



Congregational Voters' Meeting

November 11

~ Letter to the Congregation ~

Hello Family of Christ,

Our Board of Directors has recently completed the 2019 operating budget for the church, a process that involves many hours of discussion, planning, and preparation. This year, we reflected on the many ways that God has cared for and encouraged us as a congregation during 2018. We started from a challenging position in early 2018, as we had to reduce our operating budget significantly vs. 2017 and re-think how we would move forward without a permanent Senior Pastor in place after a declined Call. As you know, God has blessed us in many ways, some unexpected, as we have gone through the year.

As we now think about closing out 2018 and moving into 2019, we find ourselves not only grateful, but excited and optimistic. We have much more than survived as a congregation - we have thrived! Praise God! He has shown us the way forward in so many aspects, not the least of which has been a return to stronger financial health, thanks in part to your faithful giving. This sets us up for an even more exciting 2019, as we anticipate our new Senior Pastor through the blessing of an accepted Call. We don't know all of the details; only God does. We do know that we are securely in His hands - what better place to be?

With this expectant confidence, the Board invites you to review our 2019 Budget, and we invite you to participate at the upcoming meeting on Sunday, November 11, following our combined 10:15 am service. I know some of you may consider these meetings boring or unimportant, but we want to encourage you to engage with us in the exciting future of your church! We will also be electing Elders and Board members (President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary) for three-year terms. On behalf of our nominating committee, if you are interested in serving in one of these positions, please let me know so that we can consider you as a prospective candidate.

Please join us and engage!

In Christ's Service,

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