

St. Lukes Lutheran Church

Church Council Meeting , May 15, 2025

Called to order at 5:31 pm. Jim Fredrichs, President.

Opening Prayer – Pam Alvey

Quorum established.

Jim Friedrichs, President	present
Randy Brandt, President Elect	present
Stephanie McCollum, Treasurer	present
Kathy Dickens, Secretary	present
Chuck Alvey, Stewardship	present
Sean O'Brien, Property	present
Kim Brandt, Education	present
Josh Hall, Elder	present
Josh Brown, Pastor	absent
Megan Oehlert, Worship	present
Pam Alvey, Mercy Ministry	present

Congregational Input: None

Official Acts: **Motion by Kim Brandt to accept Official Acts. Seconded by Kathy Dickens. Motion carried.**

Minutes: **Motion by Kim Brandt to approve April minutes. Seconded by Kathy Dickens. Motion carried.**

Treasurer Report: Stephanie McCollum.

Discussion: offerings are over budget, probably due to Easter giving. The bill for the heating repairs came due and was paid. It was less than projected. Discussion on how to publish the amount of offerings received. A YTD monthly report is more accurate with income and expenditures. A Marketplace line item was discussed. It was decided that anyone having a GC must use it in 3 months. It is to recoup costs, not for profit.

Motion by Chuck Alvey that the cards be used in 3 months. Then close out the line item. Seconded by Sean O'Brien. Motion carried,

Administrative Highlights: Sharise Chatfield. See report. The membership book has been updated. The book matches the congregation numbers and CCB.

BPM report: Sean O'Brien. See report. The bricks on the corner of the building will be repaired and a steel beam put in place. Thank you to Martin Iron Works. The repair and beam are donated by Martin Iron Works. The parking lot has not been addressed since June 2000. This year there will be crack filling and adding handicap parking spots for a total of 10; 2 of which will be van parking. They will be on the west side of the parking lot. Eight spots for consideration parking will be moved to the row, down from the west side handicap parking.

Stewardship: Chuck Alvey. The team has been meeting. There are 27 applicants for the Marketing/Communications position. Three are active, two are local.

Worship: Megan Oehlert. See report. She will put dates on the graph and send it for the record.

Ministry Highlights:

Care: see report.

Education: see report.

Mercy Ministry: Pam Alvey. Discussion regarding the Summer of Service starting June 15. This will take place for eight Sundays this summer.

Pastors Report: see report.

Ruth Guild: Taryn Warne. The group is having a Progressive Dinner for its members. Officers for 2025-2026 have been selected. Confirmation dinner plans are progressing.

Social Groups: no report.

Worship Arts: see report.

Youth and Kids: see report.

Old Business

Constitution & Bylaws: Megan Oehlert, Randy Brandt. There will be a workshop on June 4 at 6:00pm for congregation input. A packet will be available before the workshop.

External Financial Review and Internal Audit Committee Reports: Stephanie McCollum and Steve Tate. Handout from the Internal Audit Committee. They will produce one document to work from.

Policy, Procedure and Job Description: Discussion and beginning of a sub-committee.
Benevolence Policy: Stephanie McCollum. **Motion by Stephanie McCollum to replace any previous Benevolence Policies with this policy, with the addition to this policy of “non-related” council members and removal of the apostrophe from the title, to read St. Lukes. Seconded by Randy Brandt.** Discussion followed.
Motion carried.

St. Lukes Membership Policy and Database Review: covered in Administrative Highlights.

Slate of Officer Candidates: No report

Staffing: covered in Stewardship report.

New Business: Job Description Update. Sharise and staff, Jim Fredrichs and Randy Brandt are working on them.

June Voter's Meeting – June 8. Information will be out May 18 for the congregation.

Congregational Input: None

Randy Brandt would like to have a leadership meeting for new council members, Elders, staff, and Ministry leaders.

Pam Alvey for Elizabeth Henningsen. Discussion regarding fundraising for several families in need over the summer.

In August, there will be a “garage sale for the Pastor in Ukraine.

Motion by Pam Alvey to adjourn. Seconded by Sean O'Brien. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 ending with The Lord's Prayer.