtg. 1:00 p.m. Developing Disciples Study 4:30 p.m. Catechism
Wed.	3/9	11:00 a.m. Haller Funeral-lunch to follow 1:00 p.m. First Impressions Task Force 2:00 p.m. Scheduling meeting 4:00 p.m. Vespers/Lenten Service 4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Fri.	3/11	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ H.P. Grill 9:30-11:30 a.m. JHIFM
Sun.	3/13	9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship-Lent 2 7:00 p.m. Zoom Wired Word Fellowship
Mon.	3/14	2:00 p.m. Monday Movie Matinee
Tues.	3/15	1:00 p.m. Developing Disciples Study 4:30 p.m. Catechism
Wed.	3/16	10:00 a.m. Social Ministries Meeting 4:00 p.m. Vespers/Lenten Service 4:30 p.m. Soup Supper 5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Fri.	3/18	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ H.P. Grill

Sun.	3/20	9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship-Hunger Offering
Mon.	3/21	3:00 p.m. Zoom Wired Word Fellowship
Tues.	3/22	10:00 a.m. Eucharist/Council Mtg to follow 1:00 p.m. Developing Disciples Study 4:30 p.m. Catechism
Wed.	3/23	4:00 p.m. Vespers/Lenten Service 4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Fri.	3/25	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Mission Quilting
Sun.	3/27	9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship
Mon.	3/28	3:00 p.m. Zoom Wired Word Fellowship
Tues.	3/29	11:30 a.m. Spring Fashion Show/Luncheon 4:30 p.m. Catechism
Wed.	3/30	4:00 p.m. Vespers/Lenten Service 4:30 p.m. Soup Supper 5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal



Altar Flowers

NEW ALTAR FLOWER PRICE!

Please note we are now getting our altar flowers from Publix and the new **price per bouquet is \$17.00 or \$34.00 for two.** If you would like to help defray the altar flower costs, please sign up for flowers on the bulletin board in fellowship hall or on SignUpGenius.com. Thank you!

MARCH WORSHIP LEADERS

Assistant Ministers

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

9:30 a.m.

3/06	R=MaryJean Kancel += C= A=Patricia Bressler	3/13	R= += C= A=Arlene Kelly
3/20	R= += C=Jayne Gable A=Arlene Kelly	3/27	R=cj Clarke += C= A=Patricia Bressler

Ushers

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

9:30 a.m.

3/06	Crystal Kirkpatrick Byron Kirkpatrick	3/13	Crystal Kirkpatrick Byron Kirkpatrick
3/20	Crystal Kirkpatrick Byron Kirkpatrick	3/23	Crystal Kirkpatrick Byron Kirkpatrick

Altar Guild for March: Crystal & Byron Kirkpatrick

Post Worship Secretary for March:

3/06	Bev Healy
3/13	Julie Eld
3/20	Bev Healy
3/27	Julie Eld

Greeters

3/6

3/13

3/20

3/27

Fellowship

3/6 Joe & Sharon LaHood

3/13

3/20 Bill & Kathleen Birdsall

3/27

Counters – Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.

3/6 Jeanne Talts & Linda Riikonen

3/13 John & Janet Braun

3/20 Diane Wasser & Pat Heimbach

3/27 Madalon Ritter & Arlene Kelly

Minutes of the Gloria Dei Congregation Council

Thursday, January 26, 2022 2:00pm

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 2:34pm.

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

I. Devotions - A Eucharist Service was led by Pastor Barnett starting at 2:00pm.

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 John. Motion carried

IV. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting - Minutes of the December 21, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved by a motion made by Linda Steege and seconded by Craig. Motion carried.

V. Correspondence - none received

VI. Unfinished Business -

A. Status of New Building for JHIFM – Bill reported that he got estimates for the cost of the building and the HVAC system for that building. We still need an estimate for the electrical. He also stated again about obtaining a sponsor to help with the cost of the project.

