

Faith Lutheran Church - Council Minutes Tuesday, September 16, 2025

President Jon Kamrath	x	Vice President Scott Glaser	x	Treasurer Al Liepold	x	Secretary Niki Pokornowski	x
Kim Pearson		Tanja Glaser	x	Cheryl Buboltz		Lola Bradford	x
Sharon Jenkins	x	Monica Schiller	x	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		Kristen Durst	x		

Call to order by President Jon Kamrath @ 7:38 p.m.

Devotions by Monica Schiller

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

Treasurer's Report:

- General Fund is down \$114,300 since the start of the year. As of Aug. 31, we used \$12,000 of the reserve.
- Special Funds reflect some youth mission trip expense and money given to other designated funds.
- Building and Repair payments for light bulbs, Ansgar lawn care, annual elevator maintenance, and ice machine cleaning.
- Leap of Faith campaign received about \$24,000 in gifts and interest earned. We will open a new CD with a local bank. The current \$100,000 CD will mature in Oct. Those funds will be moved to another local bank.
- August had a net loss of \$38,500, falling short of the budget by about \$10,000, with a total net loss year to date of \$113,315. Year-to-date giving is \$31,900 higher than last year, but \$6,500 under the budget.
- M/S/C to approve the Treasurer's report for August 2025.

Pastor/Staff Reports: Presented in writing.

Ministry Team Reports:

Worship (Dave Skaar)

- Discussed continued organ issues.
- Ensembles have 3 new ringers, 1 new singer and 11 children in Faith Kids' Music Club.
- Continue to talk about working on the sound systems.

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

- Confirmation breakfast will be on Saturday, October 25.
- The team is hosting the free community meal on October 12.
- The mission trip to Wilmington NC in 2026 is full and there is a waiting list.

Church in the World (Kim Pearson and Sharon Jenkins)

- Pastor Dave paid a visit to let the team know Miguel Nunez and Varinia Cuello, who are doing a church plant in Uruguay, will visit Faith Lutheran the first weekend in October.
- Abdul will be in the US for two months and will visit Faith on November 9.
- Team is asking for prayer for Estonia and Lithuania as their government is withdrawing support.

Congregational Life (Tanja Glaser and Monica Schiller)

- Pictorial directory update: 330 families included with another picture date was added, Oct 27.
- The team will write cards to this year's confirmands at their October meeting.

- Thanksgiving Pie and Dessert social will be held on Wednesday, November 26.

Discipleship (Cheryll Buboltz and Lori Swift)

- The team is going to reach out to Common Cup to see if there is anything they can help them with.
- Plans for the chili/soup supper will be discussed more at the next meeting.
- Talking about a “get together” instead of “date night” to draw more people, with a trivia theme.

Management (Exec Committee)

- Discussed an issue with the bell tower.
- The parking lot project is completed. The lines will be coming soon.
- The garage doors will be replaced at the Ansgar house.
- We will be opening CDs at other financial institutions

Old Business:

Update on Leap of Faith:

- Good news – amazing support from those who responded with pledges.
- Bad news – only about 1/3 of families pledged (188 pledges).
- A congregational update will occur Oct. 12 during the Sunday School hour in hopes parents will attend.
- Asked the architect to put together different scenarios to present.

Update on Flinterns and Ansgar House:

- No fall Flinterns. Staff will improve recruitment efforts. Some people are on the radar for next year.
- Going to do some work on the website.
- Luke and Ellie will be staying at the Ansgar house through December

Other:

- There was discussion about music equipment for Foundation. Jim Jordahl is willing to sell Faith some of his equipment (soundboard, wireless microphones, speakers and subwoofers) for \$10,000.
- M/S/C to pay Jim Jordahl \$3,000 of the \$10,000 he is asking for his sound equipment.

New Business:

A new 6-week Faith Group study starts on Sept. 21 on Galatians. Currently, 13 groups are signed up for it.

LCMC Annual Gathering will be held at Hosanna Church in Lakeville Oct. 5- 8. This is a low-key annual convention with speakers, breakouts and fellowship.

Miguel Nunez and Varinia Cuello will be in Hutchinson Oct. 2 – 5, before attending the LCMC Gathering.

- They have started a church plant in Uruguay through the Augustana District of LCMC.
- Varinia will be ordained on Tuesday, Oct. 7, in the chapel at Hosanna.

Other:

- Marsha’s book club served the community meal in September. She explained that there was some-one downstairs and wanted to make sure we stay alert when serving.
- There is a prayer group that meets weekly, about 5 to 6 people, for about an hour.
- There might be an October gathering at the Ansgar house, possibly a campfire and prayer time.

Communion Helper Schedule:

October 5	8:00	Jon and Dave	10:10	Dave and Cheryl
October 12	8:00	Scott and Tanja	10:10	Al and Lola

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

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

The next regular church council meeting will be on Tues., Oct. 21, at 6 p.m. Devotions by Tanja Glaser.
Closing Prayer by Pastor Dave Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 p.m.