

Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Dear Member of Friedens ~

God's grace and peace be with you all.

Greetings to you as we find ourselves at the beginning of a new school year and the beautiful autumn season. I am writing to you to let you know that a brief congregational meeting has been called by the Church Council for Sunday, September 26th, 2021, immediately following the worship service that morning. All confirmed members shall be accorded voice and vote.

The specific purpose of this meeting is to discuss the need to withdraw \$10,000 from our investment funds so that we can stay current with our bills and financial commitments. Congregational giving dropped dramatically throughout the summer and we have found ourselves in the unenviable position of trying to meet our obligations with inadequate monies in the coffers.

Your ongoing financial commitment to the church is strongly urged. We continue to hold worship services in person and offer on-line links through our website as well so that everyone can stay connected. Ministries of the congregation (such as the upcoming Spaghetti Dinner & shoofly pie sale to benefit property projects, for example) also continue. Though our way of doing some things has necessarily changed with the times, we still seek to be a comforting mainstay in your life. Your support is needed, not only in terms of finances, but in time and talent as well. The body of Christ functions more effectively when disciples actively engage in the ministries of the church.

I thank you for your kind attention to this letter and encourage your attendance at the specially called meeting on September 25th.

In Christ ~ Pastor Lisa K. Borrell