

Faith Lutheran Church - Council Minutes Tuesday, February 18, 2025

President Jon Kamrath	x	Vice President Scott Glaser	x	Treasurer Al Liepold		Secretary Niki Pokornowski	x
Kim Pearson		Tanja Glaser	x	Cheryl Buboltz	x	Lola Bradford	x
Sharon Jenkins		Monica Schiller	x	Lori Swift	x		
		Dave Skaar	x	Karna Blake	x		
Pastor Scott	x	Pastor Dave	x	Pastor Paulus	x	Pastor Paul	x
Wendy Magruder	x	Marsha Schmit	x	Sara Wegner		Jeff Amundson	
Austin Willhite	x	Laura Stowman	x	Kristen Durst	x		

Call to order by President, Jon Kamrath @ 7:34 p.m.
Devotion by Cheryl Buboltz

Secretary's Report: M/S/C to approve the January 2025 meeting minutes as presented

Treasurer's Report:

- We received \$68,610.69 in offerings
- Expenses exceeded income by \$27,008.62; there were 3 payrolls in January
 - M/S/C to approve the Treasurer's report for January 2025

Pastor/Staff Reports: Pastor Dave spoke about the young adult retreat that was held at Mt. Carmel in January. This was part of the Greenhouse Collective and there were about 70 adults that attended.

Ministry Team Reports:

Children, Youth and Family (Lola)

- Pool party is scheduled for Sunday, March 23 from 2-4
- Signed up for the Community meal in October
- Talked about the water fountain; brought to the Management team to discuss at March meeting

Church in the World (Kim and Sharon)

- Katie Weikle attended their meeting and shared her mission

Congregational Life (Tanja and Monica)

- Lenten picnic will be Wednesday, March 26 from 5 – 6:15
- The food drive will be set up and will run through the beginning of April
- The team will be hosting a progressive meal in the fall with a tailgating party theme. They asked if another ministry team would be interested in helping with appetizers and desserts

Discipleship (Cheryl and Lori)

- The team started meeting with introductions and talking about past events
- Bibleopoly, they are hoping to see more dots
- Signed up for the Community Meal
- Date night will be scheduled in March

Management (Exec Comm)

- Carpet in the Narthex has been completed and looks great
- Went over financials and took care of signature cards
- Signed up for the Community meal in March

Music and Worship (Karna and Dave)

- Started their meeting with introductions
- There was a lot of discussion about the organ, that it is reaching its end
- Signed up for the Community meal in April

Old Business:

Annual Meeting Recap

- The meeting went well. Attendance was low, partially due to an uneventful agenda.
- Staff shared dreams and hopes that would come from the building project

Capital Campaign/Leap of Faith gathering updates

- 50 meetings were scheduled, however some of the meetings did not have any attendees
- The committee was hoping for more attendance
- A mailing was sent out to the families that didn't attend

New Business:

Nominating update for remaining open positions

- At the annual meeting, there were still three open positions for ministry teams. Lori Swift joined the Discipleship team and Richard Settergren joined the Children, Youth and Family team. Justin Beck replaced Sandy Curtiss (who died) on the Worship team.
- M/S/C to approve the nominees to fill these positions.
- There is still one open spot on the Children, Youth and Ministry team.

Approval of updating signature cards by new officers

- Since the congregational officers change each year, the president (Jon Kamrath), vice president (Scott Glaser), treasurer (Al Liepold), and finance coordinator (Sara Wegner) need to be approved by the church council as signatories on bank accounts.
- M/S/C to approve new officers be allowed to signers for financial accounts

Ash Wednesday/Lent Preview

- Ash Wednesday is on March 5, with 2 services: 12:00 and 6:30 p.m.
- Mid-week Lenten service theme this year will be the 5 Enduring Promises of Christ.
- Faith will participate in the round robin preaching with Christ the King, Zion (Buffalo Lake), St Matthews, and St. Paul's Lutheran in Stewart. This will be the first year St Paul's Lutheran is joining.
- The Lenten picnic will be held on March 26

Meeting dates to put on your calendar

- Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.
- The May meeting will be retreat style starting a half hour early with supper served first
- January's meeting will be held 2 weeks early, on January 6, 2026.
- The annual meeting will be Sunday, January 25, 2026 at noon

Housekeeping

- Sign up to lead church council devotions, verify contact information, choose service preference to help with communion

Communion helper schedule was reviewed

Correspondence this month from various organizations to thank us for our support

The next Regular Council Meeting will be Tuesday, March 18, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Devotion for March – Niki Pokornowski

Closing Prayer by Pastor Dave

Meeting Adjourned at 8:37 p.m.