B. Replacement Windows in Fellowship Hall - Bill said that the windows are being installed on April 11, 2022. We need to move the scheduled movie matinee to April 4. All three windows will be installed in one day. The stained glass windows are continuing in their progress.

C. Stewardship Committee Update – Arlene sent all council members a copy of her report on the Stewardship program and its progress. Approximately 50% of our congregation turned in a pledge.

D. Evangelism Committee Update – Pastor reported that the committee had its first meeting to discuss who we are as Gloria Dei. He is working to sort out the confusion as to what Evangelism means.

E. Search for Additional Council Members – Arlene said that her candidate declined the position, and she is saddened by the lack of willingness of the congregation to serve on council. John stated that he has a candidate in mind, but we'd need to change that meetings to evenings to accommodate this person.

F. Progress on Extending Council Officers' Terms – There is a congregational meeting on January 30, 2022 to adopt the change to the continuing resolution. Crystal and Pastor will update the council listing with the term for each member.

G. Scheduling Task Force Update – The group will meet again in March to continue to update the calendar. The calendar is hanging on a door in Mary Beth's office and is operational.

H. Roof Repair Update – Bill is looking to hire an engineering firm to come and look at the roof before moving forward with repairs.

I. Columbarium Update – John typed a form for the family in question. A letter will be written with the steps needing to be taken to have the ashes moved. John will draft a letter for Bill to sign and send.

J. Church Media Production and IT Specialist Update – The next meeting has been postponed until March 1, 2022. Crystal will talk to the Johnsons regarding the possibility of a small clip-on microphone for Pastor to use to improve the sound quality without any crackling.

K. Advertising Update – Easter is coming, and the advertising for our services needs to get out for publication. Advertising will possibly be done in some of the community newsletters. Craig also mentioned the publication “Coffee News” that is found in many restaurants.

L. COVID 19 Discussion - Bill said that he continues to watch the numbers. Crystal will purchase Purell machines that will work for upstairs and downstairs. The signs that say Masks Highly Recommended will stay in place for now.

M. Annual Meeting Update – The meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2022. The special congregational meeting is to be held on January 30, 2022. The phrase “or until such time that their successor is elected” is missing from the proposal. Pastor suggested that someone should make a motion to add this to the continuing resolution on Sunday for congregational approval.

N. Progress on High Toilet Replacements – The church already has high toilets.

O. Council Retreat – The council retreat is scheduled for April 27-28, 2022 at San Pedro Spiritual Renewal Center in Orlando. Each member is to pay for his/her own room. Pastor has sent information regarding this site to the members for review.

VII. New Business –

A. Review Outline for Space Allocation – Bill has been in a conundrum regarding the quilters and the placement of Pastor’s office. It was proposed to turn the Vestry in Pastor’s office, and the sewing room will be Mary Beth’s office. A window will need to be installed in the wall facing the gathering space, so she can see who enters the building. Bill presented a floor plan evaluation and space reallocation study outline to start the discussion and will work the plan going forward. Bars are going to be installed on Pastor’s office window, which will become the Treasurer’s office after the transition. The cost of the bars is \$744. A motion to purchase and install the bars was made by Arlene and seconded by Linda Steege. Motion carried

VIII. Reports –

A. Pastor – Pastor turned in a written report. He also brought copies of proposed changes to the Time and Talent sheets to make it more updated to our needs.

B. President- Bill turned in a written report.

C. Vice President – Arlene turned in a written report.

D. Treasurer – Linda stated that the financials were on a positive move. We had a good January so far, and the Stewardship drive helped.

Who Does What?

- Bill is going to get an estimate for electric for the proposed JHIFM building

- Bill is working on the reallocation of space plan

- John is going to talk to the prospective council candidate and invite him/her to the council meeting

- John is drafting a letter to the family regarding the columbarium for Bill's signature

- Pastor is working with Crystal on updating the council terms and information

- Crystal is working with Pastor on updating the council terms and information

- Crystal is to talk to Johnsons regarding a new microphone for Pastor

- Crystal is checking on advertising costs for Easter advertisements

Next Meetings – Executive: Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022 at 10am via Zoom;
Council: Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022 at 6pm at church.

