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The Municipality of West Grey,  
Hello Mayor Christine, Deputy Mayor Tom, Councillors,

I hope this email finds you well and you have been able to settle into some semblance of normality during the Covid 19 crisis. As time has gone by we are now to the point where we once again as a parish are able to at least begin to discuss protocols on returning to worship with item one being where that might be. We were hoping to revisit the matter of the Neustadt Hall current rental charge to St. Paul's Lutheran church. I am forwarding on the previous email thread to refresh everyone's memory as the correspondence had paused as the onset of the Covid crisis altered our priorities. I want to be clear that we are simply asking to have the same consideration as the other church groups in the West Grey Municipality are getting which in **some cases are as high as a 77% price reduction** in rental charges. Were our congregation based in Durham or Ayton we would gladly use those facilities at the discounted rates but with a significant portion of our congregation in their golden years the prospect of travelling to a neighbouring town to worship is not a practical option. Although the facilities may have some slight differences it would only seem just and fair to discount the Neustadt Hall in a similar manner which is relative to the rental rates that the other church groups are receiving. We are happy to contribute our share and would like to continue to worship at the Neustadt Hall so are asking that you reassess the rental rates and offer our church group a rate that would be consistent with those in the other towns. We look forward to hearing from you,

St. Paul's Normanby Lutheran church Harry Bender, church council and Ruth Bender