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## *St. John Lutheran Church*

8020 South Park Road  
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

Council Meeting  
Thursday, November 2, 2023

**Call to Order** by Chairman Craig Timm at 6:30 p.m. with 15 members present.

**Opening Devotions** led by pastor Lorfeld. He shared a Pod cast "Young in church" by Thom Rainer. All shared in the Lord's Prayer.

**Consent Agenda:** Minutes from October 7, 2023. Motion to accept by Doug Ross, seconded by R.D. Manke. Motion carried. **Treasurer's Report:** Discussion concerning the 2024 budget. Motion by Jeff Gellerman. to remove item number 0046 regarding the Air Conditioning replacement for \$25,000.00 out of Income category and move it to category 0441- Repairs & Maintenance. Motion seconded by Jeff Zimmerman. Motion carried. Discussion followed on one or two units for the Air Conditioning replacement. The council moved to add \$500 into the evangelism portion of the budget. **Pastor's Report:** Pastor stated that Trail Life for Boys are holding meetings to put together people to run the program, with the Treasurer position to be a church member.

**New Members:** Norman and Elaine Erdman are re-joining the church since they have moved back to the area. An adult is considering membership and two child baptisms are tentatively scheduled for December 2, 2023.

**Trustee Report:** Doug Ross stated the door openers will be installed next week. Looking at putting a ramp on the south side of the church. Jim Schoenick has some of the materials and all the information will be shared with Jerry Swen. Will address the cost in 2024.

**Secretary position:** Motion made by R.D. Manke and seconded by Bill Coley to have the Elders hire and send an offer to Kaycee Hall . Motion carried.

**Piano Teacher** discussion. Pastor has been contacted with possible use of church for piano lessons. More information is needed. To be discussed at a future meeting.

**2024 Proposed Budget:** Motion by Bill Coley and Seconded by R. D. Manke and Jeff Gellerman to present the 2024 Proposed Budget at the Annual Meeting scheduled for Sunday, January 21, 2024 following the 9:30 Worship Service. Motion carried.

**Advent Meals:** Wednesday, Dec. 13th will be the Children's Program titled "Walk through Bethlehem" . A meal will be provided. Groups /Individuals are need to provide the Advent Meals on Wednesday, December 6th and December 20th. Meals will be served at 5:00 p.m. with Worship Service at 6:00 p.m.