The Congregation Council of First Lutheran Church met in the Fireside Room on December 21, 2021. Here are the highlights of that meeting.

- Financial reports were reviewed and it was shared that we continue to see positive responses in giving from our members.
- Jenny Denne reported that a deposit has been made for the persons attending the Youth Gathering in the summer of 2022.
- The Building Task Force has submitted their final report to the Council. The report was accepted as presented. The Council is recommending that the improvements to the lighting in the sanctuary be completed as soon as possible at an approximate cost of $2600.
- The next action in response to the Building and Facilities Task Force will include the moving of the Food Pantry to the current garage and also purchasing a shed to house all of the lawn equipment. This will be discussed in detail at the Annual Meeting on February 6th.
- The Council is very appreciative of the Building Facilities Task Force and thanks them sincerely for their time and efforts.
- The Nominating Committee has three persons who have accepted the placement of their names on the proposed slate of Council members for the next year. The Synod Assembly representatives and the Nominating Committee for the next year will still need to be completed for the nominating slate of officers for the 2022 year.
- At the Annual meeting, a discussion will take place regarding the establishment of a new Task Force to study the Maintenance Needs of the Building.
- Plans will be finalized for the Annual Meeting as the time gets closer and we know the updated COVID numbers.
- Budget work will be taking place in the next few weeks with the assistance of Pastor Kristine, Carla and the Executive Committee.
• For the Christmas Eve Worship, masks will be encouraged and the tape will be removed from the ends of the pews. Social distancing will be followed by those in attendance hopefully.