

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church
May 3, 2020 – Special Congregational Meeting

Called into community, gifted to serve.
Glorifying God through love in action.

Pastor Aileen opened the special Congregation Meeting with prayer.

Jeff Gerstenberger provided general instructions for discussion and voting procedures because it was a virtual meeting. He went over logistics; how to ask questions, how to vote, and established the following agenda:

- Payroll Protection Plan
- Parking Lot Repair
- Financial Update
- Considerations for Reopening
- Closing Prayer

Jeff explained why we applied for the Payroll Protection Plan, and why moving quickly was necessary. He explained the program rules, the time table, what the funds could be used for, and that we received the funds on April 27.

The congregations asked questions, especially about using all of the \$28,100 and all questions were responded to.

Vicki Robinson made the motion to approve and Matt Robbins seconded the motion. The voting poll results were unanimous, 85 approved and 0 opposed.

Rod Speer provided information regarding various options to repair drainage and the parking lot resurfacing. We looked at maps to understand the options and areas of member concern. Discussions were focused on what area would be repaired, what we would do now and what would be addressed in the future parking lot and lighting repairs.

The estimated \$45,000 proposal included using \$20,000 from the Greater Messiah Fund and \$25,000 from the Foundation For the Future Funds.

Larry Dennis made the motion to move forward with the repair and both Matt Robbins and Tom Johnson seconded the motion. The voting poll results were 72 approved and 3 opposed.

Jeff provided a Financial Update illustrating recent contribution trends. Questions were asked and answered.

Pastor Aileen discussed considerations of opening the church and she answered questions from the congregation. She said church services will be conducted virtually through Zoom at least until the end of June.

If anyone has questions or concerns to contact Pastor Aileen or Jeff Gerstenberger.

Pastor Aileen led the closing prayer.

Submitted by Laurie Simonson