

Highlights of 3-18 Council Meeting

- ★ The Council celebrated the strength of cooperation during this unprecedented time.
- ★ Pastor reported she had received some guidance from the Synod with regards to funeral arrangements. In keeping with the state mandate, no more than 10 people can be present at time. Options include extending visitation times to spread out the visitors, delaying services until a better time, graveside services only, etc.
- ★ Quarterly taxes are due this month. We discussed benevolence amounts. Our benevolence giving is capped at 10%. 8% goes to the Synod. 2% will be divided between Bethany Lutheran and Interfaith Response.
- ★ Council approved the Records Management Retention Schedule prepared by the Archives Team.
- ★ Benton Kuck will be the third member of the Audit team. JoAnn is investigating the cost of a professional audit.
- ★ Per the state mandate, all services and meetings at OSL will be suspended until further notice. Celebrating Easter could happen at some time after April 12.
- ★ Pastor will take part in a conference call from the Synod every Tuesday. Synod Assembly is cancelled. The Gala to be held in conjunction with Assembly will be held in the fall.
- ★ In response to the pandemic crisis, there will be three communications weekly for OSL members. These will be delivered by email and snail mail. Tuesday's communication will have a faith-related, uplifting message. Wednesday reminders will be discontinued for the time being. On Thursday members will receive a miniature newsletter with all current news and announcements. On Saturday a shortened worship service will be available on YouTube. The link will be sent by email.
- ★ The Stewardship Team, Evangelism Team and Care Team will reach out to all OSL members through phone calls and offer encouragement and assistance if needed.
- ★ Pottawattamie County has set up a coronavirus testing site on Story Street.
- ★ The Food Pantry will operate using drive-up and curbside delivery.
- ★ Flood Buckets are coming next week.
- ★ The next Council meeting is April 15.