

COUNCIL CONNECTIONS for November 2023 **Council Actions and Information**

Council Continuing Business

Subjects being tackled by your Council members include: preparation for the January Annual Congregational Meeting, a need for 3 new council members to be elected; Stewardship 2024 Appeal; plans for 2024 in the form of New Year's Resolutions, be watching for more details in upcoming weekly emails and Sunday bulletin announcements.

Council Reports

Here are some highlights from Pastor Connie's report to Council: (1) new members Ron Eide, Lisa Kenyon, Patricia Harris and Darlene Flacker were welcomed to KoG membership during the Sunday morning service on November 5. Additionally, we look forward to welcoming Pastor Anne Palma and Pastor Gretchen Bingea and others at a later date. (2) three confirmation students from KoG attended a Campfirmation Retreat in Payette on October 28-29. Additional confirmation instruction on the Creeds and Old Testament, the ten commandments and prayer are being planned by Pastor Connie and she would love to involve a lay person to help with these classes. (3) watch for Blue Room Ministry explanation follow-up in the December Newsletter, which will include a statement on Diversity and Inclusion and how the Church Council is modifying their decision making to include transparency, responsibility and empathy.

Here are some highlights from our Director of Music Ministry, Steve Eulberg's report to Council: (1) vocal choir and chimes choir members are meeting for rehearsals. (2) KoG has been invited to participate in a Christmas Musical, under the direction of Rev Sharon Hall, at St Paul Baptist Church on Saturday, December 16th. (3) Dulcimer-Friendly Advent Evening Prayer will take place at 7:00 pm on Advent Wednesdays (via Zoom) beginning on November 29th. (4) Steve is recommending the purchase of two new software applications that would be helpful for KoG to use.

For reports from other committees supported with a council liaison, please use this link: <https://www.koglutheran.org/committees>

LEAP/Veolia Task Force Report

On November 2, 2023 KoG hosted a Neighborhood Town Hall Meeting, attended by 7 neighborhood residents plus representatives from LEAP, Veolia and KoG Task Force, including Pastor Connie. Two neighbors visibly upset when arriving but after hearing the presentation about LEAP plans (Todd Kraft/Bart Cochran) they felt heard and became more receptive to potential compromises.

LEAP has created a 5-minute video on YouTube for other churches interested in starting a project. Go to YouTube and searching for "YIGBY"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YW3JLXwtReA&t=10s>

Masking

We do not know what sort of viral barrage we may encounter this fall and winter. Thank you for your continuing efforts to enable this community of faith to be together in-person. The Community Risk Level continues to be Low.
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