

03/10/2026 Trinity Lutheran Council Meeting

1. 5:30 call to order/confirm quorum

2. Opening prayer; Pastor Jeff. Present; Guest, Peder Danielsen, Pastor Jeff, Jessica, Dawn, Michael, Tim, Glen, Pam, Eric, Kathy (zoom), Dick (zoom), Carrie (zoom).

a. Peder updated council with a list of priorities including Trinity Camp with a report of deferred maintenance items including the well and roof. The prior completed survey is to be obtained for reference purposes. Conversation regarding the prior youth center across the road for possible future use. Most discussions indicated minimal interest in spending funds for renovations. An anonymous donation for kitchen updates and renovations to be paid over a 5-year period. Renovations will include new ovens along with kitchen updates. The treasurer and the donor's will determine the best method for paying for the renovations. Kitchen designer Julie Ratcliffe will be contacted to assist with the renovation process.

b. Pastoral reports. As sent. Jeff discussed updates regarding the 2027 synod meeting and the process to hire a new vicar for the upcoming year. Statistics of the process will be provided. Tim updated us with his schedule and timing for his summer departure.

3. Approval of the consent decree for approval of the minutes and treasurer's reports.

Motion to approve; Dawn, 2nd Jessica. Approved. Glen discussed giving with most expenses in line except the property taxes at Trinity Camp (due to the return of the lake and increasing taxes). Our portfolio continues to create a positive return. The treasurer's report will include clarity for the benefit of the congregation. motion, Dawn, 2nd Jessica. Approved.

A resolution regarding the treasurer's position (The council appointed Peder Danielsen to be the Assistant Treasurer. The Assistant Treasure position is appointed by council, but it is not a position on council. The primary responsibility of the position is to assist the Treasurer with investments. That person can conduct transaction on the investment accounts as directed by the Treasurer. This includes buying and selling financial instruments and moving money to and from the account to the church's main checking account) motion; Eric, 2nd Glen. Approved.

4. Executive committee meeting update; Michael

Shared updates for Stacey and Jerilynn who both will be retiring in the summer/fall months. Jeff and Sandy will work with the staff to determine the best path for their exit and hiring of the new staff. This may include a mix of full-time and part-time people. Additional pay related staff conversations were discussed.

(note; at this point, Kathy left the meeting)

5. New/Old Business;

a. Strategic plan by Glen. The strategy team has meshed well with the congregation with priorities being; 1. Children 2. Young adults 3. Investing in relationships 4. Leadership including pastors and staff. The strategic team is looking for continued input for plans and goals.

b. Training sessions for staff on how to best assist mental health, safety and other topics will be completed.

6. Pastoral updates;

Jeff; interviews continue for the new intern position. Results should be available for the April meeting.

Tim; The service of healing program is in process. Tim updated us on his call process noting that he has been in contact with multiple churches.

7. Upcoming events and other topics for the good of the group

Discussion including a good by event for Stacy. Staff members have questioned the possibility of a leave of absence. This will be reported on at the April meeting.

Closing Prayer (Tim). Meeting adjourned at 6.59 p.m.

Godspeed,

Dick Peterson