## **Living Hope Lutheran Church**

## **Council Meeting Minutes**

## December 14, 2021

- Joe Georgeson opened with a Jewish Prayer
- Chris Lear informed us that due to health conditions he is stepping down as Deacon.
- We went through the church directory and decided to call some members we haven't seen for quite awhile to invite them back to church.
- We discussed Virtual / Streaming Church negative vs. positive
- Discussion of "Proposed" budget for the coming year -
- Simply Giving –"pledged" vs. Unpledged contributions, Payroll taxes prediction, Salary and Health insurance for an experienced Pastor, Reserve fund, Deficit, Cost of living increase, etc.
- Budget needs to be approved by end of January.
- Joe addressed the size of the church council and stated we need to get approval from Synod, or our congregation, to continue with a reduced amount of council members which is (apparently) in opposition to what our constitution says.
- We talked about the music for Christmas service and January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Brad Le Duc, his son, and Joe G did an awesome job. We all appreciate that they are willing to share their talents, as well as CTK's members that are willing to share their musical talents with us.
- Our next meeting is scheduled for January 17<sup>th</sup>, via Zoom.
- New Development- In light of current Covid numbers in the State, the Synod is recommending that we go back to "Live Streaming" Church only for a month. We are currently discussing this.