

LEADERSHIP TEAM NEWS IN BRIEF

Meeting: November 5, 2025

WE DECIDED:

- To plan and hold a Leadership Team Retreat on Saturday, January 24, 2026. A planning team was struck to prepare for this meeting.
- To renew our movie license so that we can continue to promote and show a variety of films at the church.
- To accept a donation of a backpack snowblower for Leo's use.
- To provide space for a rental group to store equipment in a storage container in the back parking lot for a weekly fee.
- To prepare and send out a letter to promote events of the Advent season, share gratitude for the generosity of the Spirit of Hope community and invite all to consider an increase in their givings in December and the new year.

WE DISCUSSED:

- The invitation from General Council to participate in an Advent campaign continuing the "A place at the Table" project. Rev. Blaine, Cathy and Judy will attend an online meeting to find out more about this opportunity.
- How best to use our time at the monthly Leadership Team meetings to focus on mission and future strategies, not past business. We will have an agenda item of "Growing Edge" issues to discuss at the LT Meetings.
- The need to fill the upcoming vacancies in the Leadership Team, Trustees and Ministry and Personnel Committee, and ways to support the Nominating Committee to identify and approach people interested in serving the SOH community in leadership positions.
- Ways we can effectively inform the congregation of and implement the "Creating Safe and Respectful Environments Policy" from the United Church of Canada.
- Our concern regarding the lack of communication from Northern Spirit Regional Council when it comes to the dissemination of funds

from the sale of church properties. A letter outlining these concerns will be sent to the Regional Council.

- The cards of thanks we received from a rental group and an event organizer.

LOOKING FORWARD TO:

- The many events of the coming Advent Season
 - Christmas Vendor Market, Bake Sale and Beef on a Bun
 - Family Fun Fest and Pot Luck Supper
 - Organ Recital
 - Christmas Carol and Treats
 - Movie – Frozen Sing a Long
 - Lessons and Carols Service
 - SEEDS Fundraising Lunch
 - Two Christmas Eve Services
 - And other events that are new and ongoing.
- The completion of the installation of the solar panels, and their connection to our electrical system.

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 3, 2025

Leadership Team Members:

Chair: Jim Lewis

Past Chair: Carol Loewen

Secretary: Phyllis Verhaar

Treasurer: Kevin Gue

Ministry and Personnel: Eva Cooper

Trustees: Sandra Hawes

Property, Finance and Stewardship: Cathy Martin

Worship Faith in Action Team (FIAT): Vici Wynn and Roslyn Thomson

Learning and Growth FIAT: Heather Green and Chris Meintzer

Just and Caring Community FIAT: Judy Meintzer and Sara van Halderen

Communications: Susan Bamm

Minister: Reverend Blaine Gregg