

August 10, 2023

**Dear Church Family,**

As a follow-up to our update from last week (if you missed it, please find it [HERE](#)), we are excited to share with you more details about Phase 1: Discovery & Engagement. Our purpose in Phase 1 is to develop a clear picture of who we are as a church, which includes our values and priorities, as well as the direction of the church.

Our first opportunity for engagement with you, the congregation, is in a come-and-go “Coffee Hour” setting during the Sunday School hour downstairs in Room 122. Donuts and coffee will be available! Members from the Pulpit Search Committee (PSC) will be scattered throughout the room in pairs to hear from you. We will have three Coffee Hours, beginning this Sunday, August 13. The dates for all of the Coffee Hours are:

- August 13
- August 20
- August 27

The second opportunity for engagement is that members from the PSC will be available to hear from you following the worship service in the narthex. We will specifically be there August 27, September 3, and September 10.

We also want you to know that, in general, we are available. We are currently having a page on the website designed for you to see us and be able to contact us. We are looking forward to this time of engaging with you to learn more about who we are as a church, our values, priorities, and needs. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful participation.

As we begin this discovery and engagement phase, please be praying for what the Lord may be leading you to share with the PSC. Please continue to pray for the PSC, that during this phase in particular, we will listen attentively, observe keenly, and wholeheartedly engage with you, the congregation. And please continue to pray that our good God will continue to guide us throughout this process in our search for the next senior pastor of Carriage Lane.

Grace and Peace,

The Pulpit Search Committee

Jeff Andrews, Erin Brooke, Craig Jeffery, Drake Osterhage, Jamie Pendergrass, Jeff Poling, Lindsay Pope, Ben Samuels, Caleb Sprinkel, Grace Swartz, and Katy Trygstad