

## Vision Council Corner – March 2024

The Vision Council continued with their book study of *One Coin Found* by Emmy Kegler, which inspired conversation about the paradox of Christianity, introduced by quoting Martin Luther: “A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all.”

Several of us could relate to this explanation of the Christian life. We also discussed the restructuring and are excited that there is a good group of volunteers to work on designing an effective, logical church organization. We celebrated the generosity of our congregation and two anonymous donors who have contributed to erasing our bank debt.

All remaining debt can be covered by synodical rent. Mary Dontje will fill in as treasurer until a new treasurer is elected in June. If you are interested, you don't have to be a wizard with numbers, just be able to read numbers! Everyone was so thrilled with the attendance and energy at the annual meeting; our congregational meeting will be June 9th where we elect our leaders. Folk dance will be April 26th; Dana Varland is a seminarian at Luther in St. Paul seeking ordination in Word and Service ministry– we are asked to pray for her!

We have a new group– the Quilting Guild– meeting in our building once a month. We are replacing the lower commons carpet. Green Mile Ministries will be here this summer for two weeks; next summer for 7 weeks. This summer they will help Chum and FLC with the Rhubarb Fest. Maybe next year they can help us with a VBS program. Our stewardship theme this year is *Sharing Our Generosity Stories*. We are offering Pastor Dianne an extra month off for rest and renewal. Time yet to be determined.