

20 JULY 2025

Congregational meeting

Opened with singing hymn 42, Could It Be That God Is Singing
About 30 in attendance.

Barry Janzen, church chair, opened with meditation from I Corinthians, about unity and diversity, and prayer.

All in attendance had copies of the committee reports, giving us a good overview of our year in review. We celebrate a variety of involvements and relevant activities.

Elvira expressed appreciation to Gus Gouvas and all the other folks who provide food and drinks on Sunday mornings. She is retiring from being the coordinator of meals/events and encourages a volunteer to take up that task.

Pastor Randy acknowledged appreciation for the many things being done by such a small congregation. Karl was acknowledged for the many ways he works in and around the building.

Deacons signaled a service/learning opportunity coming in a couple of months!

Finance committee: Bruce acknowledged that the church came very close to meeting its income goals in the past year. The proposed budget (included in the printed packet) showed the past year's actual income & expense, and the committee's proposed budget for the coming year.

Inflation keeps expenses rising, requiring increased income; the question is, how can we increase income, or do we settle for a deficit in the coming year. Suggestions:

- * Increase budget for energy and water since those will certainly go up.
- * When listing rental income, remember the RTD payments for our parking lot.
- * Increase the proposed budget goals for income to make the budget balanced.
- * Finance committee is charged with deciding how to allocate the increases between offerings, rent, and fundraising.

Those in attendance affirmed the proposed budget, given the suggested revisions.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Randy.