

WILL'S CORNER

Dear ULC and LCM Members:

Now that Fall has arrived, it was time to do some cleaning and trimming. This past Saturday we had a good turnout to complete many tasks that were identified by our Property Committee co-chairwoman. It was great to see two couples who just joined ULC pitch in and work very hard. Thank you to all who participated!

Your Council continues to address immediate and long-term issues. Our Sanctuary could use some major repairs, but these are costly. I've met with two contractors to get estimates on replacing some doors. One estimate came in at \$5,000 to replace three doors. Our Property Committee will be addressing this plus making a decision to select one of two painters. Painting is long overdue, and we have funds for that.

The Council feels strongly about purchasing an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator). It is a question of being safe rather than sorry. Hopefully, it will never need to be used, but we should be prepared.

The Property, Worship and Music and Stewardship committees are up and running. Another Stewardship drive is slated for later this year. We are still looking for someone to head an Outreach/Parish Life group. This group would be a catalyst for increasing member participation in several events as well as reaching out to members who seldom come, plus attracting new members.

As I mentioned earlier, we have maintenance issues which brings up the need for long-term (3-5 years) planning. I addressed my concern to the Property Committee that we have property (buildings and grounds) that are very high maintenance. I personally believe we could get along with less property and just one building (Church/Campus Center). This leads to some options which I am very receptive to hear about and discuss with the Council. I welcome your input.

It has been an interesting 4-1/2 months for me, and I really appreciate the support you have given me. With all members working together, we can accomplish a lot.

Respectfully,
Will Salz, Council President