Faith Lutheran Church - Council Minutes
Tuesday, September 15, 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	
Connie Stromseth	x	Monica Schiller			Lori Swift	x	Richard Settergren	x
		Derek Durst			Justin Beck			
Pastor Scott	x	Pastor Dave	x		Pastor Paulus	x	Pastor Paul	x
Wendy Magruder	x	Marsha Schmit	x		Sara Wegner	x	Jeff Amundson	x
Austin Willhite	x	Laura Stowman	x		Kristen Durst			

Call to order by President, Scott Glaser @ 7:38 p.m.
Devotion by Scott Glaser
Secretary's Report: M/S/C to approve August 2026 meeting minutes as presented
Treasurer's Report:

- The General Fund balance on August 31 was $117,016, a decrease of $53,000 from the start of the year.
- Special Funds changes reflect Mission Trip expenses plus a special $5,000 donation received for Ansgar/Flintern fund.
- Building and Repair funds show offering received less Ansgar plumbing and the annual OTIS elevator expense.
- Leap of Faith accounts reflect offering received. One Capital Appeal CD will mature on Sept 17th.
- August shows a net gain for the month of $13,250.49 with a total net loss year to date of $53,447.
- August offering revenue reflects a $70,796 increase or 12.75% over last year's giving to date.
- M/S/C to approve the Treasurer's report for August 2026

Pastor/Staff Reports: Presented in writing.
Ministry Team Reports:
<u>Worship (Derek Durst and Justin Beck)</u>

- Trailer is unloaded and did a debrief on summer worship.
- New organ is here and there is much excitement and anticipation for dedication Sunday.
- Still waiting on Foundation equipment.

<u>Children, Youth and Family (Mackenzie Smith and Richard Settergren)</u>

- Recap on kickoff Sunday, 144 students out of 175 registered were at the park.
- Team will be hosting Oct Community Meal, serving burrito bowls.
- The Confirmation breakfast will be on October 24th.

<u>Church in the World (Kim Pearson and Connie Stromseth)</u>

- Team talked about when they will meet with the Flinterns to let them know what their team does. Potential dates, November 10, 11 and 12, and will work with the food shelf, UCAP and Common Cup.
- Are discussing possible digging deeper sessions.
- The team will be shopping for baskets/backpacks with Flinterns.

<u>Congregational Life (John Olsen and Monica Schiller)</u>

- They hosted the Community meal in September and if was not well attended.
- There will be an Art Exhibit on December 2nd. Participants will fill out an application; those are available in the church office.

- Thanksgiving Pie Social will be held after the service on November 25th.

Discipleship (Donna Eastman and Lori Swift)

- The booth at the fair went well and Church at the Fair was well received. A suggestion was made to have more speakers closer to the back.
- The team started discussion about the Chili soup supper that will be held on December 2nd.
- Members of the team signed up to be greeters.

Management (Exec Committee)

- We tabled the new cameras for the garage.
- A new geothermal contract has been signed.
- The Chamber reached out to Faith to see if we would be interested in putting in a bike rack. There will be no cost for us, it would be sponsored by Hutchinson Health. We will look at putting it just off the sidewalk in the rocks between the cross and fire hydrant.

Old Business:

Update on Leap of Faith

- We are at the halfway mark of the Leap of Faith campaign.
- In the next month, the team will be discussing a celebration and recommitting to the campaign.
- Want to find ways to get the word out of how well we have done and how this is something we really need.

Organ Update

- Thank you to Mark Gueggemos and John Olsen for building the platform for the organ.
- Thank you to Kendall Glaser for the electrical work for the organ and for the foundation space.

Other

- Flintern update – They have gone through part 1 of the Children Ministry track and now will be doing Pastoral Ministry with Pastor Dave and Pastor Scott for 2 weeks.

New Business:

Fall Faith Groups

- Bumper Sticker Theology; taking verses out of context and putting it back into context.
- It will be simplified from previous studies.
- The study will hopefully be ready to go by the last week in September.

Kickoff Review

- The kickoff was held in the park for the 6th year. There was lots of energy.
- The CYF prepackaged treats to help control the bees.

2027 Mission Trip Budget

- Richard presented the mission trip budget for Kristen. M/S/C to keep $9000 in the church budget for the 2027 mission trip to be put in front of the congregation at the Annual Meeting.

LCMC Annual Gathering

- The gathering will be held in Des Moines at Lutheran Church of Hope, Sunday 10/4 – Wednesday 10/7.
- 14 people are going from Faith, including the Flinterns.

Communion Helper Schedule:

October 4	8:00 a.m.	Justin and Niki
	10:10 a.m.	Richard and Mackenzie
October 11	8:00 a.m.	John and Donna
	10:10 a.m.	Lori and Connie

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, October 20, at 6:00 p.m.

Devotions for next month: Donna Eastman

Closing Prayer by Pastor Dave

Meeting Adjourned at 8:43 p.m.