

October 13, 2025 Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Maureen Even.

Present: Pastor Mohr-Kelly, Cindy Gosse, Amber Reuter, Mike Waring, Christy Phillips, and Sara Borland. Absent: Shirley Bergman and Mary Adams.

Pastor led a prayer and devotion.

Sara motioned to approve the agenda. Second by Mike. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Cindy shared the treasurer's reports. Deposits doubled for September, that's a blessing! Cindy cashed the CD out for \$22,342.34 to cover the funds of repairs as we wait for insurance claims to all come through. Cindy won't need to transfer any funds at this time.

Maureen stepped out for a call. Sara stepped in as acting president.

Pastor motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Second by Mike. Motion carried.

Secretary Report:

Mike motioned to approve the September Minutes. Second by Cindy. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Hospitality Reports:

Shirley lined up October fellowship. Mike will line up fellowship for November.

Parish Ed/Youth:

Christy shared 6-8 youth attend Worship Wednesday. They will be playing the bells on October 26. They will start Christmas practice in a few weeks. Confirmation will be on Wednesdays in November and Decembers to practice the Christmas program.

Property/Technology:

Mike shared that Schumacher for a processor for the elevator. If this doesn't fix this, we will have to go back to Schindler for the repair. Cindy shared Maureen called on the Schindler bills to verify the amounts. Cindy said her totals came within \$200 of what the bills listed. Sara asked if these amounts will go towards our deductible. They will.

Christy motioned to pay the Schindler bills minus the tax. Second by Mike. Motion carried. The maintenance agreement with Schindler is up in October. Maureen shared

Wayne asked them for a copy of the agreement, and Mike shared that Wayne hadn't received one. Cindy will call them for a copy before we pay the maintenance fee.

Mike changed the tv in the Sanctuary to sports mode and streaming is working perfectly now.

Scholarship: No updates.

Worship and Music: New music has been added for 4 p.m. service.

Maureen stepped back into the meeting as President.

Call Committee: Pastor met with Amanda Phillips and informed her that the MSP will need to be separate from Zion. They talked about expanding the call committee to include new members. Pastor recommends the committee have 8 congregational members total that will represent the congregation as a whole. Pastor will ask Amanda to call a few members to join the committee.

Pastor's Report: Pastor asked for council approval to hold the baptism of Casey William Ryan on October 27.

Amber made a motion to approve the Monday baptism. Second by Cindy. Motion carried.

Confirmation is moved to May 10, on Mother's Day, to avoid the graduation date. Because this will be before the council meets, Pastor suggest that the 5 Confirmation Students read their faith statements during worship. Sara suggests the Confirmation students share their statements of faith prior to May 10, and Council will approve virtually and we will ratify at the May council meeting.

Pastor would like to move the piano to the second Sunday School room. Confirmation would like to use the 'music room' because it has the dvd player. Mike will call Randy Frush to help move the piano.

Pastor's home visits in September were Marie, Gene, Dar, Jeanne, and Bill.

Bible Study for Life of Paul is over.

Pastor is assisting with Worship Wednesday. Cindy volunteered to help while Christy is out.

Confirmation is going through Old Testament.

Pastor has had Synod conversations and interim meetings.

New Business: Maureen and Pastor shared at Sunday's services that we received the letter from Ruth Frush for the dissolution of yoke agreement-MSP with Zion. Sara and Cindy have

created a flyer to share at the Cottage Meetings of what our estimated budget could look like as we call a full-time pastor. Synod approved the dissolution letter.

Cindy motioned to accept the dissolution agreement with Zion. Second by Sara. Motion carried.

Ratify motion by Sara Borland and second by Shirley Bergman to allow St. Athanasius School to use American Lutheran Church in case of a crisis or emergency for the children. Maureen will provide them a list of congregational members who have a key to the church. Motion carried.

Jaidyn Wright is a current confirmation student. This year is the year of the Bible.

Jaidyn knows the bible from cover to cover. Pastor offered to meet with him every Saturday morning to instruct him in Lutheran theology and history to be able to be confirmed with his current confirmation class.

Amber motioned to accept Pastor's proposal for Jaidyn to be confirmed with the current class on May 10th. Second by Sara. Motion carried.

Pastor would like to add members to the Worship committee to assist with planning. Sue Hoey and Chris Waring would like to join those committees.

Pastor will be on vacation 10/20 to 10/25 (not missing Sunday), and 12/17 to 12/22 with Bishop presiding that Sunday.

AED with Jesup Ambulance Chief and Assistant Chief split cost 50/50 of a Zoll AED at approximately \$2,000. The Buchanan County EMS Association is willing to pay half of that and get us any training we need for it. The church would be responsible for the pads and batteries. Then typically any time they help buy equipment like this they just ask that if we ever get a new one or want to get rid of this one for whatever reason that the Association retains it. Sharon McAtee has graciously offered to pay our 50% of the AED. Thank you Sharon! Cindy is getting the final cost.

Sara motion to approve the AED. Second by Christy. Motion carried.

Mike shared the noisy offering was \$71 for Knights of Columbus.

Cindy contacted Heather Hansen at Jesup Community School. They are in need of coats, mittens, and hats. We will put a "mitten tree" together with the lists of the sizes.

ELCA Good Gifts will be the noisy offering for November and December so the Worship Wednesday kids will choose the gifts in January. In the past they picked goats, chickens, school supplies, school uniforms, and medical supplies.

Amber motioned the November and December noisy offering be for the ELCA Good Gifts so the Worship Wednesday kids can choose the gifts. Second by Sara. Motion carried.

Cottage meeting invites have gone out in the mail. Sara shared to Facebook. Council will reach out to members as a personal invite.

Discussed the “Plans for Renewal & Sustainability” book. The church family is important. We’d love to have the Mother’s Day tea, potlucks, Valentine’s dinner, spaghetti suppers again in the future.

Old Business: No old business.

Correspondence: The school is still need of peanut butter for the backpacks.

Chris would like to order new banner stand for the lower narthex downstairs. She will cover the cost of the new banner and stand.

ELCA World Hunger

Youth and Global Mission

LSI

In November we will need to determine Thanksgiving offering and Christmas in December.

Letter from EWALU for funding the renovation.

Deacon assignments for November: 11/2: 11/9: Christy 11/16: 11/23: Maureen 11/30: Amber

We will need to line up snow removal for the parsonage this winter. Mike will talk to Larry Thompson.

Lord’s Prayer was said.

Sara motioned to adjourn. Second by Christy. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amber Reuter

Secretary