



OUR VISION FOR SHARED PASTORAL MINISTRY

An Update from our Church Council President,
Deb Cowing



Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul Lutheran,

On Monday, June 5th the Executive Committee of the Church Council scheduled a meeting to discuss the future financial needs of SPLC, especially regarding our Vision for Shared Pastoral Ministry and calling Carrie Stiles as part-time pastor (as well as, future financial staffing goals for the church - custodial and financial). Our Secretary, Carole England was not able to attend, but was kept abreast of conversations leading up to the meeting and those that followed.

Earlier that same day we were made aware, through Pastor Dale, that a substantial financial contribution in the amount of \$30,000 was in the process of being made to our congregation by an anonymous donor. With this information our meeting shifted from searching for financial guidance to how we could be stewards of this very generous financial gift, which is a big blessing and a big responsibility.

This donation certainly alleviates some financial needs and questions, but we, as a congregation, will have some responsibility as well. Luke 12:48 says, "To whom much is given, much will be required". This verse holds boundless meaning and interpretation, both to the giver and the receiver.

After prayerful discussion, the Executive Committee believes that we all must have a "stake in the game" to meet the needs and opportunities of the church at this time. We will be asking that the congregation commit to "matching" this generous donation over the next two years beginning in September.



The Church Council is, and will continue, working on creative ways to help bring in additional dollars to support the matching campaign. A theme for the campaign and timeline for its presentation is in the works.

We realize this information will likely spark additional questions. With the exception of "who" the donor is, the council is ready and confident in answering any other questions you have. Don't hesitate to ask.

We are grateful for the donor's investment and trust that it will be a big step in driving future growth of membership and income. Without a doubt, God is at work in our church and continues to shine his light and love on this process and in this place.

Sincerely,

Deb Cowing