

**Hilltop United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting
January 19, 2023 directly following the Charge Conference**

Present: Rob Cornelius, Karen Frydendahl, Chris Buller, Paulette Adams, Don Putzier, Derrick Galinat, Kerry Rausch and Pastor Matt Sipe.

Don Putzier opened with prayer.

The Church Council Covenant will be reaffirmed at the February meeting.

Kerry Rausch moved, seconded by Rob Cornelius, to approve the November 17, 2022 and January 5, 2023 Church Council minutes. The motion carried.

Rob Cornelius presented the December 2022 and the 2022 year-end financial reports. December's income was \$33,036.23 and expenditure were \$26,643.84 for a loss of \$6,392.38. The year-end income was \$275,868.43 and year-end expenses were \$278,742.95 for a year-end loss of \$2,874.52. The 2023 budget was approved the first week in January by Church Council with an increase of \$16,000 over 2022's budgeted amounts which is a 5% increase. The 2023 pledged amount of \$42,000 is a substantial increase from 2022. There were 12-15 first time pledges which is believed to be a direct result of the many good things taking place at Hilltop. Pastor Matt Sipe moved, seconded by Kerry Rausch, to approve the financial report as presented. The motion carried.

Committee updates included Derrick Galinat stated he has added items to the spring clean-up list, Paulette Adams asking if there is interest in hosting Operation Christmas Child in 2023, registration for the fall fishing trip is open, and the opportunity to tour the Holy Lands November 28 – December 7th through Emmaus. Also mentioned was the MCCI building expansion feasibility study will be starting with Mark Davy and Associates who will come to us and interview people to determine members support spiritually and financially. It is anticipated that Mark Davy and Associates will contact the church the first part of February. Mailers and emails will be sent to members regarding this process.

Events on the Church's calendar include the following:

- January 20-22 – Youth Ski event
- February 11th – Ginny Norton service at 1:00 p.m.
- February 11th – Valentine's Event at 5:00 p.m.
- February 12th – Bishop Meet and Greet at Hilltop from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- February 16-19 and 23-26 Minnesota Walk to Emmaus events in Fairmont MN
- February 22nd – Ash Wednesday
- February – Connect Groups to begin
- March 17-19 – Marriage Retreat
- April 23rd – Bishop preaching at Hilltop

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry Rausch