

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

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Presenters</u>
Call to Order; Roll Call; Devotions:	All
<p>Jan Befort, secretary, called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.</p> <p>Before his sabbatical began, Pastor David sent us Devotions which focused on our Vision: Lands Lutheran church is called to invite, encourage and empower people to grow in their faith. Come and See... Council members read the following verses ;John 1:46; John 1:39; Matthew 28:6; John 11:34; John 4:29; Psalm 66:5 which reaffirmed the vision for us to invite and come and see.</p> <p><u>Reaching Out</u> – Hospitality</p> <p>We want to make our congregation as welcoming a place as we possibly can for new people and for people who have been a part of our congregation for years. A big part of that is making information about the congregation as easy to find and as easy to understand as possible.</p> <p>We’re going to do this through brochures, signs, our website, our newsletter, facebook, twitter, Instagram, ppt announcements and figuring out word of mouth. Individual information sharing is still the best way for things to be shared.</p> <p><u>Chocolate Chip Cookie Team</u></p> <p>One of the greatest themes throughout the Bible is hospitality. Abraham hosting the three travelers outside of his tent. The widow hosting Elijah in the midst of the drought. Peter’s mother in law hosting Jesus and his disciples.</p> <p>On Sunday mornings we play host to one another and our community in the midst of our fellowship time. It is a wonderful outreach. This team will further develop that ministry.</p> <p>There are few things in this world that are more welcoming than the taste and smell of fresh chocolate chip cookies. Once a month we will have chocolate chip cookie Sunday. This team will bake the cookies at church so that the church is filled with the smell of the cookies. They will bring cookies to the Sunday School class rooms so the classes can enjoy the cookies together and have chocolate chip fueled Gospel lessons. Not to be left out, there may be some cookies left for other adults in the fellowship hall. It is an effort to support the gift of hospitality.</p> <p><u>Family Ministries</u></p> <p>One of the giant strengths of our congregation is our family ministries. This includes our ministries for Jr. and Sr. High School Youth and elementary aged students. We want to continue to grow that ministry.</p> <p>We want to continue to build our Sunday School, VBS, Confirmation and Camping ministries. We want to build on the success of these ministries as enrichment for our young people and also an outreach to the community.</p> <p><u>Staff Excellence</u></p> <p>We want to support our staff, as we always have. We want to encourage them, inspire them and care for them as they encourage, inspire and care for us.</p>	
Approve Agenda, Secretary and Treasurer Reports;	
M/S/C to approve agenda. M/S/C to approve minutes from April 12, 2016.	
Treasurer Report: See Attached. M/S/C to approve Treasurer Report.	
Reports:	
Ashley reported Luther Dell has a new director and Lands currently has just 3 campers registered so are seeking more attendees. This will be the last week of confirmation and Sunday School.	
Unfinished Business:	
Kim Jensen reported the progress of the Green Team and their work with energy audits for the church. Yesterday members of the property committee, Gary Floan, Gary Shelstad, June Freiheit, and Kim Jensen reviewed the report prepared by EnerChange. It was noted that Lands appears to have average energy usage compared with other equivalent facilities.	

The following cost and energy saving measures were identified:

Highest Priority

1. Upgrade lighting to LED with an estimated cost of \$600 with a \$220 rebate available. Payback is expected in 1.2 years.
2. Reduce the amount of time the exterior light fixtures are on.
3. Use LED lamps to replace any remaining incandescent bulbs.
4. Turn off large coffee maker rather than having it go to night mode with an anticipated cost saving of \$120 per year.
5. Seal furnace plenums and exposed ducting to reduce air leakage. Adjust air flows so that rooms heat and cool more evenly.

Additional measures:

- Form a green team to continue to help educate and do ongoing energy management.
- Label all the light switches.
- Review programming of thermostats.
- Consider using the sanctuary ceiling fans only when the heating and cooling systems are off.
- Change out coffee maker and keep coffee in carafes instead of constantly heating water in big coffee maker.

Estimate of the cost of changes would be less than \$2000 and would save \$1500/year.

During announcements this Sunday and between services Kim will provide a summary of the recommendations to the congregation in order to share information as well as seek volunteers work on follow-up items.

Team Reports:

- Congregational Life – Marie Torkelson: Shared via email that Congregational Life raised nearly half of the outstanding balance for the nine square installed in the Park. The movie Jerusalem will be shown on May 22 between services.
- Education: Meeting scheduled with Minneola to review plans for VBS.
- Evangelism – Mary Ehrich: Treat bags and cards for Mothers' Day were prepared and delivered. Mary will work to replace Handicap signs as well as touch up other signage and picnic tables. Will also replace torn window shade on upstairs window.
- Property – Jeff Strickland: update provided via email.
 - Donald Thayer won the bid to continue mowing. Other bidder notified.
 - Energy Audit as noted by Kim Jensen. Kim arranged the audit and has put a great deal of effort into this so thank you Kim.
 - Reliable Heating/AC came out and bid on fixing the AC condensers and general tune up.
 - Septic tank(s) are schedule to be pumped out next week. Thanks Paul for arranging
 - Will arrange a time for a walk around the grounds. Hope to delegate duties and time to address any issues.
 - Water heater running dishwasher is being replaced by WOL. Thanks WOL. Hinrichs will install.
- Stewardship – Bretta Damson:
 - LEAF scholarship: Nicholas Caine is a qualifying applicant and will attend St. Olaf. M/S/C to award \$750 scholarship.
- Worship – Connie Rude: Need volunteers to do summer treats and coffee. Ashley and Connie will create a video demonstrating how to prepare the coffee and perform the involved tasks. .May 15 is Pentecost Sunday; May 22 is Trinity Sunday; June 5 is the 1st park service with services beginning at 9:00am.
- Youth – Ashley: Mission trip to Colorado is on track and will begin July 30. The youth prepared 24 freezer meals and delivered to 16 families on the prayer list. Of note, Thrivent offers Action Cards that Thrivent members can apply for in the amount of up to \$250/twice per year.

Next Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Board – Virtual • Church Council – Tuesday, June 14 @ 6:30 pm. July meeting may be canceled if no agenda items make it necessary to meet. 	
Adjourn: M/S/C to adjourn at 7:30 pm	
The Lord’s Prayer	

Council Members

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

X = Present

0 = Absent

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Befort