



Greetings St. Paul family!

This letter is to inform you of a special congregational meeting on Sunday, April 19. We will be considering changes to our constitution at this meeting. Currently, a bylaw in our constitution states that "The annual meeting shall be held on the last Sunday of January.". Since the church operating budget for the year is not finalized until the annual meeting, the process of running church payroll in late January can be very difficult or impossible. This will be the case in January 2027, when the last Sunday of January is January 31! The proposed modification to this bylaw is " The annual meeting shall be held on a Sunday in January.". This will provide us with greater flexibility in scheduling the annual meeting, and the date of the annual meeting will continue to be announced in a letter to the congregation from the council president as in years past.

In addition, we will also be voting to adopt required constitution modifications from the ELCA. There are too many changes to describe here, but the full set of these minor changes will be made available on the table in the church narthex.

**COUNCIL RECOMMENDS A VOTE IN FAVOR OF ADOPTING ALL OF THESE CHANGES.**

The vote will be conducted following the worship service in the sanctuary. No Zoom option will be available.

Please plan to attend!

On behalf of the Congregation Council and Pastor Paul,

Jeff Muthler

Council President