

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Council Meeting

9/16/25

CALL TO ORDER President Gail Goldsmith

OPENING PRAYER Jana Rockne

QUORUM CALL President Gail Goldsmith, Jana Rockne (acting secretary), Denice Bossardet, Tina Dohm, Pastor Paul Busekist, Jim Monroe (Financial Secretary), Dave Peppler (Treasurer), Bethany Uhl, Doug Cunningham, Maureen Bauer and John Halstead were present. Nancy Pflasterer was absent (excused)

CONGREGATIONAL AND VISITOR COMMENTS: None

ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA Gail requested an addition to the agenda under New Business, to include the status of a sequestered cash CD and under Old Business, to provide an update on the floor being redone and the repainting of the doors (obtaining a bid for this project).

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES Maureen moved, motion passed to approve the minutes from August 19, 2025.

REPORTS: Please refer to the written reports provided by Financial Secretary Jim Monroe, Treasurer Dave Peppler and Pastor Paul. All three reviewed their reports. Maureen made a motion that Pastor Paul purchase a computer (up to \$800) to use for work. Motion was seconded and passed.

Committee Reports: Please refer to the written reports filed as indicated below

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| A. Christian Care (Report) | E. Personnel (Report) |
| B. Christian Education/Youth (Report) | F. Property (Report) |
| C. Fellowship (Report) | G. Stewardship (Report) |
| D. Membership/Evangelism (No Report) | H. Worship/Music (Report) |

URGENT BUSINESS

- A. 2026 Budget. Dave distributed 2026 budgets to the respective/responsible council members along with a timeline and instructions (discussion held prior to the council meeting on the budgeting process).
- B. Safety and Security update on incident on Sunday September 7. Jana and Maureen gave a recap of an incident at church on 9/7/25. Discussion was held regarding our safety and security policies and procedures.
- C. Congregational Information Meeting, Q & A on October 12 after church service. Discussion was held regarding this planned meeting. This will be an “information only meeting”. Gail will start the meeting. The meeting will be taped and made available on a closed system on the church’s web site for people to watch. Pastor Paul and Doug will provide information on the needs of the building.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Thank you card from Prince of Egypt Community Choir. Gail passed a thank you card around, which included a contribution to the church.
- B. Stewardship Campaign. Bethany provided an update on the 2026 Stewardship Campaign (see her written committee report).
- C. Refinance Mortgage to do repairs in the church basement and infrastructure. Ad Hoc committee meeting and financial institutions. Jim reported on financing options. No action was taken.
- D. Capital Campaign to help fund church refinance. Gail discussed options. No action was taken.
- E. Baby Shower Gift for Alanna and Josh. Gail discussed the opportunity for council members to contribute toward a gift and Alanna and Josh.
- F. Sequestered cash CD. This CD is coming due September 30. Dave led a discussion about transferring this to a money market account. Maureen made a motion to roll the general account cash CD into the general money market account. Motion was seconded and passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Fall Theological Event update: beer and wine use on Sunday evening. A discussion was held regard having beer and wine following the event. Peggy made a motion to allow beer and wine at this event. Motion was seconded and passed.
- B. Keen Technical Solutions. Doug further reviewed the report submitted on behalf of the property committee. No further action taken.
- C. All-Flo Plumbing update on storm drain. Doug provided an update on the storm drain issue. Progress continues to be made.
- D. Northshore roof repair update. Please see Doug's property committee report for addition information.
- E. Good Samaritan fund drive. Maureen and Dave gave an update on how information will be provided to council and the congregation on our Good Samaritan benevolence. There was significant discussion regarding sharing of information versus management of the project.
- F. Ayer's Basement System refund. A form requesting a refund will be sent 9/17/25.
- G. Update on floor refinishing. Project is nearly complete. Happy Guys completed the project (which is different than Hoop's Handy Man Service).
- H. Entry door repainting project. Tina received a quote but it did not include repainting the kitchen. This will be continued.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Each council member was given an opportunity to comment or share information.

LORD'S PRAYER: Said by all.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Jana Rockne, Acting Council Secretary