

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Town Hall Meeting
2/11/24

Pastor Jeff opened the meeting with prayer.

Pr. Jeff explained about the grinder pumps failure. We are in the process of getting bids for repair. The cost will be expensive as the lowest bid we have is around d \$15,000.

Pr. Jeff also told the people that there will not be a COPI trip this year. The t-shirt dresses will be sent to Guatemala.

Milestone was the next subject. Pr. Jeff talked a little about the beginning and updated us on the renovation taking place. Wendy Buckner, Curtis Zeeh and Pastor James are working with the renovation team.

Pr. Jeff talked about our Children and Youth Minister search. The firm we are using, Vanderbloemen reported that they have received over 60 applicants. 2 were very promising but declined due to the housing situation here. A question was asked why Pastor and the Board are looking for the new hire, not the Call Committee. Pastor explained that he and the Board has authority to hire staff but wanted everyone to be aware of what was happening. Pr. Jeff told us about an application he received. This person is in his 40's and is looking for a place to 'settle down'. We will be getting other candidates. Yvonne noted that the search began with LCMC congregation, then Lutheran, then Vanderbloemen. All applicants need to go through Vanderbloemen. References are being checked and background search is being done. We have low applicants because of the high standards. If we want more applicants, we would need to lower our expectations.

A question was asked if we were only looking for married people. The answer is no, it does not matter.

Pr Jeff stated that when we have a viable candidate, he will ask some parents of young children to interview him as well as the Board of Trustees.

Our search will be included as one of the 3:16 prayers the congregation will be praying for during Lent. A new Worship person to replace Barb Nelson will also be included in the prayers.

Glenn Breitling and Carla Johnson from the Call Committee stated that the CC will be sending out a survey asking the congregation about their wants, for example, do you want to hire an assistant pastor?

Meeting ended at 1:33 PM with a prayer by Yvonne.

Jennifer Wollesen, Secretary