



## LUTHER MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Present: Pastor Monica, Diane, Nancy, Mark, Phil, Carla.

Phil led devotions.

### Agenda Approval

The agenda was approved, as were the minutes of the April 2024 Council meeting and congregational meeting. The consent agenda was also approved (b-c).

### Unfinished Business and General Orders

Financial Report- There were no questions or concerns about this month's reports.

Little Hokie Hangout's new lease: Luther Memorial and Little Hokie Hangout agreed to 1350/month for the new lease. On 09/01/24, a new 12-month lease begins. The director is waiting for the VT paperwork to be completed. For future consideration: Each May, we need to revisit the LHH lease to allow for 30 days prior notice to September. Pastor Monica has made a note of this.

Property Survey Update: Hurt and Profitt will be completing the survey. Diane will be taking the contract for the property survey to a lawyer, Greg Campbell, to look over the contract for us.

Call Process for The Well: Diane has been in communication with Rebecca and continues to be to keep the process moving. The Congregation voted on the proposed members for The Call committee at the Congregational Meeting before today's council meeting.

### New Business

Pig Pickin and God's Work, Our Hands: The ELCA's service project each year is called God's Work, Our Hands. The social ministry committee has recommended the birthday bag project to support the Interfaith Food Pantry. The congregation will donate items, and the church will supplement as needed. We will make 75 birthday bags in the assembly line style. This will take place on 9/8/24. The fellowship volunteers and Pig Pickin point person will be asking for pot-luck side dishes to be provided/ making sure we have all needed supplies. Pastor Monica is coordinating with Sandy Hangman regarding the birthday bag project.

Locks on the Thermostats: Ray Riggin monitors the thermostats. The thermostats have been shifted on many occasions, costing us a lot of money. Ray Riggin is monitoring the seasonal checks for our heating and cooling systems. Marcia and Ray will be looking at the lock boxes. Marcia, Ray, Property, and Pastor Monica will have a key. The extras will be kept by Marcia. There will be a learning process for setting the temperatures, and Ed Vigen's recommendations from an earlier process will help begin this process.



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Possible roof leak: Ed noticed damp places atop some of the doors upstairs. Ed was looking at whether these are older stains or newer ones.

Zoom Series Class offering: LM has been registered through United Lutheran Seminary for a series, "What does it mean to vote as a Lutheran?" Experts lead a Zoom class once a month. The class discusses and reviews our social statements. The congregation is invited but needs to contact Pastor Monica for details to sign in. The series is called "Keeping the Faith."

140th anniversary planning: In 2026, Luther Memorial will celebrate its 140th anniversary. Pastor Monica hopes we will have yearlong fellowship events, invite Bishop Milton to preach, update our church history and publish for the congregation, and have a homecoming celebration. Pastor Monica will announce to the congregation and ask for a committee of volunteers to be formed. The spring season was floated as a time for the special worship service.

Giving/ Tithing Business Update:

The church is charged 3% for each Vanco donation. We can save some money by discontinuing the use of VANCO. We have Paypal, Venmo, and autopay through banks available to members. There was some discussion about helping tellers do their jobs with a bit more ease, like statements having member account numbers and asking members to include their numbers on their checks. Marcia is willing to make offering envelopes for the people who want them.

July Council Meeting (July 28): We should keep it on our calendar, but we may not meet in person.

August 25, 2024: We will be meeting on this day.

The council discussed the possibility of sending minutes of congregational meetings in the future with the agenda for congregational minutes.