



## **Announcement of Special Meeting for Calling Associate Pastor to FLC**

**WHEN:** Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM

**WHERE:** First Lutheran Church Sanctuary (OR via Zoom – See link & info below)

**WHAT:** A congregational vote to extend a 'Letter of Call' to a candidate for Associate Pastor

Our First Lutheran Church Call Committee, tasked with finding our next Associate Pastor, has voted unanimously to recommend their top candidate for approval by the Vision Council.

The Vision Council has reviewed the Call Committee's recommendation and has also voted unanimously to recommend the candidate for a congregational vote. For extending a letter of call for Associate Pastor, the Vision Council is calling a special congregational meeting and vote for **Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM in the FLC Sanctuary (or via Zoom – see link & info below).**

Absentee voting or voting by proxy is not allowed by our FLC Constitution. You must either be physically present to vote, or present electronically via Zoom.

### **Zoom Instructions**

If you are unable to attend in-person, here are the instructions for attending the meeting virtually:

- Follow this link to enter the Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86476991644>
- You may also sign in using your own Zoom account or app and join by entering meeting ID# **86476991644**
- You will be able to see and hear what is going on in the meeting, but you will not be seen or heard unless you choose to be.
- When the vote is called, a ballot will appear on screen for you to use. **Please Note: Only one vote may be cast per Zoom participant.** If there is more than one member voting in your household, you must each join the Zoom meeting on a **separate device** in order to cast separate votes.

### **Notes from Call Committee on their Recommendation**

- A total of seven candidates were under consideration by the Call Committee.
- The recommended candidate went through multiple interviews including separate meetings with staff and Pastor Joe. Pastor and staff gave overwhelmingly positive feedback on the candidate.
- Other notable highlights from the Call Committee: this candidate is “very approachable,” “down to earth,” “intelligent,” “creative,” and that they have a remarkably compatible set of ministry gifts, interests, and abilities in relation to the mission and ministries of FLC.

To maintain confidentiality, specific details about the candidate cannot be shared until the congregational meeting itself – where their identity and a more detailed biography will be revealed, but we can share that the candidate is male, just shy of 30 years old, and is currently pastoring a church in rural Minnesota.

We hope you can be present for this sacred and momentous occasion, and as always, we ask for God’s wisdom and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.