

Faith Lutheran Church - Council Minutes Tuesday, June 17, 2025

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

Call to order by President, Jon Kamrath @ 7:33 p.m.
Devotion by Jon Kamrath

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

Treasurer's Report:

- The General Fund has a net loss of \$78,500 since the beginning of the year.
- The decrease in Special Funds reflects youth mission trip and Easter flower expenses.
- Building Maintenance and Repair funds this month were used for 3rd floor window repair, pressure switch valve replacement and geo-monitoring software replacements.
- Capital Campaign received approximately \$11,800 in donations and interest earned.
- May reflects a net loss of just under \$12,000 with a total to date of \$78,500.
- Year-to-date giving is lower than last year by \$5,818. May giving was down by about \$12,000.
- M/S/C to approve the Treasurer's report for May 2025

Pastor/Staff Reports: Presented in writing. Pastor Scott was asked about the long green season. This has to do with the changes in liturgical colors in the church. The second half of the church year focuses on Jesus' teaching, which is meant to help Christians grow in their faith, thus the color green. During this entire time, the color doesn't change from green.

Ministry Team Reports:

Congregational Life (Tanja Glaser and Monica Schiller)

- Pictorial Directory, people are signing up.
- Talking about putting together an apparel order.
- Val, the Hutchinson Chamber President, is being asked to come to the next team meeting to talk about the benefits of being a member of the Chamber.
- The team will be hosting sundaes on Sunday July 27th after both of the services.

Discipleship (Cheryll Buboltz and Lori Swift)

- Parade recap – candy and flyers were handed out by a good group of volunteers.
- No car Sunday will be held on June 29th. Members are encouraged to walk, bike, stroller or skate to church and then go on to check out the sculptures after the service.
- The team will be hosting the Community Meal and Treats in the Park on July 13th.

Management (Exec Committee)

- The General Fund CD will mature in July.
- The team talked about Church ground maintenance and having some coordination of outdoor work. Al Liepold and Roger Wersal will work together to come up with something.

- Looking into some yard maintenance at the Ansgar House.
- Continue to look into a water cooler for youth space.

Worship (Dave Skaar)

- A meeting is set up with sound engineer from Sim Sound.
- The organ is not working; it will not turn on. Austin is trying to set up an appointment with a technician to have it looked at. In the meantime, First Word Service will be using the piano and changing up the liturgy on non-communion weeks.
- They are still looking for a person to join their team and to be a Church Council representative.

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

- Mystery Bus is full and has a waiting list. Currently 22 kids are signed up.
- VBS is full with 100 students! They are still looking for volunteers to help.
- The summer fellows are Ellie and Chris, and they have already hit the ground running.

Church in the World (Kim Pearson and Sharon Jenkins)

- The team hosted the Community Meal in June and served around 50 people.
- They are signed up for Treats in the Park.
- Paul gave an intro to “Our Great Commission” and talked about church attendance going down.

Old Business:

Leap of Faith Update

- There is not a lot of change. Leap of Faith team will be meeting in the coming week.

Check-in/Follow-up on the Council Retreat

- Teams held discussions within their meetings.
- We would like to expand the core and get more people involved.
- Church staff are open to suggestions and will provide whatever resources are needed.

New Business:

Fellows Introductions

- Ellie Wollan is attending Bethel majoring in education. She loves working with children.
- Chris Nelson recently moved from GA. He is attending school in the engineering program. He has a strong passion for the Bible.
- Ellie and Chris are very mature and respectful. Laura and Kristen see them exemplifying the “Fruits of the Spirits.”

Summer Preaching Theme

- “In the Presence of my Enemies” will be the preaching theme this summer. It is based on the Old Testament narrative stories of Jonah and the first half of the book of Daniel.

Communion Helper Schedule:

July 6 8:00 Scott and Tanja Glaser (need subs?) (Monica and ?)

July 13 8:00 Cheryl and Lola (Al will fill in for Lola)

If we must move worship inside either of these days and you are in attendance, please step in to lend a hand with communion at the 10:10 services as needed.

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

The next regular church council meeting will be on Tuesday, July 15, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Devotions for July – Kim Pearson

Closing Prayer by Pastor Scott

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.