

Hello, church!

We continue to work hard to keep information flowing your direction as it is our desire to keep you as informed as possible about the changes taking place in our church.

We have had two Transition Team Meetings since our last update – one held on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and one on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Below is a summary of the items discussed in both meetings.

1. Interim Pastor Update
  - a. 5 different potential interim pastors were contacted and/or considered by this team over the course of the last month to six weeks.
  - b. 2 potential interim pastors (Tom Stuart and Mark Boone) were officially interviewed by the Transition Team.
  - c. References were called and/or emailed for both Pastor Tom and Pastor Mark.
  - d. Team members listened to messages given by both Pastor Tom and Pastor Mark.
  - e. Pastor Tom Stuart was interviewed a second time and, as a next step toward hiring him as our interim pastor, we have asked him to come and share a message with the congregation during our November 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday morning service. Pastor Tom and his wife Susan will also be joining us for prayer that night.
  - f. The Transition Team expects to vote on whether to officially hire Pastor Tom at the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - g. Provided Tom is selected as our interim pastor, his availability to start would be as soon as we ask him to come.
2. Valley Christian Counseling Center
  - a. In an effort to continue to move each of us towards greater levels of health and wholeness, a motion was unanimously carried to offer up to 4 sessions of counseling to anyone who is or has been a part of Life Church who has been hurt in any way as a result of their experience here.
  - b. \$25,000 is being set aside for the next 12 months, to be used for this purpose and is the current cap on this particular fund. It will be used on a first come first serve basis.
  - c. These funds can be accessed by simply calling Valley Christian Counseling and making an appointment with them, letting them know the appointment is related to Life Church Fergus Falls.
  - d. Life Church will not have access to any names of anyone who uses these funds due to confidentiality. The counselors have been tasked to ensure that these funds are used appropriately.
3. The Governance and Bylaws Team
  - a. Met for first meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Officer Elections
    - i. Chair – Matt McGuire
    - ii. Vice Chair – Dave Fournier
    - iii. Secretary – Todd Broyles
  - c. We will be posting more from this team as information becomes available.
4. Giving – motions were unanimously carried to give to the following:
  - a. \$1,000 to a family in our community who had a house fire.
  - b. \$300 to Chapels – an organization getting started in Fergus Falls that is geared toward reaching youth hockey players with the Gospel.

Please subscribe and check back for ongoing updates in the coming weeks and months.

We love you, Church!

-The Transition Team  
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**PRAYER FOCUS**

1. For the Governance & Bylaws Team
2. Likely Potential Interims - Pastor Tom and Susan Stuart
3. Our community