

Faith Lutheran Council Meeting

August 21, 2025

Present: Theresa Collins, Steve Kercher, Pastor Jes King, Janae Kline, Susi Miller, Sue Perri, Chris Shively, Doug Yoder, and Barry Younghans

Opening Devotions: Theresa C. led the council in devotions.

May's minutes were reviewed and no corrections were made. Minutes accepted as submitted.

Financial Report: Steve K shared the financial report. Committees are submitting their 2026 budget requests. The 2026 Budget will be put together before our October meeting.

Committee Reports:

- **Christian Growth:** no report
- **Community Ministry:** Sue P reported on LWR School Kits, Model Taco Bar, and the Angel Tree for Model.
- **Good Shepherd:** Sue P read a letter from Joy about everything going on at GSP this summer; including new curriculum, putting in new flooring, and hiring new staff. Council members also approved the hiring of Ana Bailey, Ashley Randall, and Kiara Trovatore.
- **Hospitality & Outreach:** no report
- **Property & Grounds:** Doug Y reported on the Property minutes that were distributed.
- **Worship & Music:** Janae K reported that the Bells of Faith will start practice on Sept 3 & will be performing at Waterford Dec 7.

Pastors' report:

- Pastor Jes reported that Karon Ahrendt will start playing organ once a month with Jimin. She will be playing the opening hymn, hymn of the day, and sending hymn. Jimin will play the rest of worship.
- Pastor Jes shared that we were asked to consider taking an AMBS Student Intern who is Lutheran. Upon discussion we decided to decline taking on an intern at this time.
- Vacation time was requested for August 22-23, Sept. 24-Oct 4, 2025.

Pastor Jes preformed the following ministry acts:

- Funeral of Ernest Evans on 8/1/25
- No baptisms, weddings, confirmations or new members.

Old Business:

- **Building Projects (Landscape, restrooms, GSP):** A BIG thank you to Doug Yoder for working on the landscape. It looks amazing. There is more to do in the upcoming months. The restroom renovations are underway. We are looking forward to everything getting finished. We talked through the renovations that happened at GSP this summer. We are going to relook at the ministry covenant between GSP and Faith, along with the GSP Director and the GSP Board's recommendations.
- **Sale of Land:** Round Table Discussions took place. They went well. At this time we are going to wait for the city's next move.
- **Faith Food Truck Saturdays:** The first one went well. We have two more scheduled. After those we will re-evaluate how best to do these in the future and get a committee created to oversee this.

New Business

- **Appoint Chris Shively to Council (fulfilling Tommy's position):** Barry motioned that Chris S be appointed to council to fulfill Tommy's seat. Sue P. seconded. Motion approved.
- **Faith Endowment Fund at CFEC:** Barry motioned that the Faith Endowment Policy be given to the congregation at the Annual Meeting for approval. Theresa seconded the motion. Motion approved.
- **Ally Congregation:** Pastor Jes gave out a questionnaire to each council member to fill out and turn in by Sept. 11.
- **Committee Budget Requests** due by Sept. 15
- **Nomination Committee:** two 3 yr terms (Barry & Theresa), one 2 yr term (Chris)

Next meeting: Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 6:30 pm

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Submitted by: Jenna Trethewey, Church Secretary