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- **Presentation by the Mission Team about "Project Friendship":** Ron Bedard, Rud Wasson and David Nycklemoe introduced the council to Project Friendship. Project Friendship is a ministry focusing on support for single parents that was started at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie. The Mission Team is interested in bring this program to Bethlehem and reported on the work that they have been doing to date. They also asked the council to decide if they would like for the Mission Team to proceed.
- **Building Project Update:** A window example (for Sunday School wing) is available at the church
- **Update from the Personnel Committee:** Regarding the custodial position - Amy and Glen are getting quotes for outside services (lawn, snow removal) and looking for part time or multiple services to cover the custodial needs of the church

**Announcements:**

- Lent round-robin preaching series with other ELCA churches, Wednesdays March 8-April 5. Worship at both 12:10 and 6:30pm - Lunch to follow noon service and soup supper at 5:30pm. **Theme: "This is Most Certainly True" teachings found in Luther's Small Catechism**
- Installation of Pastor Jake Anderson - Sunday, March 19th - welcome breakfast will be served between services
- 4th and 5th Grade First Communion will be Sunday, April 2nd at the 10:15am worship service
- Palm Sunday Breakfast Sunday, April 9th 9-12:15, fundraiser for summer youth trips
- Easter Sunday is April 16th, worship services at 6:30am, 8:30am and 10:15am. Easter breakfast from 7-10am. Breakfast is a fundraiser for summer youth trips
- Retirement Celebration for Gary Preston - Sunday, April 23rd between services in fellowship hall, breakfast will be served

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, April 11th at 5:30pm

Adjournment

Prayers for our congregation as our ministry unfolds in 2017

Lord's Prayer