

People and Places

January 2017 Monthly Newsletter for Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

**Welcome to 2017!
May God bless us
and give us a good
year!**

Getting Ready for the Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is slated for Sunday, February 12 following the worship. Here are some things you need to know to get ready for that meeting.

1. Deadline for Reports

Reports from committees and groups must be given to the office no later than Sunday, January 22. The Bulletin of Reports will then be made available to everyone on Sunday, January 29.

2. Prior Notice for Complex Motions

If you would like to bring a motion before the AGM that is of a complex nature, or requires a great deal of information, or may be controversial, Council is requiring that such motions be submitted to the office no later than Sunday, February 5. This is to ensure that the motion

can be dealt with in an informed and appropriate manner at the AGM.

3. Nominations for Council

Two of our Council members will be stepping down at this year's AGM, which means that we will need at least 2 nominees to put their names forward to maintain the constitutionally mandated minimum of 6. It would be better to have 3 or more people join Council to help in this important work.

4. Visioning Part II

Back on October 15, 2016, we had the first part of our congregational visioning process. In that session we identified the strengths of ORLC, and also some of the weak points. Everyone who participated found the small group discussion process and large group sharing to be encouraging, uplifting, and inspiring.

Now it is time for the second part in which

we take those strengths and weaknesses and look to the future to discuss where we go from here as a congregation. The hope is that this discussion will inform both the discussion at the AGM and the work of Council for the next year.

Part II of the Visioning will take place on Saturday, January 28, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Keri Wehlander will again be the facilitator for the process.

On the Lighter Side—

New Year's Resolutions

A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.

This year I resolve to rediscover the difference between wants and needs: May I have all I need, and want all I have.

Before you resolve to change yourself, resolve to be yourself. Remember, God loves you!