

Faith Lutheran Church - Council Minutes

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

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

Devotions by Justin Beck

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

Treasurer's Report:

- The balance at the end of June shows a decrease from the beginning of the year of \$32,443.
- Special Funds include revenue from Endowment for the FLIP, Christian Counseling funds, and Mission Trip Support, along with participant payments and fundraisers for the mission trip.
- Building and Repair receipts plus Ansgar house water system and minor expense for church toilet module.
- Leap of Faith received \$65,924 in donations!
- June shows a net loss of \$17,264 with a year-to-date net loss of \$32,443. In June, we funded the Tartu Academy benevolence payment which would normally have been given in September, so we could open their new account. Our benevolence giving is higher for June than the average, but September will be lower. The annual insurance policy was paid in June, so the Ministry for Administration line is higher than the average. We moved insurance companies which saved the church \$7,500.
- June offerings included five weekly deposits, which reflect a \$42,738 increase or a 9.96% over last year.

M/S/C to approve the Treasurer's report for June 2026

Pastor/Staff Reports: Presented in writing.

Ministry Team Reports:

Church in the World (Kim Pearson and Connie Stromseth)

- Talked about ways they will show FLInterns what their team does.

Congregational Life (John Olsen and Monica Schiller)

- The team will be hosting Sundaes on Sunday after church services on 7/26.
- There will be an Art Exhibit displayed on Dec 2nd, which will be the chili/soup cookoff.
- The team will be serving a taco bar when they host the Community meal.

Discipleship (Donna Eastman and Lori Swift)

- The community meal had a decent turnout despite hot weather. Leftover meals were given to Common Cup.
- Discussed details about Faith at the Fair and the Faith booth. There will be a game and handouts at the booth. Will be looking for help to man the booth and for set up and tear down before the church service.

Management (Exec Committee)

- Talked about the bell tower louvers; will be looking at options to replace versus repair.

- A water pipe was fixed at the Ansgar House. Discussion about removal of wet drywall and mold.
- Discussion about installing new organ; what needs to be done to be able to get it set up.

Worship (Derek Durst and Justin Beck)

- Children's musical was a success and will occur again. Six children participated and about 40 people attended.
- AV and organ updates, both projects are moving forward.
- On Sunday, September 27, the new organ will be dedicated.

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

- Future events: Fall Kickoff 9/13 at the park; brunch for confirmands 10/24; Happy Birthday Jesus party 12/5.
- Team will host the community meal in October.
- Vacation Bible School had 100 children attend and 63 wonderful volunteers. Mystery Bus had 23 participate.

Old Business:

Update on the FLInterns:

- 6 FLInterns are locked in for next school year; 4 guys and 2 gals.
- Move in date is Sunday 8/30 and orientation will be Monday 8/31; staff are very excited!

Update on the new organ:

- Two weeks ahead of schedule; shipping date 8/16, installing 8/28-8/29, and first service will be 9/27.
- Mark Guggemos and John Olsen will construct the platform and Mark will handle some wiring tasks.

Update on the AV project:

- The bulk of the work is being done in Foundation. There are a few components being done in the Sanctuary.
- Justin has contacted a couple new companies to bid on the electronics to be installed with the new equipment that was purchased for Foundation. Austin also contacted Jim Jordahl to reconfigure his bid.

Other:

- A big thank you to FLCW for contributing funds toward the cost of the new dishwasher in the kitchen.

New Business:

Faith at the Fair worship and the fair booth:

- Only one service will occur on Sunday, 8/23 at 9:00 at the McLeod County Fairgrounds. We will need help to clean up the space from the night before and set up chairs.
- The booth in the Commercial building will help us invite people to worship and share about FLC's ministries.

Mission trip and summer ministries report:

- Richard reported this was his 17th mission trip. It was hot and humid, the group bonded well, the senior class group was big, there was a baptism in the ocean, and a good leadership team.
- The support from the congregation was very much appreciated!
- Laura reported she had great volunteers for VBS, about two-thirds of whom were from Faith.
- 20 students went to Bible camps this summer, her biggest group yet.

LCCM October gathering – delegates:

- LCCM's annual gathering will be held in Des Moines IA, Oct. 4-7, 2026. Anyone is welcome to attend this great event, which includes breakouts, speakers and fellowship.

Communion Helper Schedule:

August 2: 8:00 a.m. Donna and Justin

August 9: 8:00 a.m. Richard and Mackenzie

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, August 18, at 6:00 p.m. Devotions for next month: Mackenzie Smith

Closing Prayer by Pastor Dave Meeting Adjourned at 8:38 p.m.