

Trinity Lutheran Church
Finance Committee Report
January 2020

- The Finance Committee last met on Tuesday, 1/7. The next meeting is scheduled for March 3.
- For the 2019 fiscal year, the General Fund had a deficit of \$53,428.05. Membership envelope giving was \$50,931.13 under budget for the year. Expenses were \$7,147.65 more than what was budgeted. To make up the deficit, we will use the operating reserve of \$34,373.99. The remaining deficit of \$19,054.06 will be made up out of 2019 Endowment earnings. None of the principal of the Endowment will be used.
- The Finance committee has made changes to the 2020 budget, as a result of a change to the membership giving estimate, as well as several other smaller changes. The changes will result in offsetting reductions to expenses in the amount of approximately \$58,000. Most of the reduction in expenses will be realized through changes to the A&P budget. However, some reductions to the Property and Benevolence budgets will also be necessary. The exact numbers will be reviewed at the Council meeting on 1/14.
- Now that the congregation has approved the plan for phase 1 of Honor Our Past, Plan Our Future, the Finance committee has started the process of contacting potential lenders to determine which lender will give us the best terms. As a part of these conversations, we will also discuss what the various institutions may be able to provide with regards to cash management products. Lenders have provided proposals to us, but there are a number of questions to be asked of the lenders to be able to compare 'apples to apples'.
- The Finance Committee recently found out about a Federal grant program that is administered by PA. The grant program is meant to assist nonprofit organizations in enhancing/updating their security measures. The grants range from \$5,000 - \$150,000. The next application period will be in the spring of 2020, so we will need to keep this on the radar. There is also a potential to receive a similar grant that is provided for by the state. This grant program was signed into law by the governor on 11/8/19, so we will need to investigate its provisions. Ryan Argot indicated to Pastor Horner that he would be willing to assist in the grant application process.

God's peace to all,

Keith Huntzinger

Finance Committee Chair