

**April Newsletter** 

Canvass month may be over but we are not quite done yet. We got started a bit late and all the problems with the freeze up and the roof put us behind even further. If you did not return your pledge yet then there is still time. I need to wrap up canvass before we complete the final budget at the next board meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

This canvass one of our main points was our convenant guideline where we agree to "Share the ministry of the congregation through our gifts of time, talent and money."

We need to raise \$1000 per member each year to keep this church going. That's \$83/month for each member. Fortunately, 27% of our members give more than the \$1000/year and last year we are able to reach \$159,000 in donations.

On this year's budget I am planning for \$160,000 in donations. If we get to that amount then our budget will balance. We <u>must</u> have a balanced budget this year – we are about to spend nearly all of our reserves on the roof repair. Deficit budgets were OK when we had a backstop of reserves, but don't work when the reserves are not available.

So if you haven't pledged yet then please send us your pledge now. It's important.

Here is a link to our online pledge form.

Thank you to those who financially support the work of our church.

