

Council Minutes

June 8, 2026

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

Meeting was called to order by Eric, 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 Dan, seconded by Ted and the motion carried.

A motion to accept the minutes from the May 11 meeting was made by Jeff, seconded by Bob and the motion carried.

Treasurer's report given by Andy. He reported that the expenses were higher in May as there were 3 pay periods instead of the usual 2. The balance sheet and the Rev&Exp summary landscaped w/last year and the Balance sheet for May was distributed to the council for review. Bob made a motion to accept these reports, seconded by Ted and the motion carried.

Pastor reported that the coverage for his vacation at the end of June fell through so he's working on finding someone else. It may be that a lay person will substitute and if this happens there will not be communion that weekend.

A reminder that there will not be a service on Saturday, July 4th.

Committee Reports:

Children, Youth and Family updates given. Dan said they've received applications from 2 qualified applicants who will be interviewed on June 17th and June 30th. Jeff reported that Amanda is still thinking about committing to another year for Terrific Tuesdays. Maureen and Jim Schreiber have been asked to consider working with the Middle School students again next year and Jeff and Jill are willing to continue with the high school students.

Crisis - no report

Evangelism - Sherry Beckman has been working on the updated "Welcome to First Lutheran Church" booklet. Each member of the council had been sent a copy of this via email. As there were no suggestions or corrections it was suggested that Sherry have a colored copy made available for the Council at the July meeting before the final funds are approved for this. (Sherry has been notified of this request).

Fellowship: Ted reported that they have had a good, solid group of 8-14 people hiking or biking every week.

Music and Worship: the choir has been looking at different robes and comparing prices. The estimated cost is \$3,700. They will be hosting a German dinner on September 10th as a fundraiser for these.

The iPad has arrived for Sarah's music and she's been enjoying using this. The endowment fund sponsored this.

The Narthex speakers have been ordered and when they arrive Eric will coordinate their set-up.

Outreach (good works) - last month's drive for personal (hygiene) items for the local foodshelf was a big success. There were a record number of items donated.

Personnel Committee - it was proposed by Andy that this committee should have the executive committee on this. This was seconded by Eric and the motion carried.

Property: Pastor reports that the ceiling in the parsonage needs to be replaced. He will obtain the estimate for doing this and the council can then proceed with looking at what funds are available for this project.

Stewardship (financial health). Andy reported that Sue Reinardy has the QR code ready to go on our website. This QR code will also be made available weekly in the bulletin.

New Business:

Council Reimagining: 3 current council members will have completed their 3 year commitment at the end of July. Dan, Randy and Janet. Janet would like to commit to another 3 year term so we will need 2 new people on the council starting in August. Several names were proposed and they will be approached. Andy has proposed that each member of the council head up one of the church committees. Initial response was as follows but more conversation needs to be done at the next meeting and with the new council members.

Children Youth and Family: Jeff or Madeleine

Technology/Evangelism: Janet

Fellowship: Ted

Outreach: Jeff

Music/Worship: Debbie

Personnel: Bob

Stewardship: Andy

Properties:

Semi-annual meeting letter will be mailed out by the end of this month. The meeting is scheduled for July 26.

Old business: Jeff reported that on the 1st council meeting in August all members will be given the same folder with the council member responsibilities.

Coffee Kiosk: the cabinets and countertops have been ordered. The committee is meeting with the Bunn coffee company next.

Next Meeting of the council will be on July 13.

Adjournment was proposed by Deb seconded by Jeff at 6PM and the motion carried.

Pastor led us in The Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Paula Gaida