

Congregational Connector

News from the Board of Directors – May 2023

PASTORAL TRANSITION: the Call Committee is in receipt of a new list of pastoral candidates to be the next senior pastor of St. Thomas. Based on the information presented, the list has been trimmed to four candidates and interviews are now being scheduled with each of those four (either in-person or remotely). Based on the outcome of the interviews, the Committee will present the candidates to the congregation for their approval to move forward with a call (similar to the process for the first calls that were made a month or so ago). The tentative timetable for doing so would be in 30-35 days, if not sooner. Continue to pray that God blesses St. Thomas with a Pastor that will grow and lead us into the next chapter.

VOTERS ASSEMBLY: Please plan on joining us in-person on **May 23, 2023, at 7:00** in the church sanctuary for the regularly scheduled Voters Assembly where we will discuss and vote on the balanced budget for next fiscal year as well as the slate of officers running for the various board positions.

S.A.S.S. The next Soup and Sandwich Saturday will be held in the school gymnasium on June 17 at 11:00 am. There are many volunteers needed as well as food and financial donations. Any and all help is appreciated so if you're interested in helping in any way, either just show up or speak to Tony Berkseth or Kelly Cooley ahead of time. The signup sheets will be in the Narthex on May 21st.

Check out the financial report below. Expenses are being kept in check, but you'll note giving is down, estimated at roughly 15-20% off where budgeted giving was expected (after stripping out one-time things like grants and such). Not unexpected given the higher costs of just about everything that people are facing on a day-to-day basis.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Here is the report of our General Fund stewardship for our fiscal year to date. All bills are current (except the mortgage) and the "cash available" balance is below the comfort level. Your prayers and support are very important. We are one month behind on the mortgage payments (because of loan from Restricted for 3 payments).

| | April 2023 | | Year-to-Date | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | Anticipated | Actual | Anticipated | Actual |
| Income | \$ 45,708.32 | \$ 30,002.44* | \$ 393,399.92 | \$ 343,802.20* |
| Expense | <u>\$ 39,566.00</u> | <u>\$ 33,263.28</u> | <u>\$ 397,124.00</u> | <u>\$ 387,231.90</u> |
| Net Excess (loss) | \$ 6,142.32 | \$ (3,260.84) | \$ (3,740.64) | \$ (43,428.90) |

*Actual Incomes are without Loans from Restricted (\$26,000).

The Restricted Fund Balance is \$29,860.48.

Mortgage Balance - \$1,648,690.99, Restricted Loan - \$32,263.27