

Philippians 4:13 – “I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me.”

The Long-Range Planning Task Force (LRPTF) submitted their findings to Council on April 9<sup>th</sup> and briefly shared these findings at the most recent Coffee with Council, on April 21<sup>st</sup>. The council is currently reviewing the research and will provide comments and areas that need further clarification or action by the LRPTF. The final submission to the congregation will take place at our Semi-Annual Meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. This will also be passed to the Call Committee which will also be announced at the Semi-Annual Meeting.

Some of the Core Values of the LRPTF findings discussed at Coffee with Council were:

- We are proudly Lutheran and need to maintain this as we evolve.
- The ideal of “all are welcome” is a core value and strength that was emphasized throughout the conversations.
- All members are important and valued. It is recognized that the congregation is multigenerational.
- Over the years, staffing has been reduced, and the impact on the current staff is significant and needs to be considered in discussions going forward.

Opportunities for Consideration

- When it comes to outreach, there is a sense that we are wide but not deep. There is a desire for GSLC to be known in the community, have a core identity, plus gain more face-to-face time with our neighbors while out serving in the community.
- We are a multigenerational church. We aspire to create connections and relationships among members of all life stages, so all are cared for and nurtured as Christ has cared for and nurtured us.
- The lack of a specified Evangelism Committee has led to decreased attention to our call to welcome and witness into the community. We need to readdress an effort around evangelism.
- There are 100 preschool children just beyond the door dividing the Administrative Hallway and the Education Wing at Child’s Play Preschool. This relationship should be fostered and developed in the near future. This is an opportunity to welcome and witness to these families.
- There is support for increased attention for the provision and enlargement of an endowment to support GSLC today and into the future. This work has already begun and should continue. More information and transparency about the Endowment Fund would be appropriate moving forward.

The Task Force again wants to thank the congregation for their recent engagement in the long-range planning process. All members of the task force remain open to hearing any

additional feedback or concerns as we continue to build this long-term plan for Good Shepherd.

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