

COUNCIL REPORT APRIL 2020: During the past two weeks the executive of council and the full council have met, both via ZOOM, to discuss the most urgent business of our church. At the March meeting council prepared a list of nominees for the position of elder and deacon. These men have all been contacted and received a copy of the document "Called to be an Elder or Deacon". However, because of the pandemic, the whole process of choosing new office-bearers has been delayed. As you may recall from last year, the process included making a list of nominees, having an affirmation vote by the congregation and then casting the lot to choose the new elders and deacons. The affirmation vote will probably be held on the third Sunday that we are allowed to meet together again as a congregation and the casting of the lot on a Sunday after that. Council is thankful that the elders and deacons who are completing their terms of office are willing to continue to serve until new office-bearers are chosen. The spring congregational meeting has also been delayed and more information about it will be decided when we are allowed to meet together again.

Council is very thankful for the congregation's continued financial support of the church's ministry. The deacons are grateful for the support of the benevolent fund and have donated \$1000 to the local food bank since many people in the community have lost their jobs and need extra assistance to feed themselves and their families. Council is also thankful that nearly all members of the congregation still have jobs and income and are able to support themselves.

The live stream worship services are well received by members of the congregation and the community. The pastors were thanked for bringing God's word via technology and they in turn thanked those who have helped to make this possible. The congregation is encouraged to listen to the songs in the playlist as a part of their worship. Everyone looks forward to the day when we can meet together again to listen to God's word and sing praises to Him. In the meantime, if anyone has any needs, spiritually, emotionally or financially, they are encouraged to contact one of the pastors or one of the elders.