

Faith Lutheran Church - Council Minutes Tuesday, March 17, 2026

| President Scott Glaser | x | Vice President Jeff Schiller | x | Treasurer Jon Gelschus | x | Secretary Niki Pokornowski | |
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| Kim Pearson | x | John Olsen | x | Donna Eastman | x | Mackenzie Smith | x |
| Connie Stromseth | x | Monica Schiller | x | Lori Swift | x | Richard Settergren | x |
| | | Dave Skaar | x | Justin Beck | x | | |
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| Pastor Scott | x | Pastor Dave | x | Pastor Paulus | | Pastor Paul | x |
| Wendy Magruder | x | Marsha Schmit | x | Sara Wegner | | Jeff Amundson | |
| Austin Willhite | x | Laura Stowman | | Kristen Durst | x | | |

Call to order by President Scott Glaser @ 7:41 p.m.
Devotions by Richard Settergren

Secretary's Report: M/S/C to approve February, 2026 meeting minutes as presented

Treasurer's Report:

- February shows a decrease from the beginning of the year balance of \$48,463.
- Special Funds include pizza fundraiser revenue for FLY mission trip plus music donations and expenses.
- Building and Repair accounts payments for snow removal and de-icing the parking lot, along with fire inspections and security monitoring.
- Leap of Faith received \$52,522 in donations and interest earned.
- January and February giving shows lower than our budgeted amounts by about \$18,000 and under the amount received last year by \$13,040 which is a 9.44% decrease.
- M/S/C to approve the Treasurer's report for February 2026

Pastor/Staff Reports: presented in writing

Ministry Team Reports:

Worship (Dave Skaar and Justin Beck)

- Maundy Thursday prep is taking place and watch for Holy Week displays.
- Talking about fundraising for Foundation sound system.
- Organ update – still waiting and the organ is getting worse.
- Trying to get a dedicated team to help with Park setup and teardown, 4-6 people.

Children, Youth and Family (Mackenzie Smith and Richard Settergren)

- Recap of pool party.
- Talked about current calendar events.
- Brainstormed newsletter ideas.

Church in the World (Kim Pearson and Connie Stromseth)

- Discussed special funds that are undesignated.
- No one is signed up to serve the Community Meal in April.
- M/S/C to disburse funds for the following: \$400 to Noah Sturges for a mission trip in April to New Mexico (local) and \$1,000 to support Pastor Andagre of Ethiopia Evangelical Mekane Yesus Church to help with housing costs not covered by his salary (global).
- Asked that budgeted funds be given to the food shelf in March since it is a matching month.

Congregational Life (John Olsen and Monica Schiller)

- Discussed Lenten Picnic
- 1st Communion cards
- Team will pack up food after church on March 29th and will deliver.
- Dave suggested a weekly Lenten supper next year.

Discipleship (Donna Eastman and Lori Swift)

- Retreat – do May baskets
- Rummage-sale Sign-Up Genius
- Water Carnival Float – TBD, small card with attached candy; Faith at the Fair, Worship in the Park, QR code to Website

Management (Exec Committee)

- Insurance review; Employee Handbook update
- Discussed a water filter system at the Ansgar House
- Shingle repair, lawn care at Faith and Ansgar and paint SW door

Old Business:

FLIntern Update—Starting some interviews. Five applicants with four good possibilities.

Ministry Team/Church Council Retreat: Aaron Deutsch, AD Service Coordinator, will be guest speaker.

New Business:

Holy Week Preview

- Pivoted with a new cross in the sanctuary.
- Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday 6:00 and 7:30 with 6th graders 1st Communion, Good Friday jointly with Christ the King, Easter services at 6:00 (led by youth), 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 (Foundation style)

Upcoming Faith Groups

- A new 6-week study starting the week after Easter.
- How Not to Be a Heretic

Awaken Project Student Visit

- Greenhouse Collective program based at Mt. Carmel Ministries.
- Students travel and host events; they will visit Faith from March 24 – March 27.
- Two of the current Awaken students have applied for the FLIntern program.

AD Convention Representatives

- Saturday, April 25th at Mt Carmel
- Justin Beck is willing to be a delegate.

Communion Helper Schedule:

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| April 5 (Easter) | 6:00 a.m. Mackenzie | 8:00 a.m. Dave & Justin |
| | 9:30 a.m. Richard | 11:00 a.m. |
| April 12 | 8:00 am. John & Justin | 10:10 a.m. Lori & Donna |

If you cannot be 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.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 21 at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be served.

Devotions for April: John Olsen

Closing Prayer by Pastor Dave

Meeting Adjourned at 8:38 p.m.