**Trinity Lutheran Church**

**Special congregational meeting, Sunday’s November 17 & December 8, 2019**

After the church service, Grant Hartman called the meeting to order. Grant named the roof committee members and explained the events leading up to our roof problems.

Roof committee members: Grant Hartman, Duke Drevlow, Dallas Wegner, Brad Nickerson, Dave Sorenson, Veryle Williamson, Dennis Rode and Duane Heckman.

2 bids were explained. For over the flat roof of the entryway, it would cost $10,000 to put on the same kind of flat roof we have had, and $16,200 to put on a sloped foam that would send the water toward the street with the roof membrane on top of that.

To do the rest of the roof there were also 2 bids. Asphalt shingles would cost $71,000. Steel shingles would cost $118,000 but would have a 50 year non-prorated warranty.

We have about $70,000 from insurance and a current roof fund.

It would cost approximately $98,000 in 20 years to redo the asphalt shingles again.

Grant explained that the committee recommends having the congregation pledge what they could give toward a new roof over 2 years, and see what the numbers look like before we commit to a plan.

Grant explained that we will recess this meeting until December 8, giving the congregation time to think about a pledge and have Thanksgiving. There will be a box in the back for people to give a pledge, and this can be anonymous. If we get pledges, we can lock in prices now even if the work isn’t done until summer.

Discussion followed. Comments included that this is over and above our normal giving, that we will still have to give toward the regular offering that goes toward bills. How many of our members give toward the church? We will know more after the regular stewardship packets are in. A comment made at council is that the people who helped build this church, and also the new addition didn’t have extra money either, but they made it happen. We need faith and prayer. Another comment was that many of our members are on a fixed income.

How long is the longevity for a flat roof like we have now? 20 years is a guess, and it may need upkeep before that.

The option of steel sheets was asked about, and Grant said the committee feels this isn’t the best option because of the bolts needing to go through the roof and they would show. The price would be between the cost of asphalt shingles and steel shingles. Steel shingles have hidden fasteners.

With no more discussion, Jerry Teig moved to recess the meeting until Dec. 8 and Dallas Wegner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by substitute secretary, Laurie Wille

**December 8, 2019**

President Grant called the congregational meeting back to order following the worship service.

He reported that $38,000 has been pledged from 26 families.  That is enough to proceed with the plans for the roof.  There is hope that more pledges will be coming in.

Darrell Buhmann made the motion and Darrell Drevlow made the second to go with the steel shingle roof option.   The motion carried with a hands up vote.

Darrell Drevlow made a motion to adjourn and Teresa Zaharia made the second.

Cathy Sorenson, secretary