

Lead Pastor Council Report  
January 2024

Happy new year! Once again we get to start the calendar over and see what God has in store for us. And if this January is any indication, it is going to be a wonderful, adventurous year together!

A big part of January is always getting things started again. Starting with a new council, getting Sunday School back on track, getting the calendar set for all that is to come. And this January was no different. It is wonderful to welcome those who are new to council! Thank you for your willingness to serve in this important way. Sunday School is back and strong. The calendar is updated and we are counting to Lent and other things that are coming up in our life together. It is an exciting time.

Perhaps the most exciting thing this month was preparation for our special congregational meeting and the meeting itself. We had several opportunities for people to meet before the meeting to go over the proposal and ask questions, and those sessions were well attended. The actual meeting had over 85 voting members present, and we all know how that turned out. It was joyous to hear how our congregation could not necessarily agree, but yet come together for the sake of the church and make such a big decision. We voted to accept and do the renovation, including a large organ project. What an exciting time! Of course this mean finding the money, but we are well on our way to that. **I will ask as leaders of the church, have you committed to support this project? As church leaders, do you think it is important for the congregation to know that?**

Much time was spent in January in meetings and planning for future events. Lent is ready to go, thanks to much work from Pastor Elizabeth – her creativity and eagerness have kept us on track for this early lent to be ready. We also had several meetings about the renovation – see separate update.

All in all a good month. How are your resolutions doing? Broken yet?