Faith Lutheran Church - Council Minutes
Tuesday, October 20, 2026

President Scott Glaser	x	**Vice President** Jeff Schiller			**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			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 @ 7:42 p.m.
Devotion by Donna Eastman
Secretary's Report: M/S/C to approve September 2026 meeting minutes as presented

Treasurer's Report:

- As of September, we have not needed to use any of our General Reserve balances in 2026.
- Special Funds changes reflect 2027 mission trip deposits, a special $1,000 donation received for FLY, and a $10,755 donation for the music fund for the upgraded equipment.
- Building and Repair funds show offering received less Ansgar electrical expenses for kitchen outlet re-wiring, and dryer hookup as well as some expenses for organ electrical and supplies.
- Capital Appeal accounts reflect offering received. One Capital Appeal CD matured on Sept 17th with $10,000 in interest added to the CD balance and renewed for another 12 months.
- The balance at the end of September shows a decrease of $3,130 with a reduction amount year to date of $56,160.
- Offering revenue reflects a $66,552 increase or a 10.65% increase over last year's giving to date.
- M/S/C to approve the Treasurer's report for September 2026

Pastor/Staff Reports: Presented in writing.

Ministry Team Reports:

Worship (Derek Durst and Justin Beck)

- Debrief of organ; speakers in back, sound needs to be tweaked a little.
- Update on Foundation, new equipment is being installed and should be done by end of week.

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

- Hosted the free community meal in October, 42 people attended.
- The team will be hosting the Confirmation brunch on Saturday 10/24.
- Happy Birthday Jesus party will be held on Saturday 12/5 from 9 – 11.
- Family pool party will be held on Sunday 2/21 at 2:00.

Church in the World (Kim Pearson and Connie Stromseth)

- M/S/C to give $1500 to Estonia Tartu Academy and $500 to Barb Hedin for newborn kit ministry from the Special Missions Projects Local and Global budget line.
- Discussing a possible mission trip to Costa Rica in May of 2027 for adults. More to come.
- The team will be setting up donation boxes for newborn kits and UCAP/Common Cup baskets.

Congregational Life (John Olsen and Monica Schiller)

- The team will be hosting an Art Exhibit December 2nd during the Soup Supper. As of today, 2 people have signed up.
- There will be a pie and dessert social, 11/25, Thanksgiving Eve after the church service.
- The giving tree will be put up on 11/29, and cookies and cocoa will be held 12/16.

Discipleship (Donna Eastman and Lori Swift)

- Soup supper will be Wednesday, 12/2. The free will donation will go to the backpack program and POP with Common Cup.
- The team is looking into planning an international trip to Greece or Germany. It would need a minimum of 30 people, and it would most likely be in sometime in 2028.

Management (Exec Committee)

- Pest control contracts have been renewed for the church and Ansgar house.
- Recent repairs that have been done; commercial hot water heater replaced and elevator fixed.
- Started talking about the budget for 2027.

Old Business:

Review of LCMC Gathering

- 16 staff members and Flinterns attended. Kristen helped lead 2 breakout sessions. There were good speakers and breakouts.
- It was a good space to promote our Flintern program.
- The LCMC gathering can be watched online on the LCMC website.

New Business:

Holy Days Preview

- This is a special time of year. Staff want to lift up and focus on special things happening.
- Reformation, All Saints Day, Mission Sunday, serving and giving Sunday then moves into Advent.

November 22nd Congregational Meeting

- Building team and building finance teams will be meeting with architects.
- Some developments have come up which may cause obstacles and/or opportunities.

Volunteers to help with communion for Thanksgiving Eve and Day

Communion Helper Schedule:

November 1	8:00 a.m. Scott
	10:10 a.m. Niki and Donna
November 8	8:00 a.m. Monica and Jeff
	10:10 a.m. Donna and Connie
November 25	6:30 p.m.
November 26	10:00 a.m.

If you can't serve at an assigned service, 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, November 17th, at 6:00 p.m.

Devotions for next month: Monica Schiller

Closing Prayer by Pastor Scott

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.