Hello Members and Friends of LUF,

Welcome back from a summer full of heat, rain and insects! I hope that you all took time to nurture your spirit and body in a way that was meaningful to you.

Since we last gathered in community, your Leadership has been actively engaged:

 Our budget is on track. Our spending is in line with our givings.

The favourable rent that we pay at Arthur street helps keep our operating costs down.

 Building committee has kept their eyes open and are appreciative of the properties that have been sent to them. The following properties were noted:

o The Spring Street Church

o 212 Villa Street

o Epiphany Lutheran on Dewe Street

Villa Street and Dewe Street are no longer available. Spring Street is not an accessible property

 Our strategic plan of 2017-2020 came to its end during the Covid lockdown

 LUF will engage the services of Rev. Debra Faulk to speak once each month.

She has been contracted for the weekend of Sept. 23-25 to meet with SSWC, the Board and facilitate the congregational gathering.

 Sunday Service/Worship committee has been busy planning to support our spiritual needs for the new worship year.

 Fellowship/Life/Membership still continues to keep in touch with our friends and members.

We begin a new year for LUF and my question to you is: *What will our journey look like?*

I invite you all to join us on Saturday, September 24 at 12:30 pm for a congregational gathering with Rev. Debra Falk. Rev. Debra will facilitate our gathering where we will focus on Mapping our Future. I ask you to consider two questions in preparation for this gathering.

1. How do we move forward as a sustainable, thriving, LUF?

2. What role do you see yourself in?

It is my hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us in person in the Conference Room at 1265 Arthur Street beginning at 12:30 PM.

There is much to do and together, in community, we can build a strong and sustainable future.

Through service, we nurture others and ourselves.

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Sandra McIver

President LUF