

## Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

August 15, 2024 – 6:32 PM

Conference Room

**Members present:** Kyle Gebhardt (President), Matt McMerty, Colleen Peterson, Barb Pfeifer, Denise Wetzel (online), Phil Murdoff, Mitch Becker, Dean Natwick, Julie Leer, Brady Pelton (online), Pastor Martha HarriSon, and Pastor Mark Narum.

**Members absent:** Bob Baumann  
Devotions were given by Julie Leer.

**Approval of Agenda:** Matt McMerty moved approval of the updated agenda. The motion was seconded by Barb Pfeifer. Motion carried.

**Acceptance of Consent Agenda:** It was noted that the minutes being approved were for May. Colleen Peterson moved acceptance of the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Julie Leer. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** Colleen Peterson reviewed the Financial report. Dean Natwick moved that the Council accept the financial report. The motion was seconded by Matt McMerty. Motion carried.

**Dwelling in the World:** Council discussed “meeting people and preaching to them where they are”. Council discussed how Trinity has been supportive of our Faith journey and how we can have an impact as a congregation, where we can have that impact, and what that impact might be.

### **Old Business:**

*Fire Detection and Capital Campaign updates:*

--The Fire Detection System Project is complete! Money received back will be applied to the updates to sanctuary lighting.

*Insurance:* Property insurance proposals have been received from Lutheran Trust and Starion (representing Acuity).

### **New Business:**

*Finance Director:*

- Heather has resigned from the Finance Director position.
- Barb R. will be subbing for Heather pending the hiring of a new Finance Director.
- Farewell coffee and treats will be held between services on August 25<sup>th</sup> to thank Heather for her service.

*Narthex and sanctuary carpeting:*

- Both need to be replaced.
- Planning is underway to determine the best approach.

*Other:*

- Dakota Stage flooded in recent heavy rainfall and is using Trinity for rehearsals while they undertake repairs.

*Trust Fund Requests:*

1. Music Equipment Grant - \$1137.60 grant request.
2. Backpacks for Release Kits - \$1000 for backpacks.
3. Heart River Bridges of Hope - \$2000 for shoes and \$1000 for administrative costs, anticipating future requests for supportive ministry.
4. Quilters – 759.70 for supplies.

Julie Leer moved that the Council support these requests. The motion was seconded by Phil Murdoff. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:45 p.m.

Next meeting will be September 19<sup>th</sup>. Devotions will be provided by Matt McMerty.

Submitted,  
Julie Leer, Secretary