

**Tree of Life Lutheran Church
Congregational Meeting
May 15, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 9:35am by President Dennis McConnell. A quorum was established by sign-in sheets. An opening prayer was offered by Pastor Chris.

Agenda was adopted.

The mission of Tree of Life is evident in her ministries including Family Promise, Water to Thrive, sending seventy people to Lutherhill camp and the mission trip, free Vacation Bible School, Wednesdays At The Tree (WATT), Mucking (a new ministry), and raising new pastors.

The 2016 Ministry offering and income Budget total is \$516,897. Total 2016 budgeted expenses were \$551,023 meaning \$10,596 is needed weekly. The 2016 Ministry income through April is \$161,904 short of budgeted amount by \$13,568. Amount borrowed from Seeds was \$12,155 giving a total of \$174,059 which is \$1,413 short of budget. Total expenses through April is \$169,269 which is \$5,745 below budget.

Efforts to save money were shown depicted on a "Savings vs. Budget" slide showing savings off \$1,500 in Fellowship, \$1,300 in Adult Ed, \$1,300 in Evangelism, and \$900 in Worship. There should be a savings realized soon in Electricity expenses due to the new programmed thermostats.

The Status of the Seeds money usage and balance showed the pledged total to be \$440,000 with a duration of the program being 36 months. An average monthly income of \$12,222 is needed to satisfy all pledges. Sixteen months into the three-year duration, a balance of \$195,552 would be expected. The total actually collected through April 30, 2016 is \$234,351, which is a little ahead, but donations have begun to slow. The April donation amount was \$3,985, which is \$8,237 short of the \$12,222 monthly average needed.

An update on building usage planning was presented. Jim Johnson is organizing efforts. A/C maintenance/upgrade is top priority. Fellowship Hall lighting has moved up in priority. Also discussed was adding space for offices/youth.

A preview of the Stewardship 2016 plan was presented. Directing efforts is Heidi Beckham and Jack Zimmer. An overview of qualified charitable distributions from IRAs was presented.

Closing prayer was led by Pastor Chris.

With there being no further business, a motion was made by George _____ and seconded by Jeramie Brown. The meeting ended at 10:10am.

Dennis McConnell, President

Susan Blough, Secretary

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