**Faith Lutheran Church**

Council Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2015

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| Council Members |
| **President**Brian Lauer (15) | X | **Vice-President**Wade Eastman (15) | X | **Treasurer**Niki Pokornowski (15) | X | **Secretary**Linda McGraw (15) | X |
| Ken Holler (16) |  | Jan Kreie (15) | X | Deb Marcotte (15) | X | Michelle Malchow (16) |  |
| Steve Killian (15) |  | Dan Brinkman (16) |  | Jon Kamrath (16) |  | Christine Ruppert (16) |  |
| Jeff Amundson (15) | X | Jon Wehler (16) | X |  |  |  |  |
| Staff |
| Pastor Scott |  | Pastor Paul | X | Diane Pedersen | X | Josiah Frusti | X |
| Pastor Dave | X | Marsha Schmit |  | Gladys Bonnema | X |  |  |
| Pastor Paulus | X | Wendy Mayland | X | Mike Lauer | X |  |  |

# Opening

## President Brian Lauer called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

* Brian Lauer opened with devotions filling in for Ken Holler who was ill.

**Secretary’s Report:**

* **ACTION - Motion/Second/Passed** to approve the June meeting minutes.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

* **ACTION - Motion/Second/Passed** to approved the June Treasurer's report.

 Legacy of Faith saving account balance increased by $47,000 due to the Thrivent refund.

**Pastor / Staff Reports:**

* Written reports submitted with the agenda.
* **ACTION - Motion/Second/Passed** to approve the June Staff Reports.

**Ministry Teams:**

* **Worship (Dan and Jeff)**
	+ Camp Fire scheduled for October 7, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.
	+ Reviewed Web page - pictures and events to be added
	+ Working on a song book to be used in all services
	+ Planning a "choir drive" hoping to attract new choir members
	+ Working to get more people involved in worship services/perhaps hosting a volunteer appreciation
* **Church in the World (Jan and Ken)**
* Discussed how to witness in the community and the challenges involved in that witness
* Discussed Web page update
* **Congregational Life (Deb and Michelle)**
* Ice cream after 10:10 worship on July 26, 2015
* Treats for outdoor worship August 16, 2015
* Sunday School Extravaganza September 13, 2015
* Discussed Web page update
* **Discipleship (Jon and Steve)**
* Discussed Web page update
* Preparing online Advent devotionals
* Pat May to do a presentation in both services on July 26, 2015 concerning the congregational Digging Deeper survey
* **Management (Executive Committee)**
	+ Discussed financials
	+ Basketball hoop has been installed
	+ Briefly discussed Pastor Scott's memo concerning the recent Supreme Court ruling on marriage and the church's exposure relative to law suits being filed for declining to perform marriages that go against our doctrinal beliefs and teachings. Diane to meet with the church's liability insurance agent concerning this matter.
	+ Discussed Web page update
* **Spiritual Formation (Jon and Christine)**
	+ Drive-In Diner - served 300 people
	+ August Faith Family Fun Event - August 9, 2015 - outdoor pool/kick ball
	+ Discussed September Augustana Youth Retreat
	+ Discussed Sunday School Extravaganza
	+ Josiah assessing Sunday School needs and teacher recruitment
	+ Discussed Web page update

**Old Business**

1. Faith Life Camp Update/Theme - 43 people registered to date (mostly adults). Theme - "Faith Journey"

2. Other

* Safety alarm proposal signed
* Mugs and Muffins - about 75 attendees - event being well received and well attended

**New Business**

1. VBS Update - Josiah - Theme - "God's Love" - all going good.

2. Club 218 Update - Josiah - Shelly Grorud, Gladys and Josiah met with Andrew from U of M Extension/SNAP regarding teaching low income families about nutrition. A one-time nutrition presentation for Club 218 parents will be done on August 5, 2015.

3. Review Mission Trip - Outstanding experience, great adult leaders, lots of worship and spiritual sharing, visited assisted living complexes, helped with gardening and kid's club. All experienced a powerful worship service in a park shelter during a thunderstorm.

4. Fall Theme Planning - At the July staff retreat a fall theme was developed with implementation to be worked on this summer. A small-group study, Cross Fit, will focus on spiritual practices and discipleship - theme "Armor of God." A large group teaching will be posted to Faith's YouTube account to be used for future small group discussions.

5. Other - Jon Wehler shared his soul searching thoughts concerning the recent Supreme Court ruling on marriage and challenged this Council to think about how we can make a difference and provide guidance on this issue.

Communion Helper Schedule:

 August 2: 8:00 a.m. - Niki Pokornowski and Chris Ruppert

 10:10 a.m. - Outdoors – No Council Help Needed

 August 9: 8:00 a.m. - Brian Lauer and Linda McGraw

 10:10 a.m. - Outdoors – No Council Help Needed

Correspondence: None

Closing Prayer: Pastor Dave

Adjournment: President Brian Lauer adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Next Regular Council Meeting: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Devotions for next month: Jon Wehler

Respectfully submitted,

Linda McGraw, Secretary