

## COUNCIL'S CORNER

March 2019

### Advent Lutheran Core Values

**This is a safe place to be who you are. God's love accepts and invites each of us to bring all of ourselves: our thoughts, beliefs, questions...**

#### • Financial Campaign update

- The Congregation approved hiring Mission Investment Fund (MIF) Capital Campaign Services to lead a financial campaign this spring. Rev. Dana Peterson of MIF will help us through this process. He and Pastor Anita have formed the campaign team that has held a few conference calls to prepare for the Kickoff on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Commitment Sunday is April 14.
- Our goal is 3-fold:
  - To raise \$300,000 in capital funds over 3 years for building improvements.
  - To increase our annual General Fund giving by \$150,000 for each of the next three years.
  - To increase participation in our Legacy Fund through which Advent members can include our congregation in their will or trust.

#### • January Financial results

- General Fund **net income** for January was **negative \$8,616**. (We spent \$8,616 more than we received.)
- General Fund unrestricted reserves for January were \$164,315 compared with \$172,932 at the end of December.
- Mortgage Fund income for January was \$6,008. The mortgage fund balance was \$53,043 at the end of January compared to \$52,041 at the end of December 2018.

#### • Selected highlights from recent Executive and Council business

- Executive February 11 (regular meeting)
  - By consensus, Exec approved a Facility Use Request by Bluer than Blue to present a bluegrass concert in support of Reach Out Food Pantry on May 18.
  - It was moved and seconded to approve Pastor Frank's request to place a New Life Church sign in front of Advent with the stipulations that contact info be put on the sign, that handouts are provided in case anyone asks staff about New Life Church, and that only one sign be placed outside on the property (like the MHPCNS sign and no larger). The motion carried.
  - It was moved and seconded to accept the revised 2<sup>nd</sup> VP job description, but after removing "or pastor" from the bylaws and changing "i.e." to "e.g." in the Christmas Park example. The motion carried.
  - It was moved and seconded to increase the MHPCNS rent by \$100 per month beginning in September 2019 for the 2019-2020 academic year. The motion carried.
- Council February 26 (regular meeting) – These actions were moved, seconded, and carried.
  - To approve the changes to the Continuing Resolution for the Communications job description. The motion carried by more than 2/3.
  - To accept the revised job descriptions for Communications, Community Connections, Faith Development, Operations, and Stewardship.
  - To amend the Facility Use Request by Zambra to offer wine for a donation at the reception following their concert on March 3 with the proceeds going to BCAC.
  - To pay the requested per person Synod Assembly registration fee.

- **Beloved Community Arts Center (BCAC) –**  
Growing *The Beloved Community* in South County through service and the creative arts.
  - The second 10-week session of BCAC classes began on Saturday, January 26, and will run through March 30. Classes in guitar, world percussion, and singing are being held. Check it out at <http://advent-lutheran.org/bcac/>
  - **Looking to volunteer some time and meet new people?** Pastor and Kyle are hosting a pancake supper on Tuesday, March 5, at 6:30 PM (cooking and setup helpers come at 5). We'll share good food and conversation about future BCAC sessions. A spring session on Saturdays of May and June is being considered and possibly a musical theater summer camp patterned somewhat after CMT to run for 3 weeks in July and August. Interest and commitment is needed to move these ideas forward! You can help make this happen!
  
- **Selected highlights from some recent Council committee reports**
  - **Communications (Lynn A. Chair)** – Continuing to search for new people to join the Communications ministry. A Spanish speaker would be a huge plus. Remember Pastor's sermons are now posted on our website (<http://advent-lutheran.org/about/sermon-recordings/>). The new Advent LinkedIn page has 7 followers, 17 visitors, and 49 page views in February. (<https://www.linkedin.com/company/advent-lutheran-church-morgan-hill/>)
  - **Community Connections (Catherine H. Chair)** – Continuing to seek a leader for the Community Table ministry as Marianne Glover is stepping down at the end of 2019.
  - **Faith Development (Kris A. Chair)** - Children's Time going great. Two more new volunteers! Friendships are developing between the kids and also between volunteers.
  - **Operations (Carrie M. Chair)** – Trash & recycle bins scrubbed and washed out (Scotty), more juniper bush trimming/removal along the driveway (Grant), gutters cleaned and repaired on front of church facing west (roofer earning community service hours), numerous burnt-out bulbs changed to LED and spotlights adjusted in Sanctuary (Kyle and Floyd).
  - **Stewardship (Joyce G. Chair)** – "Did You Know" recognition completed through March, work on Advent's spring financial campaign has begun.
  
- **Updates on some Council Action Items will resume in future issues of Council's Corner**

At the Congregational meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>, Council, as a group, stated a commitment to increase by 33% our 2019 General Fund (GF) giving relative to Council's 2018 GF giving and there will be 2 checkpoints to be reported on the progress through the year.

Guests are always welcome at Council and Executive committee meetings held in the Berkland Fellowship Hall. Executive committee meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. Council meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. All meetings start at 7:00 PM. (Meetings are on the Advent's website calendar, <http://advent-lutheran.org/advent-master-calendar/>).

Your 2019 Council roster:

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| • Ed M., President                         | Kris A., Faith Development          |
| • Brad B., 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President  | Lynn A., Communications             |
| • Kathy P., 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President | Catherine H., Community Connections |
| • David C., Financial Secretary            | Carrie M., Operations               |
| • Peter McE., Secretary                    | Joyce G., Stewardship               |
| • Janel J., Treasurer                      | Elinor M., Worship & Music          |

Respectfully submitted, Ed M.