



April 14, 2020

Dear Shalom Families,

RE: Covenant Affirmation Vote – Due May 1

We hope everyone is staying safe and well. Someday we will be able to gather again at Shalom and celebrate! In the meantime, our transition is proceeding. Pastor Kurt has agreed to stay until the quarantine ends or June 1 when the transition takes place.

The leadership of Shalom have chosen the Anchor Church model for congregational transition and revitalization, which also places us in the position of being part of piloting an approach that is hoped will revitalize ELCA ministries around the country. This involves partnering with another vibrant congregation in our synod with a similar approach to ministry which will come alongside us to offer pastoral leadership, stability, and new energy and vision. We have enclosed a covenant with Calvary Lutheran Church in Clarkston, MI. This is an exciting time for us as we continue to do vibrant ministry even while we prepare for what is to come.

Pastor Kurt and Pastor Ken Greble (from Calvary) have been sharing worship so we have had an opportunity to get to know Pastor Ken. The covenant shares some of the ways Pastor Ken will help Shalom create a vision for the future. Calvary Lutheran Church has resources that will help us with our weaknesses and we have strengths that will help Calvary with their weaknesses.

The Shalom website has a Transition link that shares more information about the Anchor Church model, as well as the covenant and expectations (which are also enclosed).

Thank you for your support and willingness to serve God in and through your lives. Please return your completed ballot by May 1. You may mail it back to Shalom in the enclosed envelope or drop it off at the front entrance in the drop box.

Each person needs to complete a ballot and return it to Shalom by May 1.

Your vote matters!

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