

Thank you to all who attended the Congregational meeting on June 11, 2023. **Here are the highlights from our meeting:**

*The annual report is available to all via our website.*

#### **Status of intern**

- The Synod has asked Holy Trinity to delay receiving an intern to accommodate a geographically restricted candidate. February 1 is the likely start date.

#### **Pews vs. Chairs**

- The chairs from Antioch Lutheran Church are no longer available.
- Our task force continues to gather information and welcomes questions and feedback.

#### **Happenings at Holy Trinity during the 2022/23 fiscal year included:**

- Facility improvements:
  - Renovation of restrooms near Tiny Tots classrooms
  - Our beautiful garden spaces
  - Baby changing stations installed in restrooms near Welcome Center
- Creating engaging worship spaces
  - Playground for families in the sanctuary
  - Our tech team representing our on-line platform for worship
  - Our fantastic music program
- Outreach activities
  - Independence Village (IV) worship & IV residents assistance with Noah lunches
  - Vacation Bible School
  - Share the Bounty fundraiser for sponsorship of families in need for Christmas

#### **And other stewardship updates**

- We collected enough commitment cards to obtain the challenge gift.
- Thank you Holy Trinity for your generosity.

#### **Endowment Fund report**

- A distribution will not be made from the Endowment Fund this year due to slow growth.

#### **2023/24 Budget**

- The congregation voted and approved the next fiscal year budget.
- Budgeted revenue is \$445,000. Budgeted expense is \$455,482.
- A copy of the 2023/24 budget is posted in the hallway near the mailboxes for review.

#### **SE Michigan Synod assembly in May 2024**

- Approved Matthew and Michelle Spunar as representatives for the 2024 assembly.
- Thank you to Eric Nelson and Katie Chavanak for attending in May, 2023.

#### **Church governance and amending the church constitution**

- Two Board positions will be open beginning July 1, 2024.
- The congregation voted and approved the new governance structure for Holy Trinity. Church constitution to be updated to reflect this change. Task force volunteers are: Paul Stratton, Pastor Andrew, Linda Schwelnus, and Debbie LaFontaine

**Staff, Pastoral and Board evaluations were completed in May, 2023.**