

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Special Council Meeting**  
**Feb. 4, 2018**  
**12:30 PM**

**FLC Vision:** Developing Relationships ... That Matter!

**FLC Mission:** We faithfully honor Jesus by developing disciples to reach others with the light of God's hope and love.

- 1) Call to order; welcome / Attendees: Larry Patterson, Pastor Rusty, Gene Davenport, Bruce Turner, Anna Geleske, Richard Hinojosa, Maury Tiller, Cynthia Murphy  
Absent: Sinikka Marten
- 2) Devotion – Larry Patterson James 1<sup>st</sup> chapter verses 5, 6.
- 3) Potential engagement with selected Lutheran Seminary to provide for appointment of a pastoral candidate intern for the service of Faith Lutheran Church beginning August 2018 and update on Associate Pastor call.

A: Pastor Rusty provided an overview of the opportunity to secure an Intern from Trinity Seminary located in Ohio. Further, Pastor Rusty informed the Council that he had conducted a telephone interview with the candidate, and also spoken with Dr. Marshall from the Seminary who provided a strong recommendation for the intern candidate. Pastor Rusty felt good about the individual and recommended that if the church was to consider an intern this would be a good time to act on it. Initial cost would be \$500 now for travel pool expense. The anticipated Yearly cost would range from \$37 – 40K (which includes administrative / tuition fee, a stipend, housing allowance and payment of health insurance premium. The internship program would be for two years beginning August 2018.

B: Potential engagement for an Associate Pastoral Candidate: An Associate pastoral candidate has been contacted to potentially serve at Faith. Pastor Rusty described this person who currently lives in Chicago is a well-known, experienced pastor that he has known for a long time and is an excellent candidate. The candidate currently must complete a Doctorate degree and complete adoption of a foster child before being available to accept the call to Faith. These issues are expected to be resolved by the spring of 2019. The approximate cost to hire this individual would be \$100K/yr.

**A two part Motion was made by Anna;** First to authorize Pastor Rusty to move forward with the initial expense of \$500 to bring the Intern to Flower Mound in order to allow the Intern to visit Faith and facilitate a more formal interview by selected members of Faith; and Secondly, to authorizes Pastor Rusty to continue discussions with the Associate Pastoral candidate with the hope of extending a call later. **The motion was seconded by Richard.** Following an extended discussion regarding how to budget for these positions and how best to inform the congregation of these opportunities; a vote was taken and the **motion passed unanimously.**

- 4) Motion to adjourn at 1:50pm