

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Congregational Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2017

1. **Call to Order** – Larry Patterson, President
 - a. Called to order at 12:15 pm.
2. **Opening Prayer and Introduction of Council**
3. **Confirmation of Quorum** – Alyssa Jacobs, Secretary
4. **Pledge Process**
 - a. Why? To equip our leaders to make good decisions
 - b. What? To help Mission Partners grow in their discipleship and to increase the number of pledging mission partners
 - c. How? To build relationships through encouragement
 - d. What did we learn? From conversations with participants, we learned what many believe Faith's key assets and attributes are.
5. **Pledge Results**
 - a. Number of pledges in 2016 = 95
 - b. Number of Pledges in 2017 = 115
 - i. Those that did not pledge in 2016 but gave = 100 families, of these 100, 25 made a pledge in 2017
 - c. 2017 forecast
 - i. \$815,191 Pledge
 - ii. Low = 1 mil., High = 1.1 mil.
 - iii. Ministry plan = \$1,154,090
 - iv. On the right track!
6. **Updates on Initiatives**
 - a. Sanctuary Furnishings Task Force Recommendations:
 - i. New furnishings subcommittee
 - ii. Furnishings Disposition & Communications subcommittee
 - b. Property Sale – 3.5 acres
 - i. Listing extended through September 2017
 - ii. Some inquiries, no offers
 - c. Branching Out
 - i. No change in current strategy
 - ii. Need to grow our roots before starting satellite church
 - iii. Need to fulfill our ministry plan
 - d. Associate Pastor -ongoing
 - i. Conducted phone interviews with all candidates
 - ii. No recent interviews with call committee
 - iii. Awaiting additional candidates
7. **Path Forward**
 - a. Support our council and staff

b. Pray!

8. Questions?

- a. Mark Winge -Pledge figures are without Branching Out, Just for ministry support? Yes – we are going above and beyond
- b. Austin Adams – Praise Jesus, that 25% that were not pledging, are pledging this year! God is present here and he is an awesome God.
- c. Gene Davenport – New to Congregation, is the financial condition at a point now where we will move forward with an associate pastor? That is our intent. Praise God!
- d. Larry Patterson– All good news but we are not finished yet! We will keep you informed. More to come. Thank you for coming.

9. Adjournment: 12:44 pm.