John motioned to adjourn, second by Linda S. Meeting closed at 4:34pm with a prayer by Pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Kelly, Acting Secretary

Revised Minutes of the Gloria Dei Special Congregational Meeting
Sunday, January 30, 2022

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 10:36 am. Bill Birdsall started the meeting by calling Pastor to the microphone.

Arlene Kelly, Acting Secretary, stated that there is a quorum, so we are able to proceed.

Pastor stated that the matter at hand was the only item of business for the meeting today.

The council is looking to change the wording of Continuing Resolution C10.01.21 which discusses the term limits of council members. Council is proposing changing the wording of C11.03 to delete the second sentence, which states “No elected officer shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.”

Pastor said that this clause is taken from the ELCA for congregations model constitution, and that the wording can be adjusted as a congregation needs to fit their church’s needs.

The council would like to pass the proposal today and officially adopt it at next month’s meeting. The floor was opened up for discussion and questions, of which there were none.

A vote was taken, and the motion was passed with 2 objections. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Kelly, Acting Secretary

2022 First Impressions Task Force Report

Meeting Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at 1 PM

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

1. Pastor delivered a word of prayer for guidance

2. The individuals doing research on the different aspects of the project presented their findings on materials, colors and pricing on areas to be addressed. After much discussion the team picked aesthetically pleasing items, colors and in some cases pricing was determined. We will work in fine tuning our plan to be able to give council a total price for a completed refreshed and up-dated gathering hall.
 - Seating - Linda was the go-between council and her community in the purchase of 100 commercial quality gently used stackable and padded chairs. If we had bought them new it would have cost anywhere from \$8,500 - \$13,000. The cost to us was \$500 and some strong bodies to deliver to the church. The color of the chairs is a burgundy which will be the accent color in the room.
 - Flooring - Elizabeth and Pat took on this challenge and came back with samples and pricing for commercial grade carpet squares which is a very good choice for a room that will see more action now that covid is rounding the bend. The color will be a natural tone on tone in a medium color. At this time we would like to check out another vendor to compare prices, we should have that information by our next meeting.
 - Paint (color swatches) - Elizabeth had the paint swatches of the natural color the team picked last month. They were a big help in visualizing how our room will look and help direct the choices of other aspects of the project. The contractor, Productive Painting LLC has given us a price of \$7,450. This includes the preparation and painting of the ceiling in the gathering hall (this will take a week to complete), the walls & trim in the main room, the hall, vestry as well as the men's and ladies' rooms.

- Electrical(Lighting & Fans) - Kathleen presented several option for replacing lighting and fans with energy efficient ratings. The areas to be addressed are fellowship hall, choir room, hall and restrooms. Now that the team has made their choices, Besco Lighting and Hughes Electric will give us pricing by our next meeting.
 - Declutter - Still looking for alternatives to sticking things on the wall with pins or nails. Will look into rehabbed tablets for church information kiosks.
 - Signage - Has not been determined.
3. We discussed some minor changes in the main room layout without compromising the characteristics of our building or diminishing seating capacity. We discussed a way to recycle the extra pews to better accommodate our space rather than dispose of them.
 4. Next meeting March 9, 2022, at 1 PM
 5. Ended with The Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted
Kathleen Birdsall, Chair



2022 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Evangelism/Technology & Communications/Webmaster	Bill Birdsall	732-773-2680
Christian Education	Linda Steege	815-222-6195
Mission Endowment	Linda Hide	253-740-3063
Strategic Planning Task Force	Arlene Kelly	605-999-4555
	John Braun	412-926-3381
	Linda Riikonen	734-637-9727

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