



HUMC Leadership Team

Leadership Team Members in attendance: Pastor Seth LaBounty, Lynn Margeson, Joyce Alderson, Lexy Klinkhammer, Erin Alderson, Linda Blue, Dan Kistler, Abbey Nevins;

Guest: Dave Niewald;

- Call to order at 6:36 pm with prayer by Linda.
- Approved corrected minutes from April 14th, 2026 meeting. (The designated funds listed in the general fund balance *are* included, and not not included, as the minutes indicate.)
- Team Reports
 - Christian Education (Abbey)
 - Wild Wednesday wrapped up for the year. Wanting to unify classroom materials as much possible. Wanting to establish a protocol for how to handle behavioral incidents and expectations for volunteers and students.
 - Summer Camp: We have a group going to camp together on June 21st. Would like to do a send-off that morning around 9.
 - Teachers' Meeting: Got feedback from the current leaders for next year.
 - VBS: Working on planning and volunteer recruitment. Interest in having the sidewalk on the south side decorated/painted to promote VBS.
 - Curriculum/Children's Bulletins
 - Finance (Erin)
 - As of May 19, 2026:
 - Dakotas Foundation Investment balance: \$221,948 (YTD: +5.26%)
 - General Fund balance: \$85,790 (includes \$17,890 in dedicated funds)
 - Building Fund balance: \$17,046
 - Memorial Fund balance: \$2,709
 - Authorized Signers at the bank: All updated.
 - Credit Cards ordered, and signers added.
 - Dedicated Accounts have been combined.
 - Paid first half of Property Taxes - \$345.49
 - Pulpit Supply Amount: Want to clarify and/or update what we pay for pulpit supply.

- Switched to No Paper Statements
- Will look into a High Yield Savings for some of the excess funds in our General Account to try to at least earn interest on the funds that typically are unused for lengths of time.
- Office Manager Report
 - More office clean-up - rearrange file cabinets
 - Bulletin insert with updates from the Leadership Team: Would like to include this monthly.
 - Summer Office hours - Wednesday afternoon & possibly Friday morning
- Lay Member (Joyce)
 - No updates.
- Staff/Parish Relations (Lexy)
 - Church Directory Update: made some corrections to the proof copy that was sent to us, and are waiting for the full delivery. Will explore different companies and options moving forward.
 - Parsonage Plans/Budget
- Outreach & Missions (Lynn)
 - Food Pantry: Fund for this is doing well, and we have made several deliveries to the pantry in the last month.
 - St. Francis House: Scheduled for Saturday, May 23rd.
 - Noisy Bucket for June: Kids Against Hunger.
- Trustees (Dan)
 - AC Unit Check / Cleaning
 - Defibrillator status: Rebate of \$400 received and deposited.
 - The men's & women's bathrooms are needing some updates.
 - Received some bids for built-in furnace & A/C units for the basement, but waiting on a few more.
 - Will look into replacing Church directional sign by High School and on Western.
 - Parsonage walk through
- Worship (Linda)
 - Jamboree Days Worship: We will be providing refreshments for the service.
 - Working on the wooden information rack in the back of the sanctuary.
 - Jerry McCaw may be interested in helping restore the baptismal font.

- Saturday worship: Pastor Seth's involvement with Saturday service will end on May 24th.
- iSingWorship is suspending their work effective February 2027. They have recommended two alternatives, including The Worship Zone and a new worship application that is still under construction. The Worship Zone's service will be sometime around June 1st, with an introductory discount for iSingWorship subscribers.
- Pastor Seth's report
 - Annual Conference plans regarding lay representation and worship on June 7th; since we have no able representatives, we will let the Conference know so that they can allow other churches to bring extra delegates.
 - Transition Team recommendations
 - Transition Checklist items
 - Final Sunday at Hartford UMC set for June 14th, and will be moving out of the parsonage on June 22nd.
- Old Business Discussion:
 - Parking Lot in alley
 - New microphone
 - Newspaper Publications: Minnehaha Messenger details needs to be updated;
- New Business Discussion:
 - Parsonage plans/budget
 - Transition Team Leader
- Next meeting: TBD
- Meeting adjourned with prayer by Joyce.