

## **Council Update**

The Council met on May 16, 2021. We discussed new mask mandates for Hazel Run Lutheran – please see insert.

- We also discussed adding a wish list to help with expenses at the church. If you wish to donate, please call the office and let them know what you are contributing. Items are listed below.

- 1) Copy/print paper box
- 2) Stamps to send out letters
- 3) Double/triple/ 9 volt

- Communion will be served on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. The pastor will wear a mask and gloves while distributing communion at the bottom of the stairs.

## **Volunteers:**

Fellowship has started once again. We are looking for servers and asking people to call and volunteer to serve for a month. We know that we have had several elderly volunteers over

the years, and I am asking you to serve them. Please consider serving the community that has served for many years.

Please call and let us know what month you would like to serve.

## **We Need Your Help**

We will need your help updating our member list. Please go to the following address online <https://www.hrlutheran.com/contact> -8 or call the office @ 320-383-2336

## **Current Events**

By Reverend Cody Mills

You have heard it on the news and in general chats among friends, families, coffee gatherings, and more. This topic is everywhere. The police need to be defunded. So, where should we stand as Christians?

The simple answer is this...you are free to stand wherever you desire on this issue. As a church, as a Christian,

and with scripture, there is no official stance.

No matter your stance, do it with kindness, gentleness, love, patience, and self-control.

### **A doctrine or no doctrine?**

By Reverend *Cody Mills*

Doctrine can be a sensitive subject when it comes to doctrine and church. Doctrine is any belief, principle, or education, and it has a specific task and meaning. The doctrine protects ideas, beliefs, and principles.

Even when you hear a group say they do not believe in doctrine, this statement alone is a doctrine. The group holds to an idea, belief, and principle that they do not believe in the doctrine.

This is why we as Lutherans have doctrine, and we get this doctrine from scripture.

Doctrine aims to protect the Law and Gospel from scripture and being misused for the gain of the individual.

This is why doctrine is so vital to our faith and why we should never neglect it. We confess true doctrine and anathematize (curse) false

teachings as it damages the spirit and individual.

When scripture is misused, one curses those around them – damning them.

We should always look forward to sharpening our wisdom and iron for the sake of the neighbor. Love in Christ is no easy task and calls us to learn constantly with scripture. Therefore we need Church and fellowship. Not just virtual learning and worship, but physical worship with our neighbor.

### **Financial Report**

By *Lori Stevens*

May 1 Beginning:	\$22246.72
Income:	\$ 3068.86
Expenses:	<u>\$ 3144.51</u>
May 31 Ending:	\$22171.07

We keep Darlys (Listul) Holt in our prayers as she was united to Zach Holt on 5 JUNE 2021. Many blessings to them and God keep them in one another.