

Faith Lutheran Church - Council Minutes

Tuesday, August 19, 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	x	Monica Schiller		Lori Swift	x	Richard Settergren	x
		Dave Skaar	x				
Pastor Scott		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 @ 7:40 p.m.
Devotion by Scott Glaser

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

Treasurer's Report:

- General Fund balances have been reduced by \$60,000 since the beginning of the year. The 6-month CD matured at the beginning of July and the deposit of interest will be reflected in August's balance.
- Special Funds reflect a portion of the youth mission trip payments.
- Building and Repair funds were used for light bulbs and Ansgar weed control/fertilizer expenses
- Leap of Faith Capital Campaign received approximately \$55,500 in donations and interest earned.
- July reflects a net loss of just under \$1,000 with a total net loss year to date of \$75,600.
- Giving in July was the highest amount ever recorded in July offerings. Year-to-date giving balance is higher than last year by \$36,500, and over our year-to-date proposed budget by \$4,200.
- M/S/C to approve the Treasurer's report for July 2025

Pastor/Staff Reports: Presented in writing.

Ministry Team Reports:

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

- Discussed a recap of summer.
- Fall Kickoff will be September 7 in Library Square.
- Hosting the free community meal in October. Will serve tacos in a bag.

Church in the World (Kim Pearson and Sharon Jenkins)

- Thelma, from Camp Penuel, and her mother-in-law spoke to the group about their mission.
- M/S/C to give \$2,000 from the special local benevolence fund to Katelyn and Levy Kendall who will be going to Zambia Africa.
- Varinia and Miguel Cuello, who started a church plant in Uruguay, will visit Faith 10/2 – 10/5.

Congregational Life (Tanja Glaser and Monica Schiller)

- Pictorial picture dates are Sept 18, 19 and 20 and October 2.
- There are still a few open dates for treats in the park.
- Team will host pie social after Thanksgiving Eve service on Wed 11/26
- Cocoa and cookies will be served on Wed 12/17 after the Advent service.

Discipleship (Cheryl Buboltz and Lori Swift)

- Started talking about a Spring date night, possibly with trivia!
- Anniversary cards are being sent out for the quarter.
- Funds still available on Thrivent gift cards will be used to purchase items for the Blessing Box.
- Team will host the chili/soup supper on Wed 12/3.

Management (Exec Committee)

- M/S/C to contract with Bergen for parking lot repair, with expenses paid from the Building and Repair fund.
- Discussed financials. We will look to move capital campaign funds into CD's.
- The center garage door at the Ansgar house needs repair. We will look into this.

Worship (Dave Skaar)

- Organ update—some additional issues have come up. The part to be replaced has been ordered. There was an issue with the organ on 8/15; Austin contacted the technician to make him aware.
- Sim Sound – sound logic quotes to update system in Foundation.
- Austin is hosting open houses for bells and choir ensembles, August 26th and 27th.

Old Business:

Review of summer activities by Kristen and Laura

- Mystery Bus—3 days, 22 participants. They did a service project and then an activity for fun.
- VBS, True North—preschool- 4th grade, 101 children and 55 volunteers. Held at CtK.
- Mission trip—45 youth, 13 adults, Indianapolis, IN. One of Kristen's favorite trips. Congregation came through with \$9,000 in donations three weeks before the trip to help cover expenses.
- 10 children attended Bible camps.
- Day camp—50 participants, K-5th grade, run by counselors from Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp.
- God Squad, FLY and HEY ministries held throughout the summer as well.

New Business:

Mission Trip Proposed Budget for 2026

- M/S/C approve \$9,000 in church budget to support the mission trip to Wilmington NC in 2026.

Fall Preview: Kick off Sunday, Faith Groups, other resuming fall ministries

- *Faith Matters* newsletter will be mailed to all families with the details for the upcoming program year. The staff hopes everyone will try something new.
- Kick off Sunday will be September 7.
- New Faith Group Series will start Sept. 21. It will focus on Galatians from the New Testament.

Upcoming AD WOW Gathering

- Event will be held at New Creation Church in Perham, MN on Saturday, September 20. Women of Fatih are encouraged to attend either in person or via Zoom.

LCMC Annual Gathering – Leadership welcome to attend.

- Event is being held at Hosana Lutheran in Lakeville MN, October 5–8, 2025.
 - Short business sessions are held, with focus is on breakout sessions and fellowship

Communion Helper Schedule:

September 7	8:00	Kim and Niki
September 14	8:00	Sharon and Dave
	10:10	Jon and Richard

If you cannot serve at an assigned service, please find someone to switch with you and let Wendy know.

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

The next Regular Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 16 at 6 p.m.

Devotion for September—Monica Schiller

Closing Prayer by Pastor Dave

Meeting Adjourned at 8:44 p.m.