



St. Paul's CARES Act Forgivable Paycheck Protection Plan Loan

In March, Congress passed the CARES act to provide financial assistance to many Americans, businesses and non-profits potentially negatively financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. One of the programs is called the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Plan Loan (otherwise known as a "PPP Loan"). This program was targeted at businesses and non-profits that were concerned that the COVID-19 pandemic may negatively impact their financial operation. For non-profits in particular, the program was implemented to help smooth out the negative financial impacts of potential holes in giving and the loss of revenue from fund-raisers that have and will be cancelled due to the pandemic. At its June meeting, our Church Council authorized us to apply for a PPP Loan. Under the program, St. Paul's is eligible for a forgivable loan in the amount of \$16,218 (2½ times our average 2019 monthly payroll, benefits, and payroll taxes). The loan was funded on June 18th and we have up to 24 weeks to spend the loan proceeds on "eligible expenses", which include salary and housing, pension and health benefits and utilities. We expect that all of the loan proceeds will be utilized on eligible expenses by the middle of September and we will then be in a position to apply for forgiveness of the entire loan amount.