People and Places January Newsletter for Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

January 2020

Preparing for the Annual General Meeting in February

The big task for the beginning of 2020 is to get all of the pieces in place for our Annual General Meeting (AGM) which is scheduled for Sunday, February 9, following the service.

Budgeting Process

A Budget Planning Meeting will take place in January 8 where the Treasurer, Chairperson, Pastor, and a number of others from the Council and from other groups in the congregation will sit down to agree on a proposed budget for 2020. The Treasurer (Debbie Jones) will have taken the final numbers of 2019 and used them as a guide to create the working document for the Budget Planning Meeting. The proposed budget that comes out of this meeting will then go to the Council meeting on January 16 for a full discussion by Council, and for any adjustments the Council may wish to make to it. The version adopted by the Council will then be published in the Bulletin of Reports which will be made available on Sunday, January 26 as the Proposed Budget for 2020 put before the AGM for discussion, amendment, and adoption.

Bulletin of Reports

This bundle of documents includes reports from the Pastor, Chairperson, committee heads, and groups of the congregation. It also includes a report from the Financial Secretary (Shelly Eberle) on giving in 2019, and from the Treasurer (Debbie Jones). The Treasurer's Report includes the proposed budget for 2020.

If you are a committee head, or are the lead person in one of the groups or ministries in the church, you are asked to submit your report to the church office (Anette Engel) by Monday, January 20 so that the Bulletin of Reposts can be ready for distribution by Sunday, January 26.

Nominations

One of our big needs is for people who are willing to serve on Council. To serve on Council you must be a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, and at least 16 years old. If you have any questions about membership and how to obtain it, please talk to Pastor Curtis. This year three people are going off Council, and a fourth has moved away. We need at least 3 new people to reach the constitutionally mandated minimum of 6 to form a Council. We previously had 7, and ideally would like to reach that number again. Please pray and consider serving the ministry of ORLC in this way.