

Council Notes August 2024

Over the summer, Council:

- Focused on preparing for this ministry year
- Changed the schedule so that regular meetings of the Council, Deacons and Elders will take place on the second Monday of the month, rather than the first and third.
- Approved a revised Pastor of Care job description reducing the hours and workload of Pastor Dave Armstrong.
- Reviewed the CRC synodical affirmation of the traditional, biblical position on human sexuality (that chastity means either heterosexual monogamy or celibacy), and synod's decision that all CRC churches and office-bearers (pastors, elders, and deacons) must abide by this position. Pastor Matthew will be the primary contact for those with personal concerns.
- Confirmed that the elders and deacons will continue to work through a Grace-Truth course designed to present the biblical position of truth and the biblical posture of grace related to these matters. This course will also be offered to the congregation as a small-group opportunity.
- Authorized all interested Staff Members to attend the upcoming Deeper Journey retreat (October 6-8) as a continuing education opportunity.
- Completed the sale of the Cornell property, with realized proceeds of approximately \$360,000.
- Approved the addition of "Expanding God's Kingdom" as a fourth "E" in Faith's Church Mission Statement, with the intention of our congregation having more of an outward focus, both in proclaiming the good news of Jesus and working to build His kingdom.