

St. Paul Lutheran Church
CONGREGATION MEETING MINUTES • July 27, 2016

Call to Order: President Mark Buffington called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Tom Gudmundson

Secretary's Report - Minutes of June 21, 2016 Congregation Meeting: *A motion was made by Larry Hinkelman and second by Paul W. Ten Pas to approve the Secretary's Report from the June 21, 2016 Congregation Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.*

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Donna Felch presented the Financial Report ending June 30, 2016. *A motion was made by Faye Risse second by Dave Depagter to approve the Financial Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

Calling New Associate Pastor: President Mark Buffington shared the members of the Call Team, the timeline and Pastor Joel Howard's biography along with his strengths. The Call Team and Church Council have made a recommendation to the Congregation that they extend a Call to Pastor Joel Howard.

Many questions were asked by the members in attendance. Pastor Howard did live in Sheboygan from approximately 1994-2001 and attended Lutheran High. His parents were teachers at Trinity. He is pursuing his doctorate with a focus on leadership and preaching. He is currently working on his final project. He may need to take some time there every once in a great while, but he is nearing the end of his work. His current church has contemporary worship, so his comfortable with that. He has no other Calls that we are aware of. We submitted his name to be on our Call list.

A motion was made by Brad Vollbrecht and second by Jim Albertin to extend a Divine Call to Pastor Joel Howard. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to confirm the unanimous decision. No one was opposed to the unanimous vote.

Congregation Concerns:

Membership Information: It was asked if at future meetings a membership report could be shared. President Mark Buffington indicated we will do this at future meetings and also start publishing the information quarterly in the newsletter.

Logo: The new logo is very nice and eye catching. Good feedback was given.

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Larry Hinkelman second by Katrina Martin to adjourn the Congregation Meeting at 7:24 pm. Motion carried unanimously.*

Closing Prayer: Pastor Mark Janzen

Attendance: 42