

****DRAFT** September 2025 Council Meeting**

Minutes

The Holy Love Council Meeting held via Zoom on September 16th, 2025

Attendees:

Ashley Noyd (Council President), Laura Flynn, Pastor Brittany Kooi, Harry Laubach, Kristy Miller, Lynna Staggs Sampsell, Melissa Waples & Lindy Whitney in attendance

Minutes:

1. Call to Order - **Meeting started 7:05pm**
2. Opening Devotion (Kristy Miller) - Christ our rock in times of busyness
3. Roll Call - all Council members present except Carol Smith and Ed Truett
4. Open Discussion for Congregation - No attendants from congregation
5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - a. **A motion to approve August 2025 Council Minutes** was made by Kristy Miller, seconded by Lynna Staggs Sampsell. **The motion passed unanimously.**
6. Committee/Task Force Reports
 - a. Pastor's Report (Pastor Brittany)
 - i. New Christmas tree purchased for sanctuary.
 - ii. Stewardship mailers will go out next week - the theme will be pursuing God's purpose. Congregants will be sharing volunteer opportunities.
 - iii. Budgets due to Melissa by end of October.
 - b. Property (Ed Truett)
 - i. Island curbs still remaining — payment not issued yet for parking lot.
 - ii. Natural gas smell (after HVAC repairs) — new monitor installed in Fellowship Hall.
 - c. Christian Education
 - i. Fifteen kids present for the first Sunday School of the year. Working toward the blessing of the animals (10/4)
 - ii. Trunk or Treat (10/25)
 - iii. Planning for a Christmas pageant.

- iv. Youth group will start in October; discussing idea for providing additional preschool care during Day Camp
- d. Finance (Lindy Whitney)
 - i. YTD contributions for budget are \$6,599.13 more than budget. YTD pledged were \$6,565.85 more than budget; unpledged were \$8,280.64 less than budget.
- e. Preschool - August 2025 report available
 - i. Butterbraid fundraiser
- f. Worship and Music - included in Pastor's report
 - i. Discussion regarding acknowledgement of volunteers in the congregation
- g. Craft Fair - Carol Smith not present to report
- 7. Old Business
 - a. Constitution Discussion Meeting
 - i. Updates made per feedback from congregational discussion meeting and the ELCA model constitution (Aug 2025).
 - ii. Chapter 13.09 to be discussed with Preschool Board at Sunday meeting (9/21)
- 8. New Business
 - a. Agenda for the joint meeting with the Preschool Board/Council.
 - i. Recommended agenda items: Property & facilities
 - ii. Discussion regarding 13.09
- 9. Adjournment
 - a. **A motion was made to close the meeting** by Kristy Miller, seconded by Melissa Waples; **the motion carried unanimously.**
 - b. **Meeting was closed at 8:30pm.**
 - c. Melissa Waples volunteered to do the October devotional.

Next Meeting Date: October 21st, 2025, 7pm (Zoom)