

Faith Lutheran Church - Council Minutes Tuesday, April 21, 2026

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

Call to order by President, Scott Glaser @ 8:22 p.m., following the ministry team/church council retreat.
Devotion by John Olsen

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

Treasurer's Report:

- The balance at the end of March shows a decrease from the beginning of the year of \$55,895.
- Special funds include a bequest received from a life insurance policy from a woman who was formerly a member, but moved away in March 1994.
- March shows a net loss of \$7,800 with a total net loss year to date of \$55,895.
- January through March giving shows lower than the budgeted amounts by about \$21,300 and under the amount received last year by \$13,120 which is 6.35% decrease.
- Giving through Easter reflects giving from 353 households. Convenient ways to give include electronic giving with the QR code in each week's bulletins.
- M/S/C to approve the Treasurer's report for March 2026

Pastor/Staff Reports: Presented in writing

Ministry Team Reports:

Management (Exec Committee)

- Insurance for the church property is switching from Guide One to Church Mutual.
- Discussed the water system at the Ansgar House.
- Team will be serving the community meal on May 3.
- The black cross that has been in the Faith Center will be moved outside by the big rock.

Worship (Dave Skaar and Justin Beck)

- Date has been set to load the trailer for summer worship.
- Team will be looking to fill Dave Skaar's position on church council.
- Discussed technical needs.
- Maundy Thursday review.

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

- Senior brunch will be Sunday, May 31; menu was discussed

Church in the World (Kim Pearson and Connie Stromseth)

- The project "Welcome New Start Baskets" for UCAP and Common Cup is restarting.

Congregational Life (John Olsen and Monica Schiller)

- 480 pounds of food was collected and taken to the Food Shelf at the end of March.
- Lenten picnic was well attended and collected \$825 in free-will offerings; \$250 will go to Leap of Faith, \$100 to Meghan's Place, \$250 towards doughnut fellowship and \$225 to the General Fund.

Discipleship (Donna Eastman and Lori Swift)

- Forty May Day baskets were put together and will be delivered to Faith's shut-ins.

Old Business:

Holy Week Recap—It was great! All services were very well attended.

Flintern/Summer Fellow Update

- The team has been busy interviewing prospects. Two Flinterns, Noah and Alexa, have accepted an offer to participate. The team is hoping for one to two more.
- Two Summer Fellows have been hired; Isabelle and Martha. They will start at the beginning of June.

New Business: None

Communion Helper Schedule:

May 3 8:00 a.m. Scott & Jeff 10:10 a.m. Connie & Kim

May 10 8:00 a.m. Scott & Jeff 10:10 a.m. Jon & Niki

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

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 19, starting at 6:00 p.m.

Devotions for next month: Connie Stromseth

Closing Prayer by Pastor Scott

Meeting Adjourned at 8:48 p.m.