

Faith Lutheran Church - Council Minutes Tuesday, April 15, 2025

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

Call to order by President Jon Kamrath @ 7:38 p.m.; Devotion led by Lori Swift.

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

Treasurer's Report:

- The format of the general funds section of the Cash Flow and Account Balances report was changed to match the other funds, showing the ending balance for the month compared to the last month.
- Capital Campaign received about \$102,000 in gifts. The 12-month CD matured on April 5, and was renewed as approved last month. Balances will appear in the April report, including the \$3,450 in interest earned.
- March shows a net loss of around \$3,344, with a total net loss year-to-date of \$41,166.03.
- Year to date giving is up from last year by \$5,560, a 2.77% increase. March had five Sundays but shows less than March, 2024, which included Holy Week deposits other than Easter Sunday.
- M/S/C to approve the Treasurer's report for February 2025

Pastor/Staff Reports:

Pastor Dave commented on camp affiliations with Lake Okoboji and Mt. Carmel. Mt Carmel's Executive Director, Tim Peterson, will be retiring in October. David Blackstad will be taking over the role in August.

Ministry Team Reports:

Management (Exec Committee)

- Water bottle refill station would have to be installed by a contractor. Adam Glesner will contact Lenny.
- The parking lot cracks are as big as they'll get. The city isn't yet repairing street cracks. We will try to line up repairs later this summer.
- Street improvements on Hassan St. will restrict our parking lot access April 28 – August 1. It will also restrict parking at Library Square for summer worship in the park.

Worship (Dave Skaar)

- A sound engineer from Sim Sound of Winona assessed our sound systems. The current sound boards are 30+ years old. He will look for solutions and present a proposal.
- Free Community meal was held on Sunday, 4/13 and served 39 people.
- Held a rehearsal for the disciple reenactment for Maundy Thursday.

Children, Youth and Family (Lola Bradford and Richard Settergren)

- M/S/C to add Ashley Albrecht to the CYF ministry team.
- Discussed VBS, to be held at Christ the King this year, June 30 – July 3. Many volunteers are needed.
- Brunch for high school seniors is being planned.

Church in the World (Kim Pearson and Sharon Jenkins)

- Pastor Dave noted the Awaken Project's fund shortage. Faith will send benevolence for it at this time.
- Common Cup's open house will be held on April 28 at noon at Hunter's Ridge.
- The team talked about the Tabor congregation in Ethiopia, which is a mission for Augustana District that Faith also supports. Currently only 13 out of 103 AD congregations are supporting this mission.

Congregational Life (Tanja Glaser and Monica Schiller)

- The offering received from the Lenten picnic went to Meghan's Place, Common Cup, and the food shelf.
- 400 pounds of food and \$280 was collected for the food shelf in March.
- The Progressive Dinner will be moved to 2026 as they were unable to find a free weekend to hold it.
- A new pictorial directory is coming.

Discipleship (Cheryll Buboltz and Monica Schiller)

- In May, the team will call the new members who recently joined.
- 41 May Day baskets were put together and will be delivered the week of May 1.
- Faith will have a Father's Day float in the Water Carnival parade this year.
- June 29th will be bike, walk, roller stroll to church day.

Old Business:

Leap of Faith Update

- The initial response was generous and off to a great start. The average pledge per household is the highest it has ever been for a capital campaign at Faith. Currently, we have received 179 pledges.
- How do we get to the next stage? The teams have been meeting and have some things in the works.

Awaken Project Visit

- The Awaken Project is part of the Greenhouse Collective project. It is a gap-year program where students spend the first half of the year learning and the second half supporting middle school events. Six students spent time at Faith helping with youth activities April 9 -April 13. They stayed at the Ansgar House.

New Business:

Summer Ministry Preview

- Mystery Bus: June 24th–26th for 5th–7th graders. Students do a mini-mission trip & something fun each day.
- Vacation Bible School: June 30th–July 3rd for PreK-4th graders with Christ the King. The theme is True North.
- HS Mission Trip: July 11th–July 19th for 8th–12th grade students. This year they will serve in Indianapolis.
- Bible Camp: July 13th–July 18th (or whenever) for 1st–12th graders. Students are encouraged to attend Ing-ham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp the same week as Christ the King or Inspiration Point in Vining, MN.
- Day Camp: Aug. 4th–7th for K–5th grade. Faith and Christ the King partner with counselors from Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp lead the camp. It will be hosted at Faith.
- Possible kids' musical to be held in August.
- Middle School Madness: held on Tuesdays by HAY ministry for 5th – 8th graders.
- God Squad: held on Wed. for 5th–7th grade students. It is similar to 56ers but is held in the summer.
- FLY: held on Wed. evenings for 8th–12th grade students. The schedule is a bit longer than the school year.

Summer Fellows and Fall FLInterns

- O applicant to be a Summer Fellow; interest from someone in the Awaken Project to be a FLIntern.

Communion Helper Schedule:

April 20 (Easter)	6:00—Lola	8:00—Monica and Kim	9:30—Richard and	11:00—Volunteer(s)
May 4	8:00	Dave and Monica	10:10	Lori and Kim
May 11	8:00	Scott and Tanja	10:10	Cheryl and Lola

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

The next regular church council meeting will be Tues., May 20, beginning at 5:30 p.m. for supper and retreat.

Devotion for May – Dave Skaar Closing Prayer by Pastor Scott Meeting Adjourned at 8:47 p.m.