

**River Table Minutes**  
**River of Hope Lutheran Church ELCA Hutchinson, Minnesota**  
**Wednesday, July 31, 2024 6 p.m. by Zoom**

Present: Gerry Connell, President; Mary Royer, Vice-President; Arlyn DeBruyckere, Treasurer; Pastor Hans Peterson, Dave Fischer, Nancy Redetzke, Patricia Paulsen

Absent: none

Opening Prayer by Pastor Hans

Approved River Table Minutes of July 9, 2024 (Royer/Connell)

### **Reports**

Finance: Treasurer Arlyn DeBruyckere and Pastor Hans spoke about recent electronics acquisitions following a successful fundraiser. There are a couple items yet to be purchased, including a screen.

Pastor's Report: There are many summer events providing opportunities for youth. A group recently attended the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, and Vacation Bible School will take place in August. Pastor Hans and Heidi are inviting all to their farm for Applealooza on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Vision Table: The group met to discuss facilities and other items. In regard to their suggestion of a budget line item for future increased rent expenses, the River Table reviewed how this has already been the intent since the River of Hope office vacated the downtown location and moved to the Event Center. The amount is around \$1000 per month and should appear as a line item.

### **Continuing Business**

Reconciling in Christ: Our congregation's survey results are available. There will be a forum or some other sharing of the information. Vote on this issue will likely be on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Constitution Review: Work is progressing.

Alternate Worship Space: There has been consideration of 101 Main Street as a possible future home for River of Hope. After much discussion, the River Table and Vision Table agree that this is not the correct choice for us at this time. Pastor Hans will be in contact with the owners to inform them of our decision.

Closing: *The Lord's Prayer*

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 6 p.m., Hutchinson Event Center

Submitted by Tricia Paulsen