

## **GROWING EFFECTIVE CHURCHES, LARGE CHURCH INITIATIVE CONSULTATION UPDATE**

In the spring of 2016, the Growing Effective Churches, Large Church Initiative began at St. Paul's, but was not completed. As it has been shared in worship, *The Weekly* and *The Messenger*, the procedure began again in the fall of 2016.

The Large Church Initiative's Consultation Team will conduct interviews with pastors, key leaders and staff on January 26 and 27.

**Thursday, January 26**, 5:30–6:30 pm, a Prayer Gathering for the Consultation process will be held in the Sanctuary. All are welcome. Later that evening, the Team requests meeting with a specific Focus Group.

On **Saturday, January 28** the Team has asked St. Paul's Leadership to attend a Focus Group in the morning. Following the Focus Group, a **teaching session will be held from 10:15 am-3:00 pm on the third floor of the Education Center**. The leaders, pastors and staff are expected to attend; congregational members are also invited. Lunch and childcare will be offered to those attending. **Please RSVP** to Linda, at [lheverly@stpaulsc.org](mailto:lheverly@stpaulsc.org) or 237-2163, **by January 23**.

**Sunday, January 29, Rev. Matt Lake will lead us in worship.** Following each service, the Team will share their report. The report is comprised from the results of the Assessment Exercise, the completion of the Readiness 360 survey, requested statistical and historical information, meeting with Focus Groups and interviews with St. Paul's leaders, pastors, and staff.

**THREE Q&A sessions will be offered** to the congregation, all held in the Social Room, with a member of the Consultation Team present to answer questions.

- **Monday, February 13 at 7:00 pm** in the Social Room, with our District Superintendent, Rev. Lori Steffensen,
- **Sunday, February 19 at 2:00 pm** in the Social Room also with Rev. Lori Steffensen;
- **Thursday, February 23 at 7:00 pm** in the Social Room, with Rev. Dennis Keller.

On **Monday, February 27, at 7:00 pm, in the Sanctuary a Church Conference** will be held to vote on the report. District Superintendent Rev. Lori Steffensen will lead St. Paul's in the Conference where we will vote whether or not to accept the report made by the Consultation Team.

We hope you will take advantage of the opportunities to listen, learn and ask questions so you are informed before placing your vote.

**Thanks and appreciation** to the Prayer Team for continuing to hold this process in prayer; to the team who gathered statistical and historical information; as well to all who have completed the Assessment Exercise and/or the Readiness 360 survey.

The Large Church Initiative's Consultation Team is comprised of The Rev. Dr. Dennis Otto, Director of Growing Effective Churches; District Superintendent, The Rev. Lori Steffensen; The Rev. Dennis Keller, pastor of First Church Mechanicsburg and The Rev. Matthew Lake, pastor of First Church Williamsport.

