

Faith Lutheran Church - Council Minutes

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

President Scott Glaser	x	Vice President Jeff Schiller	x	Treasurer Jon Gelschus		Secretary Niki Pokornowski	x
Kim Pearson		John Olsen	x	Donna Eastman	x	Mackenzie Smith	
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		Sara Wegner	x	Jeff Amundson	
Austin Willhite	x	Laura Stowman	x	Kristen Durst	x		

Call to order by President, Scott Glaser @ 7:41 p.m.

Devotion by Scott Glaser

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

Treasurer's Report:

- The balance at the end of May shows a decrease from the beginning of the year total of \$14,840.
- Special Funds include expenses for UCAP Backpack supplies purchase, mission trip final payment to YouthWorks, revenue of mission trip participant payments, and mission trip support envelope fundraiser in the amount of \$7,831. The mission trip also received donations from the FLC Endowment in June and a member donation in May.
- Building and Repair account includes receipts plus a minor expense for elevator fees.
- Leap of Faith received \$54,225 in donations.
- May shows a net gain for the month of \$40,491.16, with a total net loss year to date of \$14,840. We received 3-4 RMD checks in May as well as an additional large gift which helped to end the month with a positive balance. Currently, year-to-date giving is \$46,862 or 13.48% over last year.
- M/S/C to approve the Treasurer's report for May 2026

Pastor/Staff Reports: Presented in writing.

Ministry Team Reports:

Congregational Life (John Olsen and Monica Schiller)

- Team did not meet this month due to the absence of several members.

Discipleship (Donna Eastman and Lori Swift)

- Team will host treats in the park and the monthly free community meal on July 12.
- Discussion about Church at the Fairgrounds on August 23.
- Pastor Dave talked to the team about possibly having a booth at the McLeod County Fair.
- Started discussing fall Faith Groups

Management (Exec Committee)

- Went on a short field trip to the Sanctuary to see possible placements for the new organ.
- Water softener and RO system have been completed at the Ansgar House.
- Discussion about adding some additional lighting in the back of the church over the last pews.

Worship (Derek Durst and Justin Beck)

- The team hosted the community meal on June 14 and served over 50 people.
- The AV updates in the Sanctuary and Foundation have started.

- The team continues to ask for volunteers to help in any capacity with set-up in the park.
- Discussed the worship service to will be held at the fairgrounds during the McLeod County Fair.
- The team will be provide treats in the park on June 21.

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

- Team discussed the senior brunch and said it went very well.
- Shared a recap on Mystery Bus.
- Talked about the mission trip Drive-in Diner fundraiser being held on Wednesday, June 17.

Church in the World (Kim Pearson and Connie Stromseth)

- The team put together 27 baskets/backpacks for Common Cup and UCAP. They plan to do more of these in the fall.
- Pastor Dave talked to the team about a student, Jaedyn Buck, who will participate in the Awaken Project in the fall. He asked if FLC would support her by helping cover her tuition expense. M/S/C to give \$2,000 to Jaedyn from the special local mission fund to help pay her Awaken Project tuition.

Old Business:

Update on next year's Flinterns:

- We currently have four commitments: Alexa, Noah, Joshua and Soren with five others considering.
- Staff are very excited.
- We are thankful for the volunteers who help keep the house together.

Update on the organ project

- Shipping date for the organ will be September 1.
- The Management team and Worship team are looking at the potential location for the organ. A decision should be made by the July meeting so that Austin can start working on logistics.

Update on the AV project

- Work has begun on updating equipment in the Foundation and Sanctuary.

New Business:

Summer Preaching Theme:

- "Scoundrels, Scandals & Salvation: The Lives of Jacob and Joseph," from Genesis.
- These Old Testament narratives have lots of power. The pastors welcome any feedback.

Faith to serve as a fiscal agent for Tartu Academy of Theology in Estonia.

- Charity Lutheran Church in Bismarck, ND, has done this for Tartu Academy for many years, but due to staff cutbacks, it will no longer be able to provide this service. M/S/C for Faith to serve as a fiscal agent for Tartu Academy of Theology.

Other

- Pastor Scott reported on FLC's Endowment Fund. Each year, 80% of the earnings are disbursed among 25+ missions, while 20% is re-invested in the fund. This year, about \$38,700 was given.

Communion Helper Schedule:

July 5 8:00 a.m. Scott & John

July 12 8:00 a.m. Lori and Kim

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, July 21, at 6:00 p.m.

Devotions for next month: Justin Beck

Closing Prayer by Pastor Scott

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.