

Greetings from Council!

We have been busy this fall so far. We are continuing to pursue efforts related to stewardship so that we can continue learning about and promoting the many ways our members use their time, treasure, and talents. Keep an eye out for upcoming information that celebrates these efforts by our congregation.

In our October meeting, we identified members of council to serve on the nominating committee for next year's new council members. We are a little later than normal in initiating this process, but the committee will work quickly and efficiently to find church members who may be interested in serving in this fashion. **If you are interested in serving on church council starting in 2023, please contact one of the pastors or Hannah Wurster.** We also have taken a close look at our budget and considered how both our stewardship efforts and past trends will affect how the budget plays out over the rest of the year. Soon, next year's budget will begin to take shape.

In addition to planning for next year, we have also discussed an important topic – donuts! Well, not just donuts. We are exploring more systematic ways to ensure that each week in worship we have coffee, donuts, ushers, and worship assistants available. **If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please sign up!** Sign ups are in the narthex, and if you are not sure how to perform these roles, feel free to ask Hannah Wurster or Mark Butler for support.

Finally, as we look toward the end of the year, you will notice more information coming out about stewardship and giving. In the next couple weeks, keep an eye on your mailbox for two things: **third quarter giving reports, and a letter** from the pastors and your council president regarding the current state of our church's budget. Soon after, members of council will share examples of mission and ministry that we are proud of as a church. We look forward to sharing about some of the wonderful ways our congregation's gifts support the local and worldwide community. Later this year, **you will receive pledge cards in the mail.** This is a great way to consider or reexamine your financial commitment to the church. Finally, in the first week of November, the finance team will launch **a new online giving system.** This allows you to set up recurring monthly payments online. The system has been tested by council members and has great reviews: it is easy to set up, automated, and sends monthly receipts. The finance team will send more details as the system launches, and we ask you to consider using it soon.

As always, you are welcome to bring comments and/or concerns to any council member and we will do our very best to serve you. God's Peace!

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Larry Dunn - Council Member

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