

**Council Minutes
April 13, 2026**

**Present: Pr. Joel Bacon, Eric Neff, Deb Meier, Bob Ubbelohde, Janet Rivard, Dan Bergschnieder, Jeff Reiche, Randy Neumann, Andy Vergeront, Paula Gaida.
Not present: Madeleine Bernard**

Meeting was called to order by Erik, council president, at 5:00 PM

Pastor Bacon started the meeting with a short devotion and prayer.

A motion to approve the agenda was proposed by Randy, seconded by Dan and the motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting was made by Jeff, seconded by Deb and the motion carried.

Andy reviewed the Receipts and Expenses and the Balance sheet for Feb/Mar 2026 and copies were made available to the council for reviewal. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Ted seconded by Bob and the motion carried.

In the Pastor's report he stated he'll be gone from 4\19-4\21. The parsonage remodel is underway starting in one of the bathrooms.

Committee Reports:

Children, Youth and Family - Jeff reported that the Senior Recognition will be held on Sunday, April 26.

Amanda will be on the payroll through May. She will not attend camp. Janet shared the story of a great grandma who has been coming to Terrific Tuesdays and doing a story time with the kids. She also shared the story of a young boy who was drawn to our playground when the kids were outside and he started playing with them. He has now joined our Terrific Tuesdays group.

Evangelism: Shari Beckman has been working on a new welcome to new members brochure and a new Welcome booklet for New Members. Copies of the original draft were given to each council member to review and come back to the next meeting to discuss with any questions/changes.

Fellowship: Ted reported the winter get togethers went well and that they're looking forward to the warmer weather activities.

Music and Worship: the free will concert given by Sarah Adair and her family was well attended and well received.

Outreach (good works): Jeff reported that the next focus will be on the Wednesday night dinners. The Lent giving for the Wells in Malawi was well received.

Personnel: there were several inquiries for the Youth and Family position but none were moved on in the hiring process.

Property: Randy reported that he is getting bids to fix the cracks in the driveway. A follow up on the shed issue that is below grade and flooding is being done. The Coffee Kiosk is moving ahead and that committee is meeting again this week.

Randy spoke with Service Master about setting up a contract to clean all the carpets and possibly the floors in the rest of the building. The project to install a

drop-down ladder for access to the attic level is being looked at. Upgrading the lights in the Narthex to match what is in the sanctuary is being looked at. The next “many hands” day will be on April 30.

Stewardship: Andy reports that he is planning on speaking to both services about how to give: in-person, on-line, QR code, stocks, etc.

New Business:

Tanya’s summer hours will start on May 18th. She will be in the office from 0630 to noon and will work remote after this.

Electric Church Sign: may need to upgrade. Janet, Ted and Paula will meet to set up a meeting with the sales person from “Watch Fire” to see what the options are.

Council Reimagining Conversation: Andy passed out his recommendations for enhancing First Lutheran Council’s Continuity, Effectiveness, and Financial Accountability. Discussion followed and further action will be discussed at the next meeting.

Next meeting will be on May 11

A motion to adjourn was made by Deb at 6:15 PM seconded by Dan and the motion carried.

Pastor Bacon the led us in The Lord’s Prayer.

Submitted by, Paula Gaida