

Faith Lutheran Church - Council Minutes

Tuesday, May 19, 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	x
Connie Stromseth	x	Monica Schiller		Lori Swift	x	Richard Settergren	x
		Derek Durst	x	Justin Beck	x		
Pastor Scott	x	Pastor Dave	x	Pastor Paulus	x	Pastor Paul	x
Wendy Magruder	x	Marsha Schmit	x	Sara Wegner		Jeff Amundson	x
Austin Willhite		Laura Stowman	x	Kristen Durst	x		

Call to order by President, Scott Glaser @ 7:39 p.m. Devotions by Connie Stromseth.

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

Treasurer's Report:

- The balance at the end of April shows a decrease from the beginning-of-the-year total of \$55,330.
- Special Funds include flower revenue, community meal, and mission trip expense and revenue.
- Building and Repair reflects payments for the dishwasher and annual street assessment payments.
- Leap of Faith received \$30,280 in donations plus CD interest earned of \$10,410.
- April saw a net gain of \$564.00; year-to-date net loss is \$55,330. Large Easter offering helped April to end strongly. Year-to-date, offerings are \$19,800 lower than budget and lag last year by \$5,532.
- M/S/C to approve the Treasurer's report for April 2026.

Pastor/Staff Reports: Presented in writing.

Ministry Team Reports:

Discipleship (Donna Eastman and Lori Swift)

- Retreat discussion about communication and how we hear things.
- Will host the community meal on July 12.
- Discussing ideas for the worship service at the fair on August 23.

Management (Exec Committee)

- Discussion about Faith receiving donations for Tartu Academy in Estonia and wiring funds to it.
- Discussed buying a water softener and RO system for the Ansgar House. Brought to council; M/S/C to approve the purchase using funds from the Building Maintenance and Repair Fund.
- Faith received a bequest of \$19,952.72 from a member who moved away in March, 1994. Brought to council; M/S/C to approve using the bequest for needed AV technology updates.

Worship (Derek Durst and Justin Beck)

- David Skaar resigned due to health concerns. Derek Durst agreed to fill the remainder of his term, through January 2027. M/S/C to appoint Derek Durst to that position.
- Summer worship in the park: some are people lined up, but more help is needed with setup. Someone with a vehicle with a hitch is also needed to help pull the trailer from church to the park.
- Foundation AV work will be done during the summer.
- Some equipment needs to be repaired; a tympani pedal and the digital piano.
- Faith has received the gracious gift to buy and install of a new organ! M/S/C gratefully to accept it.

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

- Planning for the Senior Brunch being held on May 31st. Menu will be egg bake, rolls and fruit.
- Talked about how they can get more adults volunteers for Sprouts, Faith Seeds and other things.

Church in the World (Kim Pearson and Connie Stromseth)

- August and December still need people to serve the community meal.
- The team will gather on Thurs., May 21, at 5:30 p.m. to pack backpacks for UCAP and Common Cup.
- The Blessing Box often seems to have too much in it. It seems more people are stocking it. Will keep an eye out and may decrease the amount set aside for this ministry if others continue to donate.

Congregational Life (John Olsen and Monica Schiller)

- The team wrote 33 graduation cards.
- Planning to serve the community meal in September.
- Discussion about a possible art exhibit in October or November.
- Sundaes on Sunday will be served on, July 26.

Old Business:

AD Convention Recap, held the last weekend in April at Mt. Carmel Bible Camp in Alexandria.

- Pastor Dave was a speaker at the 1st Call Retreat just before. It is always a time of great networking.
- Eric Knutson from Christ the King was given the Distinguished Service Award.

Leap of Faith Update

- We received some major contributions in April and the balance is currently about \$1.25 million.
- Late Sept./Oct. will mark the halfway point of Leap of Faith. Planning how to lift it up then.

FLinterns/Summer Fellows Update

- We currently have three FLinterns, with potential of two more. They will begin at the end of August.
- Summer Fellows start on 5/26, working with Children and Youth ministries. They'll live at Ansgar.

Council Retreat Follow-up

- Church council was encouraged to continue discussing the retreat going within their teams.
- Talked about how important it is to volunteer.

New Business:

Transition to outdoor worship, which FLC has been doing full time during summer months since 2009.

- Helping hands are needed to set up and take down.
- Invite people to worship in the park with you!
- Summer preaching series will focus on Jacob and Joseph.

Summer Ministry Preview

- Our summer fellows were able to start a week early and are off and running.
- Many ministries go on in summer. Mystery Bus is first. Faith hosts VBS this year at the end of June; 59 kids registered so far. Bible camps are offered all summer. FLC currently has 19 kids going to camp, with two on a waiting list and two going to other camps. Day camp will be a full week in Aug. at Christ the King. Mission Trip to Wilmington NC will be July 10–19.

Looking for mowers to help with the church lawn this summer. There is a signup outside the office.

Communion Helper Schedule:

June 7: 8:00 a.m. Monica & John

June 14: 8:00 a.m. Connie & Jon

If you cannot serve when assigned, 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, June 16, at 6:00 p.m.

Devotions for next month: Scott Glaser

Closing Prayer by Pastor Dave

Meeting Adjourned at 8:56 p.m.