

Faith Lutheran Church - Council Minutes

Tuesday, August 18, 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		Monica Schiller	x		Lori Swift		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	x	Laura Stowman	x		Kristen Durst	x		

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

Devotion by Mackenzie Smith

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

Treasurer's Report:

- The General Fund balance on July 31 was \$107,870, a decrease of \$52,180 from the start of the year.
- Special Funds balance is \$84,825, down \$19,236 with most expenses for the youth mission trip paid in July.
- Building and Repair accounts increased by \$7,000.
- Leap of Faith received \$27,070 in donations, totaling \$1,350,000 in CD's and bank balances.
- July had a net loss of \$19,617 with a YTD net loss of \$52,180. Expenses were higher due to a 3-payday month.
- July's offering revenue shows a \$47,456 increase or a 9.5% over last year.
- M/S/C to approve the Treasurer's report for July 2026

Pastor/Staff Reports: Presented in writing.

Ministry Team Reports:

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

- The team talked about Fall Kickoff that will be held at the park on Sunday, September 13.
- People will help direct families to their Sunday School classrooms on September 20.
- Discussed the Happy Birthday Jesus party on Dec. 5 and scheduling the family pool party soon.

Church in the World (Kim Pearson and Connie Stromseth)

- Talked about the possibility of having an adult mission trip.
- Team will put backpacks together in the fall for Common Cup and UCAP.
- M/S/C to approve giving Kiara Wakefield \$1,000 for her work at Mt. Carmel this summer from the Special Benevolence budget line.

Congregational Life (John Olsen and Monica Schiller)

- The team will host an art exhibit on Wednesday, Dec. 2, the same day as the chili/soup supper. Entry forms will be available 10/1 and will be due 11/15.
- Five gallons of ice cream were used on Sundaes on Sunday!
- The team will serve pulled pork, coleslaw and chips when they host the community meal in Sept.

Discipleship (Donna Eastman and Lori Swift)

- Team will no longer send cards for baptism and anniversaries. These will now be in *Faith Matters*.
- Team also talked about the possibility of having an adult mission trip.

- Discussion about having a memory tree (around Epiphany) with ornaments from loved ones.

Management (Exec Committee)

- Talked about ongoing repairs, especially the roof above the Narthex and louvers repair/replacement.
- Received a quote to add two cameras to the garage from Security and Sound for \$2,395. Tabled so that Justin Beck can do some research.

Worship (Derek Durst and Justin Beck)

- Discussion about the AV project and installing the new organ.
- The team has a plan in place for the setup for worship at the fair on Sunday, August 23.
- Austin will mail out around 60 cards to kids inviting them to join the Kid's Music Club.

Old Business:

Update on the FLInterns

- Seven FLInterns will move into the Ansgar House on Sunday, August 30; 5 guys and 2 gals.
- Everything is coming together nicely. A request has been made to help prepare the Ansgar House on August 25.

Update on the new organ

- Help is needed on Thursday, September 3, at 9:00 a.m., to help remove pews and set up scaffolding.
- Installation of the organ will be on Friday, September 4.
- Dedication for the organ will be Sunday, September 27, along with an afternoon concert.

Update on the AV project

- Kendall Glaser will do electrical work for the organ and the new equipment for the Foundation space.
- The new equipment should be in and done by the end of September.
- The wireless microphones will be updated in Sanctuary.

New Business:

Faith at the Fair worship and booth

- Only one service will be held on Sun., Aug. 23, at the McLeod County Fairgrounds at 9:00. There is a lot of excitement behind this.
- There are 6 slots still open for manning Faith's fair booth; Thurs 11-1, Sat 5-7 and 7-9 and Sun 1-8.

Fall Preview: Kick off Sunday, Faith Groups, other resuming fall ministries

- Kick off Sunday on 9/13 in the park.
- New Faith Groups study, *Bumper Sticker Theology: Hearing Promises, Not Platitudes*, will start the last week of September, consisting of 6 sessions.
- A new, year-1 Crossways study will meet on Monday evenings starting September 21.

Upcoming Augustana District WOW Gathering

- Women's event will be held in Mankato on Saturday, Sept. 19, at Resurrection Lutheran Church.
- FLCW will pay the registration fee for any women from FLC who attend and will carpool to Mankato.
- Julie Smith, national LCMC Service Coordinator, will be the key speaker

Communion Helper Schedule:

September 6 8:00 a.m. Monica and Jeff

September 13 8:00 a.m. Scott and Jeff

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, September 15, at 6:00 p.m.

Devotions for next month: Scott Glaser

Closing Prayer by Pastor Scott

Meeting Adjourned at 8:27 p.m.