

## **Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting**

August 21, 2025 – 6:30 PM

Conference Room

**Members present:** Matt McMerty (President), Colleen Peterson, Phil Murdoff, Mitch Becker, Dean Natwick, Lucas Teigen, Barb Pfeifer, Effie Carr, Julie Leer, and Pastor Martha HarriSon.

**Members absent:** Bob Baumann, Denise Wetzel, and Pastor Mark Narum

President McMerty called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Devotions were given by Julie Leer.

Council will be sending thank-you notes to the Graners for the corn donation and to those who helped at Trinity during the United Way Day of Caring.

**Approval of Agenda:** It was moved by Barb Pfeifer and seconded by Colleen Peterson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**Acceptance of Consent Agenda:** It was moved by Dean Natwick and seconded by Effie Carr to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** Julie Leer read the Financial Report prepared by Denise Wetzel. See Attachment A. Questions on the report were deferred to the September meeting. It was moved by Phil Murdock and seconded by Julie Leer to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried.

**Dwelling in the World:** Council members listened to part of Bishop Eaton's Farewell speech discussing undercover evangelists and evangelism. Council discussed how we can embrace undercover evangelism and encourage and help others embrace their calling as undercover evangelists. Some suggestions were: start at home, invite people to church, and lead by example.

### **Old Business:**

*Personnel Policy Taskforce:*

The policy manual is under continued revision.

*Lighting:*

The final project from the capital campaign is the lighting. Materials and supplies still have not shipped. We are awaiting additional information to potentially explore other options.

*App update:*

The search continues.

*Celebration of Capital Campaign Completion:*

Council is considering ideas for celebrating the completion of the \$1.35M capital campaign.

*Celebration of our nation's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday:*

Council is considering ideas for celebrating the USA's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday next year.

### **New Business:**

*Trust Grants:*

The following trust grant request was discussed:

Request by Faith Formation for seed money to acquire family resources to be used at home. These resources will be available for purchase and the proceeds will be used to purchase additional resources.

It was moved by Julie Leer and seconded by Barb Pfeifer to recommend the grant to Trust. Motion carried.

*Grace Lutheran Church in Driscoll:*

Grace Lutheran Church will be closing. The last service will be held on November 2, 2025. Please keep the Grace Lutheran congregation in your prayers.

*Tech crew:*

Council discussed the approach to developing additional talent to assist with the tech center during services and possibly at special events. Multiple ideas and approaches were discussed.

Next meeting is Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Devotions next month: Matt McMerty

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted,  
Julie Leer, Secretary