

*As servants of Christ we are leaders by example, encouraging spiritual growth in each other, in our congregation, and in the community.*

**Council Minutes – Unapproved**

<b><u>Topic</u></b>	<b><u>Presenters</u></b>
Call to Order; Roll Call; Devotions:	<b>All</b>
<p>President Scott Jensen called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Pastor David restated our vision, “Lands Lutheran Church is called to invite, encourage, and empower people to grow in their faith.” Council members identified opportunities to achieve our vision and included to be welcoming, help each other, and look outside ourselves. Worship committee mission aligns with the vision since it states, “To assist the pastor and Congregational Council in providing for the highest quality in the congregation’s worship, and to involve as many members as possible as participants and leaders according to their gifts.” Goals considered are to work to involve grades 9-12 in activities and worship, challenge members to ‘try volunteering for something that may be outside their norm’, and use time and talent invitations and responses.</p>	
Approve Agenda, Secretary and Treasurer Reports;	
<p>M/S/C to approve agenda with the addition of guest attendee Brad Nord regarding an inquiry about lawn mowing. Scott Jensen will ensure the lawn mowing bid is delivered to Property committee. M/S/C to approve minutes from March 8, 2016.</p> <p>Treasurer Report: See Attached. M/S/C to approve Treasurer Report.</p>	
Reports:	
<p>Pastor David’s sabbatical will begin May 1 and end July 31. Pastor John Lohre is a recently retired Pastor from Pine Island and will preach on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month, as well as provide emergency visits and funeral services if needed. On June 22, Pastor Hannah will deliver the sermon and we will worship with Minneola in the Park. Between these arrangements and additional volunteers from within the congregation, nearly all Sunday’s are covered. Mary will change the outdoor sign as needed. In case of inclement weather during summer worship, the Worship Coordinator for that Sunday will make the decision if worship should move into the Sanctuary.</p> <p>July 16, 2017 was selected for the date of Lands 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Covered Bridge Festival will provide an opportunity to inform visitors to the community of the upcoming sesquicentennial celebration.</p> <p>Ashley reported details of the upcoming mission trip are being worked on. Ashley is in the process of being CPR certified for adult and pediatrics as well as use of the AED.</p>	
Unfinished Business:	
<p>There was an overrun on the nine square project done last year. Through free will offerings council M/S/C to fund the overrun amount of \$359.45. Mike Boraas and Chris Hawkins will prepare statement(s) for council to refer to for handling any future Eagle project requests.</p> <p>Kim Jensen reported the progress of the team working with energy audits for the church and parsonage. The church audit is being done by Enerchange a company from Shorewood, MN which is a no cost, non-profit service that helps MN non-profits save money by saving energy. Kim, June Freiheit and Jeff Strickland will meet with Enerchange to review detailed recommendations. As they did the walk through Enerchange staff highlighted potential areas for upgrades such as outside lighting and air conditioning condenser. Estimated costs will be provided along with any anticipated rebates figures. The residential audit will be done in the future by another company. Kim Jensen will continue to provide updates.</p>	
New Business	
<p>Facility request approved was: Ashley Corbett park shelter for family gathering 4/24.</p>	
Team Reports:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Congregational Life – Marie Torkelson: Movie for kids and adults event will be held this Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. The team is excited that all teams will have representatives on the Lands 150 year planning team. A recommendation was made to consider a sign up for members to bring treats and store in the freezer since this could increase member’s</li> </ul>	

ability to provide treats.

- Education – Tara Plank: theme for VBS is around the Farm and Barnyard – Cowabunga and will be held the last week in June.
- Evangelism – Mary Ehrich: Cards for Easter and visitation along with Easter treats were delivered.
- Property – Jeff Strickland: n/a
- Stewardship – Bretta Damson:
  - A question of how Lands camperships are handled was discussed. It is recognized that the sponsorship of our youth for attending camps is an investment in our families. Currently, Lands funds nearly 75% of 1 summer experience for each youth. However, if families want to contribute more, they can. Because there is lack of clarity around our guidelines and the communication thereof, Bretta Damson and Kim Jensen will develop written guidelines and review recommendations at a future council meeting.
- Worship – Connie Rude: written report provided. Highway clean-up is April 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am. Pentecost is May 15<sup>th</sup>. Park Service begins June 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Youth – Chris Hawkins: Depending on camp attendance, it may be necessary to fund a shortage. Council M/S/C to use Thrivent fund up to \$2,000 if the shortage occurs. The financial detail will be known 2 weeks before Luther Dell which is June 12.

Note Item: Recently a large branch fell on a parsonage shed and caused damage. Insurance will send a check 2677.45.

Next Meetings:

- Executive Board – Virtual
- Church Council – Tuesday, May 10 @ 6:30 pm.

Adjourn: M/S/C to adjourn at 7:pm

The Lord’s Prayer

### **Council Members**

Scott Jensen	President	x
Aaron Berg	V. President	x
Jan Befort	Secretary	x
Mike Nord	Treasurer	x
Mike Boraas	Council at Large	x
Cara Utley	Council at Large	0
Marie Torkelson	Congregational Life	x
Tara Plank	Education	0
Mary Ehrich	Evangelism	x
Jeff Strickland	Property	0
Bretta Damson	Stewardship/Missions	x
Connie Rude	Worship	x
Chris Hawkins	Youth	x
David Krinke	Pastor	x
Additional Attendee(s):		
Ashley Corbett	Facilitator of Family Ministry	x
Guests:		
Brad Nord		x
Kim Jensen		x

X = Present

0 = Absent

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Befort