

**Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran  
Church Council Committee Meeting  
July 26, 2022**

**Present:** Rich Armell, Ann Davison, Pastor Sherrie Hofmann, Kate Isom, Sean Nouvel, Winnie McDermott, and Julie Moomaw.

Council convened at 4:00 pm and after sharing devotions and personal joys and concerns, approved minutes from the August meeting.

**President's Update:** Ann shared status of the 2022-2023 stewardship campaign. To date, \$84,000 has been pledged with the majority of households increasing their pledges from the previous year as suggested by the Stewardship Committee. Households that have pledged in previous years but not in the current year will be contacted and encouraged to do so. The approved church budget for 2022-2023 anticipated \$105,000 in pledge income, so if pledges do not increase, other sources of income or expense reductions will need to be considered. The September meeting will include a closer look at financial issues.

Ann also reported on efforts to share church information in the community through a one-time advertisement in the Northern VA Daily as part of a special 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Shenandoah County Commemorative edition; mentions in the weekly email from Bryce Resort; and via the church Facebook page.

**Pastor's Update:** Pastor Sherrie shared updates on members of the congregation who are shut-in or ill that she has been visiting. She reported on three recent events held at the church focused on exploring social and governmental issues guided by ELCA-provided study guides. She shared that Bible study/Christian Education programming will resume in the Fall and suggested a survey to determine the best time and day of the week and topics for discussion.

**Technology Task Force:** Sean reported on meetings of a task force established to consider technology related issues including the security of physical and digital church assets and virtual broadcasting of church services. Specific recommendations will be made at the September Council meeting.

**Worship and Music Updates:** Pastor and Julie shared that Karen Schmidt and Barbara Strong have agreed to serve as our pianist for Sunday worship. Efforts are also underway to begin a seasonal choir.

**Volunteers:** Council discussed the need to continue encouraging individuals to serve as volunteers for Sunday worship as well as the need for support with bulletins and other administrative duties.