

**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – October 8, 2025**

Jamey Backus called the meeting to order. Pastor opened the meeting with a prayer.

Present: Pastor Heller, Casey Voigt, Kevin Herrmann, Terence Schmidt, Tiffany Sommerer, Richard Simenson, Jonathan Schlender, Joslyn Frey, Jamey Backus

Absent: Ray Sorge, Nona Blaisdell, Anne Rosenow

MOTION by Jonathan to approve and dispense the reading of the September 10, 2025 council minutes, seconded by Richard, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- MDU requesting easement approval for line placement along walking path
- Richard took down sign, Joslyn will paint when she gets a chance
- Kevin will work on getting additional sets of keys for the church

TREASURER'S REPORT – Joslyn Frey

- Change made to financial report to reflect the amount that Pastor is putting into his retirement

Building Fund \$81,037.61, Sunday School \$2,138.02, LYF \$2,318.50, Music Fund \$2,178.00, Memorial/Misc \$60,719.47, Bank Int. \$497.90, Endowment Interest \$2,216.95, Thrivent \$22,939.39, Savings \$174,045.84, Checking \$110,125.03

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT – Casey Voigt

As of 10/5/25

Income	YTD	Budget to Date	\$157,169.20
General Fund	\$149,060.96	Income to Date	\$163,687.80
Loose Offering	\$7,297.00	Short/over to Date	\$6,518.60
Electronic Offering	\$5,255.25	Short/over per Week	\$162.96
Missions	\$0.00	Building Fund	\$8,730.00
Misc	\$2,074.59	Memorial Fund	\$50.00
TOTAL	\$163,687.80	Music Fund	\$0.00
		Sunday School	\$0.00
		Miscellaneous	\$0.00
		Thrivent	\$1,248.00
		Endowment Fund	\$0.00
		Total General Savings	\$10,063.00

MOTION by Richard to accept the financial reports, seconded by Jonathan, motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

LAY MINISTRY – Jonathan Schlender

- Unable to have Elder's meeting in September, will work on finalizing budget before voter's meeting

EVANGELISM – Vacant – no updates

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Terence Schmidt – No updates

LYF – Anne Rosenow – Vacant – No updates

STEWARDSHIP – Vacant - No updates

CHURCH PROPERTIES – Richard Simenson

- Sprinklers blown out and turned off
- AC removed from parsonage, completed repair on inside, still need to work on the outside
- Will paint the framework/stand for the sign
- Window repair- will leave as is due to impending winter, will check other windows to see if any updates need to be done in the future
- Snow removal- will continue with the same process

PARISH FELLOWSHIP – Nona Blaisdell – absent - report received

- 3 funerals over the past 2 months
- LWML Sunday on October 5th
- Advent services in December
- Upcoming Advent potluck, tentative date December 7th

PUBLIC RELATIONS – Ray Sorge – absent – report received

- Will do add in paper for Trunk or Treat

MOTION by Terence to accept director's reports, seconded by Casey, motion carried.

STATE OF PARISH – Pastor Heller

- Discussed closing of Drayton and Belfield LCMS congregations in ND
- Seminary student in 2nd year at Ft. Wayne
- Discussion on changes to the ELCA call list to include mandatory LGBTQ+ and a female

NEW BUSINESS:

- Kevin brought information on different options for purchasing aluminum tables
- Soup and Sandwich money will contribute to 3 tables, Thrivent funds will cover 2 tables

MOTION by Casey to purchase 2 tables with the purchase limit of \$5,000 including shipping and handling, seconded by Kevin, motion carries

- Kevin will move forward with purchase of 7 aluminum tables
- Richard brought forward needing a new weed trimmer, recommended EGO cutter as it would use the same batteries/charger that we already have
- Will have meeting on Oct 26th after Church Service to discuss and approve budget
- Congregation Officer positions open for election: Parish Fellowship, Public Relations, Evangelism, Stewardship, Young People's Work, Finance Committee, Lay Ministry

Next meeting November 12th at 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned by Joslyn, seconded by Jonathan, closed with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tiffany Sommerer
Secretary

Attachment: Plan of Action Items