

**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – September 10, 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, Anne Rosenow

Absent: Ray Sorge, Nona Blaisdell,

MOTION by Richard to approve and dispense the reading of the July 16, 2025 council minutes, seconded by Joslyn motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- WAPA completed light pole replacements near church. Damage to parking lot. Email/communication in progress to resolve issue. Jamey/Richard to discuss with them in regard to getting fixed.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Joslyn Frey

Building Fund \$80,427.61, 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 \$173,435, Checking \$108,414.05

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT – Casey Voigt

As of 9/7/25

Income	YTD	Budget to Date	\$141,452.28
General Fund	\$139,840.62	Income to Date	\$152,784.37
Loose Offering	\$6,348.00	Short/over to Date	\$11,332.09
Electronic Offering	\$4,521.16	Short/over per Week	\$314.78
Missions	\$0.00	Building Fund	\$8,120.00
Misc	\$2,074.59	Memorial Fund	\$50.00
TOTAL	\$152,784.37	Music Fund	\$0.00
		Sunday School	\$0.00
		Miscellaneous	\$0.00
		Thrivent	\$1,248.00
		Endowment Fund	\$0.00
		Total General Savings	\$9,418.00

MOTION by Terence to accept the financial reports, seconded by Anne, motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

LAY MINISTRY – Jonathan Schlender

- Pastor insurance due, phone meeting held, increased by \$18
- Will have meeting with elders end of September to start budget

EVANGELISM – Vacant – no updates

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Terence Schmidt

- Sunday School started last week
- Will work with Anne to pick a Sunday to do activities for youth of all ages
- Catechism class started tonight

LYF – Anne Rosenow

- Attended National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Working on a presentation to share experience with congregation.
- Next one to be held in San Antonio in 2028. Will start working on fundraising to help cover some of the cost for future youth that would like to attend.
- LYF meeting for 6th grade or older individuals this upcoming Sunday at 4pm

STEWARDSHIP – Vacant - No updates

CHURCH PROPERTIES – Richard Simenson

- Drain specialist came from Washburn to clean out drains. Bill paid
- Received call from roofers. Came and fixed ridge caps for \$2,950. In contact with another contractor if needed.
- Insulation needed in mechanical room. Wall 8 inches thick, need at least one bundle.
- Parking lot maintenance. Chip seal cost vs Badlands Sealcoating LLC. Discussed cost and benefits.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP – Nona Blaisdell – absent - report received

- Funeral served in August and one this upcoming Saturday
- LWML Sunday October 5th, ladies preparing gifts, will serve muffins, OJ & coffee

PUBLIC RELATIONS – Ray Sorge – absent – report received

- Working on Trunk or Treat. Need volunteers to help with hotdogs and drinks. LYF will help.

MOTION by Jonathan to accept director's reports, seconded by Richard, motion carried.

STATE OF PARISH – Pastor Heller

- Copier/fax machine contract expires in September, will renew contract
- Wondering about removal of old air conditioner in parsonage
- Circuit update- 8 congregations with vacancies, Belfield's Church is closing
- Church Mutual Insurance policy ends in November. Needs to be renewed.
- Sprinkling system around the church still turned on. Needs to be blown out in the fall.
- Discussed spraying for weeds.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Joslyn offered to paint the sign coming into the parking lot. Richard offered to help take down so she can take home to paint.
- Need more keys for church access
- Church cleaning- volunteers in place through end of September, will need more in October
- Voter's Meeting will be held on November 2nd after church (Reminder: Daylight Saving's Time)
- Jonathan brought up starting budget for upcoming meeting and Voter's meeting.
- Upcoming Officer/Elder terms for Voter's meeting

Next meeting October 8th at 7:00 pm

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany Sommerer

Secretary

Attachment: Plan of Action Items